How to apply to the Doctoral School of Education and become a researcher in education

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Some context

Institute of Education, HSE University

20
research centers

550+
students

100+
research projects annually

250+
scholars

5 master's programs

1 PHD program

300+
publications annually

1000+
alumni

Doctoral School of Education

➢ Established in **2012**, first PhD students admitted in 2013

➢ Russia's first and only doctoral school in education (not pedagogy)

➢ Own educational standard and passport of specialities

➢ Since **2018** has the right to award its own degree HSE PhD in Education/ Candidate of Science in Education NIU HSE

➢ **54** PhD students

➢ **30+** defended theses

Doctoral School of Education

➢ Interdisciplinary approach to educational research (not limited to pedagogy)

➢ Reliance on modern advanced methods of data collection and analysis

➢ Comprehensive support system for postgraduate students

➢ Project-based model of doctoral studies:

  ➢ PhD students as employees of research centres and laboratories

  ➢ Recruitment in priority research areas

  ➢ Employment in real research projects with the right to prepare a thesis based on their data

  ➢ Comprehensive academic support with active involvement of project groups in the discussion of the thesis research

Admissions

Admissions' steps:

- ➢ Selection of a thesis research topic

- ➢ Search and preliminary agreement with a supervisor

- ➢ Preparation and submission of documents

- ➢ Entrance examinations

Application deadlines:

➢ Document submission from August 01 till September 12, 18.00 Moscow time

➢ Entrance exams

 ➢ **September 25 – October 16**

➢ Documents submission through web-site - https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/admission

Foreign citizens

Admission is possible for foreign citizens on a fee basis, with the exception of:

➢ citizens of Belarus;

➢ citizens of Kazakhstan;

➢ citizens of Kyrgyzstan;

➢ citizens of Tajikistan;

➢ stateless persons;

➢ citizens with a residence permit in the Russian Federation;

➢ compatriots.

Admission

➢ Entrance exams has two parts*:

▪ Portfolio – max 60 scores;

▪ Interview – max 40 scores.

➢English – max 50 scores*

* Программа вступительного испытания -
https://aspirantura.hse.ru/mirror/pubs/share/888949450

** Программа вступительного испытания по иностранному языку -
https://aspirantura.hse.ru/mirror/pubs/share/871584171

Portfolio

➢Research proposal (max 25);

➢ Motivation letter (max 6);

➢ Recommendation letter from potential scientific supervisor (5 scores);

➢CV with special focus on previous education and research experience;

➢Publications texts (even if they are not related to the topic of dissertation);

➢ Recommendation letter (no more that 2)

Interview

1) Dissertation research and main scientific problem

2) Promising directions in education research

3) Orientation in projects implemented by the Institute of Education

4) Research experience and professional trajectory of the applicant

Educational program

Educational component of the program (20 credits)

➢ **Basic disciplines**:

➢ Research methodology and basic statistics

➢ Doctoral students seminar

➢ **Elective courses**

➢ **Research and teaching practices**

➢ **You can select Measurement in Education track**

➢ Test development

➢ Advanced Psychometrics

➢ Advanced Statistics

Scientific component of the program

➤Dissertation research and thesis preparation;

➤Publications

Final "exam" for three years of studies is pre-defense of dissertation

➤ Twice a year there are assessment of the progress

Requirements for publications

Defense on Dissertation text:

➢ No less than 3 publications; all in WoS, Scopus, or in HSE University the recommended list of the journals

Defense based on papers:

