ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

2018

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### KEY FIGURES

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THREE OPTIONS FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS

**FEDERAL QUOTA COMPETITION**

Training only on a state-funded basis*

FOR ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS, STATELESS PERSONS AND COMPATRIOTS

**APPLICATION PERIOD:**


**GENERAL COMPETITION**

Fee-paying place

FOR ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS, COMPATRIOTS AND STATELESS PERSONS

State–funded place*

FOR CITIZENS OF BELORUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN, COMPATRIOTS AND STATELESS PERSONS WHO HAVE THE RESIDENCE PERMIT IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**TWO APPLICATION PERIODS:**

1. DECEMBER 1, 2017 – MARCH 15, 2018
2. AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

* Please note that government scholarships cover only the cost of tuition (approximately $ 8000 per year) and that all other costs (including accommodation at HSE dormitories) must be covered by a student. Information about the estimated cost of living can be found here: [https://www.hse.ru/recommends/costs](https://www.hse.ru/recommends/costs)
Russia offers everyone an opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree free of charge based on an entry competition.

**PRE-REQUISITES**

- Master's degree
- English language (proficiency level)
- Russian language (advanced level)

**APPLICATION PERIOD** is

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Portfolio

  "Very Important"
  
  Research experience as reflected in publications. Degree certificate with honors.

  “The most Important”
  
  Research proposal, preliminary topic of a thesis, a potential academic supervisor at HSE

**APPLY NOW**

Apply online: [https://www.hse.ru/expresspolls/poll/214586316.html](https://www.hse.ru/expresspolls/poll/214586316.html)
EVALUATION

SELECTION PERIOD is APRIL 1–14, 2018.

INTERVIEW

Applicants will be asked to pass an individual online interview with representatives of the Doctoral School.

A programme coordinator will only contact those candidates who meet the established eligibility criteria on the basis of their portfolio evaluation.

Please make sure that you provide correct contact details and your Skype ID in the application submitted for the competition.

FOR ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

Based on the results of your application evaluation, the decision of the admission committee shall be posted in the HSE’s website on April, 2018.

Accepted candidates must provide documents required for admission to HSE before May 31, 2018.

A list of required documents: https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/phdkvota
GENERAL COMPETITION

ADMISSION TO FEE-PAYING PLACES*

TUITION FEE IN 2018 is $8000 per year

PRE-REQUISITES

✓ Master's degree
✓ English language (proficiency level)
✓ Russian language (advanced level)

2 application periods

Apply online:
https://asav.hse.ru/postgradabit.html#signin

SELECTION CRITERIA

2 Entrance Exams

✓ Foreign language
✓ Field-specific discipline

Portfolio competition
Oral exam

Exams can be passed distantly

*Admission to state-funded places is available for three categories of foreign applicants:

1. Citizens of Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan
2. Compatriots
3. Stateless person who have the residence permit in the Russian Federation
Two application periods

**The first period**

1. Application: December 1, 2017 – March 15, 2018
2. Entrance exams: April 2-20, 2018
3. A list of accepted students: During 5 days after Admission Committee Meeting
4. Submitting a Diploma (a hard copy): Till July 31
5. Beginning of the academic year: November 1, 2018

**The second period**

1. Application: August 1 - September 14, 2018
2. Entrance exams: September 24 - October 12, 2018
3. A list of accepted students: During 5 days after Admission Committee Meeting
4. Submitting a Diploma (a hard copy): Till October 26
5. Beginning of the academic year: November 1, 2018

GENERAL COMPETITION

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES | HSE
Frequently asked questions about application process

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| Can I apply if I have not yet completed my master's / specialist's degree and do not have a master's / specialist diploma? | If you don’t have a diploma/degree certificate, and if this is a common practice for the country where your academic institution is located, you may provide a transcript or any other official document thereby confirming your level of education.  
   Nota bene:  
   You should submit a hard copy of your Diploma till July 31 (for the first application period) or till October 26 (for the second application period).                                                                                                                                 |
| Do I need an approval of a potential academic supervisor for admission?  | As a part of the portfolio, approval of your research proposal by a potential academic supervisor is taken into account. Approval can be express via e-mail or in a recommendation letter or by signing a text.                                                                                                               |
| Is it possible to pass entrance exams distantly?                         | In coordination with an Academic Director, applicants can take entrance exams (a foreign language, a Major) using distance learning technologies.  
   The request for the holding of distance entrance exams should be proved.                                                                                                                  |
### Entrance exams

**Should I take an entrance exam in a foreign language in case I have an International certificate or other reasons?**

Foreign language skills can be transferred into results for the entrance exam in three cases:

1. you have an international language certificate in English, German, French or Spanish (please, see a list of certificates and required scores in the Admission rules, p. 4.11);
2. You completed a Master degree in English, German, French or Spanish;
3. You are a native English speaker.

**What documents does the portfolio include?**

Candidates are supposed to provide a portfolio (a set of academic and personal achievements).

