

## DEAN'S REGULATION

No. 8/2025

### **Admission Requirements for Doctoral Study Programmes Horticulture - Ph.D., Ph.D. in Horticulture, Landscape Architecture - Ph.D. and European Horticulture for the Academic Year 2026/2027**

Intended for: applicants for study, study officers, guarantors of study programmes

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## Article 1

The general and further conditions for the admission of applicants to doctoral study programmes are laid down in Sections 48-49 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., as amended. Further conditions for the admission of applicants to study are stipulated in Part Three of the Study and Examination Regulations of Mendel University in Brno and in Dean's Regulation No. 11/2025 on studies in doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Horticulture, Mendel University in Brno.

## Article 2

The additional specific conditions of the admission procedure for doctoral studies at the Faculty of Horticulture, MENDELU in Lednice, are as follows:

- The applicant must be a graduate of a Master's degree programme in the same or a related field.
- Before submitting the application, the applicant must discuss the selected dissertation topic with the prospective supervisor and the head of the department.
- During the admission procedure, the applicant demonstrates their prerequisites for study in three areas:
  - I. knowledge of a world language (English or German).
  - II. professional knowledge and prerequisites for doctoral study - an oral professional examination conducted in the form of a discussion. Its purpose is to assess:
    - a) the applicant's professional knowledge;
    - b) the applicant's prerequisites for independent scientific, artistic or creative work.

The assessment includes a transcript of records of courses completed during Master's studies (Diploma Supplement or its equivalent).

- III. professional standard of the proposed doctoral project - presentation of the basic theses of the proposed doctoral project. The admission committee assesses:
    - a) whether the project corresponds to the accredited doctoral study programme;
    - b) the scientific or artistic level of the proposed project;
    - c) the feasibility of the project within the proposed period of time (standard duration of study).
- The date of the world language examination (English or German) is part of the admission procedure.
  - The applicant may be admitted provided that they meet the requirements in all three areas of the admission procedure (I-III).
  - Each of the three areas of the admission procedure (I-III) is assessed on a scale of 0-20 points; each applicant may obtain a maximum of 60 points.
  - On the basis of the results of the admission procedure, the admission committee shall establish the final ranking of applicants, based on the total number of points obtained in the individual areas.

- The Dean of the Faculty of Horticulture, MENDELU, decides on the admission of applicants on the basis of the final ranking, taking into account the capacity and financial possibilities of the Faculty.
- The maximum number of applicants admitted to the study programmes “Horticulture - Ph.D.” and “Ph.D. in Horticulture” is 20, of which 4 are for the full-time form of study; for the study programme “Landscape Architecture - Ph.D.” the maximum number is 15, of which 1 is for the full-time form of study; and for the study programme “European Horticulture” the maximum number for the full-time form of study is 1. The stipulated limits for applicants to the full-time form of study may be transferred between individual study programmes if they are not filled.
- In entirely exceptional and justified cases, the head of the department may submit to the Dean of the Faculty a written request for the admission of a successful applicant, within the admission procedure for the full-time form of study, beyond the limits stipulated by this Regulation. The Dean shall assess the request and issue a final written decision within seven days of the date of delivery of the request.
- If, on the basis of the committee’s assessment, it is not possible to admit the applicant to the full-time form of study for capacity or financial reasons, the Faculty may offer the applicant, by electronic correspondence, study in the combined form of the same doctoral study programme. The Faculty shall set a ten-day period for the applicant to accept the offer by electronic correspondence. If the applicant accepts the offer, the Faculty shall change the form of study in the application and the Dean shall issue a decision on admission to the changed form of study. If the applicant does not accept the offer or fails to respond to the offer within the stipulated period, the Dean shall issue a decision on admission to study in the form of study for which the applicant submitted the application.
- The result of the admission procedure shall be communicated to the applicant in writing, no later than 30 days from the date on which the admission procedure was held.

### Article 3

Applications for study shall be submitted electronically by 30 April 2026. The application must state the name of the prospective supervisor and the working title of the dissertation topic. The head of the department may not, by their statement, exclude a student from the admission procedure; however, the head of the department is responsible for ensuring compliance with the stipulated limit of doctoral students per supervisor within the relevant training workplace.

A complete application for doctoral study must include:

- a) an application for doctoral study, which is submitted electronically through the UIS system; this application must also be printed and submitted in signed hard-copy form;
- b) a structured professional curriculum vitae in hard copy;
- c) a university diploma as an officially certified hard copy;
- d) an overview of previous professional activities, including a list of publications and other creative activities, in hard copy;
- e) a proposal for the doctoral project (including the title of the dissertation, an abstract of at least 250 characters, and, where applicable, sources of funding) in hard copy.

Applicants who completed their Master’s studies before the academic year 2025/2026 shall attach to the application a certified copy of their university diploma.

Applicants completing their Master's studies in the academic year 2025/2026 shall submit confirmation of successful completion of studies on the day of the oral part of the admission procedure. At the same time, all applicants must submit, no later than on the day of the admission procedure, a transcript of records of courses completed during Master's studies (Diploma Supplement or its equivalent).

Foreign nationals may, in special cases (for example, where the applicant's place of residence is too distant from the Faculty seat), request the Dean to waive the oral part of the admission procedure. In such a case, the applicant shall submit together with the application a certified document proving completion of Master's studies (a certified copy of the university diploma and a plain copy of the Diploma Supplement or its equivalent), a structured curriculum vitae, a motivation letter, an overview of previous professional activities including a list of publications and other creative activities in hard copy, a proposal for the doctoral project, at least two letters of recommendation from experts in the field at the level of associate professor, professor, or doctor of sciences in hard copy, and proof of recognition of the Master's degree or a comparable type of confirmation issued by the Embassy of the Czech Republic.

#### **Article 4**

For the academic year 2026/2027, the admission procedure for study in doctoral study programmes shall take place on 24 June 2026. The Dean may also set an additional date in the given academic year.

#### **Article 5**

The standard duration of study applicable to the given study programmes is 4 years.

In Lednice, on 27 October 2025

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