

## Operating rules of the Doctoral School of Geosciences (DSG) at the University of Szeged

This regulation supplements the provisions of **Government Regulation on Doctoral Procedures and Habilitation** (No. 387/2012. (XII. 19.)) and the **Regulations Governing the Doctoral Training Programmes and the Awarding of the Doctoral Degree** at the University of Szeged (<https://u-szeged.hu/doctoral/regulations/regulations-governing-240220-1>) and presents only the specific information and requirements relevant to the DSG. Valid from 31. 08. 2016 and applies to:

- all doctoral students, regardless of the start or the type of their training;
- candidates in individual and part-time training.

The **homepage of the DSG** (<https://geosci.u-szeged.hu/foldtudomanyok-doktori/kepzes-about-the/international-students>) contains the general and up-to-date information on the operation of the Doctoral School.

### I. Foundations

– The DSG operates within the natural sciences, the discipline is geosciences, the fields of the training are geography and earth sciences, and the Doctoral School is entitled to training and awarding doctoral degrees within the field of geosciences.

- The board of the DSG is regulated by the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Training Programmes and the Awarding of the Doctoral Degree at the University of Szeged.
- The voting members of the board are:
  - the head of the DS;
  - the coordinator of the DS;
  - the coordinators of the educational programmes of the DS;
  - the delegates of the DS at Doctoral Councils of the Faculty and the University;
  - the delegate of the Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences;
  - the referent for quality assurance in the doctoral school;
  - the internal core members of the DS;
  - one external member.
- Consulting members:
  - the representative of the doctoral students
  - emeritus members

### II. Obtaining a doctoral degree

– the procedure is defined by the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Training Programmes and the Awarding of the Doctoral Degree at the University of Szeged;

– the board recommends conducting an internal defence before the public defence for candidates with interdisciplinary research topics whose application was accepted.

### III. Language requirements

At least a B2 level English certificate (or an equivalent certificate). For candidates starting their doctoral training, other languages are acceptable. B2 level language exam (or an equivalent certificate) in the following languages: German, French, Italian, Spanish or Russian. In justified cases, the board can also accept other languages if the candidate proves the language is used in their scientific work. No second language certificate is required for awarding the degree.

### IV. Thesis, booklet

– The thesis should fall into the scope of geography or earth sciences. The board approves the research topics at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester;

– the length of the thesis is a maximum of 120 pages, including the English summary (at least 6 pages), but without annexes. (Formal requirements: A4 pages, spacing: 1, margins: 3-2-2-2 cm, fonts: Times New Roman, 12)

– The thesis should contain a declaration from the supervisor, in which they declare that they accept the thesis and support its submission.

– a booklet summarising the main findings is also required (formal requirements: at least 10, maximum 16 pages, A5 pages, spacing: 1, margins: 2-2-2-2, double-sided printing, fonts: Times New Roman, 10)

– the co-authors of publications relevant to the thesis should declare that they did and will not use the publications concerned for obtaining a PhD degree

## V. The Evaluation of scientific achievements

The board of the doctoral school evaluates the list of publications. The list should include:

- at least 3 first-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals or edited books in the field of (or related to) geosciences;
- at least 1 publication in English;
- at least 1 publication in a Scopus-indexed journal.

## VI. Tuition fee

Students without state-funded scholarships should pay a tuition fee. In justified cases, the doctoral school board can offer a fee reduction of up to 50%. The board defines the amount of reduction. The tuition fees:

Category	Hungarian programme		English programme	
	<b>Full-time training</b> (HUF/semester)	<b>Individual training</b> (part-time training, HUF/semester)	<b>Full-time training</b> (EUR/semester)	<b>Individual training</b> (part-time training, EUR/semester)
<b>Normal</b>	350 000	350 000	5000	5000
<b>Other scholarships</b> (PhD students employed at the University of Szeged (USZ) or academic research groups affiliated with USZ)	40000		150	
If the candidate works at an institution/firm/organisation with formal research cooperation.	150 000		500	