➢ No less than 4 publications; all in WoS, Scopus, CORE B, A or in HSE University the recommended list of the journals. One of the papers should be in Q1-Q2 journals in WoS or Scopus or in A list, at least 1 paper should be without co-authors
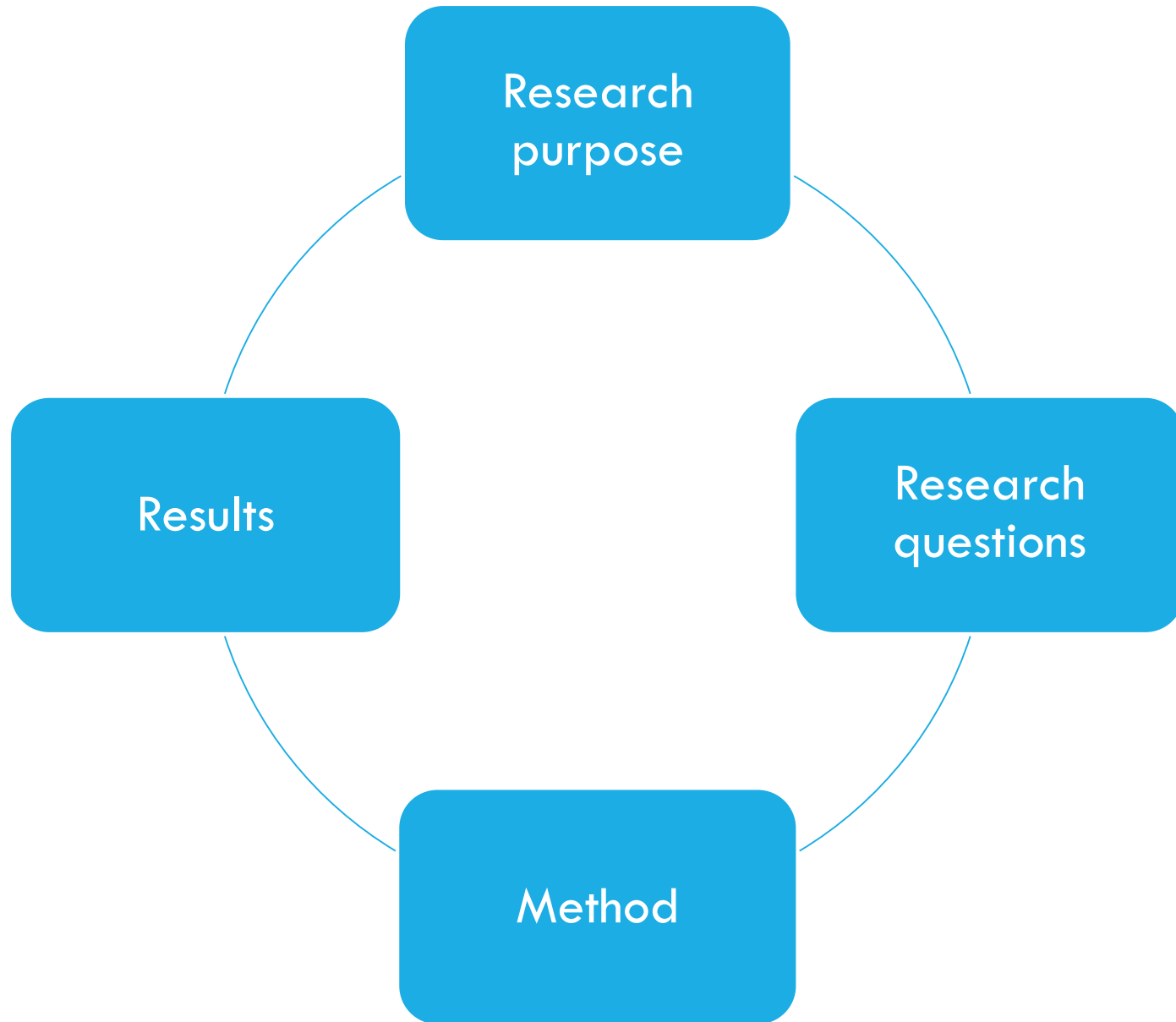
Research proposal

RESEARCH PROPOSAL SHOULD INCLUDE

➢ Actuality and scientific novelty of dissertation research

➢ Literature review

➢ Purpose and objectives of the study

➢ Research questions and/or working hypothesis

➢ Description of the method

➢ Expected results of the study (not obligatory)

➢ Design and preliminary study plan

➢ References

➢ Volume – app. 3-5 pages

METHOD

➢ Sample

➢ Instruments

➢ Procedures (don't forget ethical issues)

➢Analysis

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH PLAN

➢ Research design (sometimes for every research question)

➢ Work plan

Questions for ourselves:

❖ Is it possible to complete everything planned in three years?

❖ Can you get a sufficient result/is the dissertation working? (You can try to evaluate it in the "publications")

ANOTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

➢Links to sources in the text otherwise your statements may turnout to be unfounded/ risk of plagiarism

➢References

➢The volume is not the main thing , the logic and validity of the presentation are more important

➢DO NOT FORGET TO SPECIFY THE RESEARCH TOPIC (TITLE) AND YOUR FULL NAME!!!

Useful information:

- https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/ - all information about admission

- Doctoral School of Education https://aspirantura.hse.ru/ed/ (both Russian and English versions)

- Questions about the program, supervision, topics etc – contact tkanonir@hse.ru

- Questions about admission procedures and technical issues – contact admissionhse@hse.ru