**The portfolio required by the Doctoral School of Education includes:**

1. Information about previous education
2. CV (Curriculum vitae).
3. A research proposal.
5. Copies of scientific publication in PDF format (if applicable) + a list of publications
6. A list of attended conferences with topics of presented reports (if applicable).
7. Recommendation letters (if applicable).
8. Any other certificates and academic achievements (if applicable).

**NOTA BENE:** the portfolio is provided in a digital form (even though you will submit documents personally).

*Please, see our requirements and templates in the Entrance Examination programme ([https://aspirantura.hse.ru/ed/prog_vstup](https://aspirantura.hse.ru/ed/prog_vstup))*
Evaluation of personal and academic achievements

The maximum score for the portfolio is 60 points

Quality of previous education = The maximum score is 4 points

Scientific publications = The maximum score is 15 points

Attending in scientific conferences = The maximum score is 4 points

Research experience (in projects) = The maximum score is 3 points

Certificates and other academic achievements (no more than 3) = The maximum score is 3 points

Scientific publications = The maximum score is 15 points

Publications in journals indexed on the e-library platform (“РИНЦ” in Russian) = up to 2 points

Publications in journals from a HAC list = up to 5 points

Publications indexed on SCOPUS, WoS etc. = up to 10 points

Oral or poster presentations at international conferences = up to 3 points

Oral presentations at domestic conferences = up to 2 points

Presentations at other conferences = up to a point

A research proposal = The maximum score is 25 points

A letter of motivation = The maximum score is 6 points

Recommendation letters = the maximum score is 4 points

A topic is relevant to main research fields of the Institute of Education = up to 5 points

A topic is approved by a potential scientific supervisor = 5 points

Quality of a research proposal = up to 15 points

1 point for a certificate

2 points for a letter

Motivation for research =

Academic writing skills = 1 point

Educational research experience = 1 point

Forethought statements of purpose = 1 point

Evaluation of personal and academic achievements
The program is

• supported by the World Bank within the READ 2 project;

• developed in partnership with Boston College Lynch School of Education;

Instruction on the program is available in English.
A thesis defense can be carried out at the HSE Dissertation Council also in English.

CONTENT OF PROGRAM

4 integrated instructional blocks:

• Core Research and Basic Statistics
• Advanced Statistics
• Introduction to Test Development and Psychometrics
• Advanced Psychometrics
In a motivational letter, one should indicate his/her motivation to conduct a thesis research in the field of educational measurement.

A planned thesis research should be related to the specifics of the program and can address such topics as:

- Instrument development and adaptation
- Large scale assessment specific problems
- Specific psychometric problems in educational measurement
- Validity studies
- Secondary data analysis of factors related to educational achievements
- Other…
FULL-TIME ADVANCED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME*

*This option is available only for those applicants who apply through the Federal Quota Competition or the General Competition for a state-funded place.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Participating in HSE’s projects
- One semester in a university abroad
- A scholarships of 30 000 rubles a month

PRE-REQUISITES

- Accepted application for the Doctoral programme on a state-funded basis

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Candidate must be enrolled in the doctoral programme on a state-funded basis
- Successfully passed entrance exams or interview
- Scientific publications in the field of the Doctoral School
- Interview with Admission Committee representatives in November, 2018 (in English)
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

✓ Application form with visa of Academic director Nadezhda Derzkova: https://www.hse.ru/en/org/persons/11251392. Approval of Academic Director can be got via e-mail, then it can be scanned and uploaded to the portal.

✓ Two recommendation letters by a researcher (an academic supervisor or a head of a research project where the candidate took part) that evaluate a candidate’s research potential and describe participation in research projects. At least one recommendation letter should be from the university which a candidate graduated from. More than two recommendation letters can be submitted. The letters must be signed by a recommender and include contact information (phone number or email address)

✓ CV (curriculum vitae) including information about a candidate’s education, work experience, and language proficiency (in print and digital form)

✓ Statement of purpose in English (up to 1,000 words) where a candidate gives reasons for choosing the university, faculty, and programme (in print and digital form)

✓ English language certificate: academic IELTS with at least 6 points, or TOEFL IBT (Internet Based), at least 80 points, or TOEFL PBT (Paper Based) at least 500 points. Per decision of the Admission Committee candidates who graduate from a fully English-taught Master’s programme can apply without a language certificate. Per decision of an Academic director candidates may provide certificates DELF B2 or DALF C1 with at least 85 points, or German language certificate with at least «gut / sehr gut». 
Applications for the Full-time Advanced Doctoral Programme and the Federal Quota Competition/the General Competition are submitted at the same time(!)

SELECTION PERIOD is November, 2018

A date of interview will be announced after enrollment in DS.

• In 2017, HSE gained the right to award its own degrees.
• Since February 1, 2018, new HSE Dissertation Councils have begun working.
• All graduates of the Doctoral School automatically get the right to defend their theses in the HSE Dissertation Councils and be awarded a scientific degree of the Candidate of Science/PhD HSE.
• HSE Dissertation Council accept two forms of thesis presentation EITHER a separate integrated scientific work \((thesis)\) OR a set of scientific articles.
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