

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

The applicants to doctoral studies have to submit the following documents:

1. An application indicating the science field, the topic (with a maximum of two in the science field) and the form of funding.
2. Copies of the Master's or equivalent qualification diploma(s) with diploma supplement(s) (only the final diplomas and diploma supplements shall be submitted; provisional degree certificates are not accepted instead of these documents). The following additional requirements apply:
 - 2.1. Those applicants who have defended their Master's theses in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in 2026 (higher education qualifications issued in Latvia and Estonia are automatically recognised in Lithuania since 2019) but have not yet received their Master's diplomas and diploma supplements before the document submission deadline can instead submit an academic transcript of the results of their Master's studies from the institution where they defended their Master's theses when submitting their admission documents (upon the receipt of the Master's diploma and diploma supplement, the applicants must submit copies of these documents as soon as reasonably possible, within 1–2 working days at the latest);
 - 2.2. Those applicants who have obtained their education abroad must enclose a certificate of academic qualification recognition in the Republic of Lithuania (if this document is not submitted, the applicant's application will not be considered).

The Certificate of validation issued by Klaipeda university (contact person-Kristina Mataitienė ph. +370 46 398951; email: kristina.mataitiene@ku.lt) or by Centre for quality assessment in higher education (<http://www.skvc.lt/en/content.asp?id=190>) !!! The validation process takes 2-4 weeks.

3. A curriculum vitae.
4. Recommendations by two scientists of economics; one of these recommendations must be by a supervisor of the topic to which the applicant is applying. The recommendations are required to be prepared in the calendar year when the applicant's application is being submitted. A recommendation has to expressly specify the institution and the science field to which the applicant is recommended, and an assessment of the applicant's research proposal.
5. A research proposal on the selected topic; if the applicant applies to two topics, two individual research proposals have to be submitted.
6. A list of scientific works (articles in scientific publications and conference proceedings) with a full bibliographic description and copies thereof; if such scientific works cannot be presented, the applicant is required to submit a research paper on a topic consistent with the dissertation topic indicated in the applicant's application (if the applicant applies to two topics, two individual research papers have to be submitted).
7. A copy of a valid personal document: a passport (for the citizens of all countries) or an ID card (applicable only for the citizens of the European Union countries).
8. A copy of the receipt of the application fee payment.
9. A certificate issued by CEFR, IELTS, TOEFL or any other competent institution within the last 2 (two) years, which certifies the level of the English language skills, which cannot be lower than B2 (according to CEFR), 5.5 (IELTS), 75 (TOEFL), or an equivalent score issued for other international English language proficiency examinations. Certificates indicating the level of the English language which have been obtained after completing English language training via various mobile apps (for example, *Duolingo*, *Babbel*, *LinguaLift*, etc.) are not accepted. This certificate is not required if, instead of the certificate, the applicant submits a diploma supplement of the first or second cycle studies indicating the level of English language studies (not lower than that specified in the Regulations).
10. An additional requirement to pass the standardised mathematics examination OMPT-D test applies to the holders of foreign qualifications from certain third countries (information is available on the University website at <https://admissions.ktu.edu/phd/#admission-requirements-and-minimum-competition-scores>) for these candidates to be considered for admission to a specific science field. The minimum required score on the mathematics examination is 75% (no more than two attempts to pass the examination are allowed; the results of a third attempt will not be accepted). The examination results must be no more than two years old.
11. Consent for the processing of the applicant's personal data by the University.