

Requirements for the admission to doctoral study
in the accredited study programmes at the Faculty of Architecture and Design STU
in Slovak and English language for academic year 2026/2027

Application period (together with annexes):	1st February 2026 – 31st March 2026
Date of the admission examination:	21st April 2026
Date of the Admission Committee meeting:	23rd April 2026

The admission process runs under the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013: **The Rules and Terms of Admission for Study within the Study Programmes of the first, second and third levels at the Slovak University of Technology**, along with the Supplement No. 1 and 2 from 26.04.2023, further stated as **Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013**.

The application form for the doctoral study should be delivered in electronic version via the Academic Information System (AIS) with all required annexes.

The applicant can apply for one of the topics released by the Faculty, as stated in Article 5 (3) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013. Only one study program and one topic can be listed on one application. If an applicant applies to multiple study programs at the same time, he/she must submit a separate application for each study program and pay a separate application fee for each submitted application.

Accredited study programmes	Form of study	Number of years of study	Students planned for admission*
Architecture – Slovak language	full time / part time	3 / 4	8** / 4***
Architecture – English language	full time / part time	3 / 4	3** / 4***
Design – Slovak language	full time / part time	3 / 4	4** / 3***

Note:

* The anticipated interest in the study of the specific study programme as well as the capacity limitations of the respective institutes and workplaces will be considered while determining the planned number of admitted students.

** Real number of admitted students is subject to the accomplishment of the predetermined prerequisites. In case the number of applicants is too high the Faculty reserves the right to restrict the admission only to those demonstrating the highest aptitude for the study under the conditions stipulated by the Faculty.

*** The number of admitted students depends on the number of students applying for individual programmes, on their success in the admission examination, and on the available capacity of tutors - Article 2 (1-3) Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION:

Basic conditions for study admission

The basic prerequisite for the doctoral study admission is graduation from the study programme on the second grade of university study in accordance with Article 3 (5) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

For the applicants who graduated from foreign universities, the basic prerequisite for admission is the acknowledgement of documents that confirm the required level of completed education and successful final examination according to *Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on recognition of documents on education and on recognition of professional qualifications and on changing and amending certain laws, part two, § 7 – Recognition of university education of the second grade*.

Further conditions for the study admission

- Successful completion of the admission examination.
- For the doctoral study within the study field of Architecture and Urbanism (study program Architecture), and in the study field of Art (study program Design), only the graduates of these and related fields can be admitted after assessment by the admissions committee.
- Payment for the admission process, as stated in Article 4 (6,7) of the Internal Regulation STU 5/2013.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ADMISSION EXAMINATION:

Admission examination

1. General content:

The admission examination is conducted in person according to Article 4 (9) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013 and takes the form of an **oral interview**. The admission examination includes a **written test in English**. In justified cases, with the consent of the dean, the entrance exam can be conducted remotely (online) according to Article 4 (10) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013. The aim of the interview is to check the applicant's knowledge and information in subjects on engineering or master's degree level of studies, within the studied field, which are related to the selected topic of dissertation. The aim of the admission process is to find out the applicant's eligibility for self-reliant creative activity in the field of science, technology, and art, as well as to determine the corresponding level of his/her professional and language skills.

2. The way of assessment of the admission examination:

Admission criteria for the study and the way of their verification must enable to select such students who present the highest level of skills and knowledge for the study (§ 57 Law on Universities 131/2002 Coll. and amending certain laws). A sequence of applicants will be established, based on acquired points for professional and language knowledge and the achieved study results and activity in the field of science, technology, and art according to established admission criteria.

3. Release of the admission examination results:

The results will be published on the website of the Faculty of Architecture and Design (FAD) of STU and through the Academic Information System (AIS).

Required attachments to the Application form

Following are the required documents that entitle the applicants to take part in the admission examination for accredited study programs who submit the following required documents together with the application through the Academic Information System in electronic form:

- **Curriculum vitae**
- **A letter of motivation** in which the applicant provides a brief description of the chosen topic of the dissertation.
- An **outline of the dissertation project** - recommended range of 3-5 pages (introduction to the topic, objectives, current state, expected outputs...).
- A list of **published scientific works or creative works** of the applicant and other activities (mobility, workshops, exhibitions, etc.), or awards for these works or activities.
- Transcript of subjects and grades from previous (engineering/master's) studies.
- A certified copy of the applicant's Engineering or Master's Degree diploma (for STU graduates, a certified copy is not required). Foreign applicants and Slovak state citizens who graduated from engineering and master's studies abroad will submit the documents in accordance with the Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on recognition of documents on education and on recognition of professional qualifications and on changing and amending certain laws, part two, §7 – Recognition of university education of the second grade. In accordance with Art. 5, par. 9, letter b) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013, the successful applicant is obliged to submit certified copy of Diploma no later than on the day designated for enrolment for study.

- The applicants who pass the state final examinations in the current grade of the study after the term of the admission examination are required to present their verified copy of the diploma and the state exam certificate in Slovak language immediately after having passed the state exam, not later than by **10th July 2026**.
- Applicants from abroad for studies in the Slovak language must attach to the application a certified document of the achieved level of min. B2 knowledge of the Slovak language according to the applicable Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (except for applicants with the Czech state language). The certificate must be issued by an authorised institution residing and operating in the Slovak Republic (e.g. ICV STU Language Centre). The certificate is attached to the electronic application, no later than **31st March 2026**.
- The applicants, who repeatedly have been applying for the study after having been expelled or after having abandoned the doctoral studies at the FAD STU, are required to present a new verified copy of Diploma of their successfully finished study grade as well as the list of completed subjects and marks.

In case that the application form does not contain the required information and/or documents, and the applicant does not submit them within the date given by the FAD STU, he/she will not be allowed to take the admission examination.

Admission examination evaluation criteria:

The Admissions Committee ranks the applicants according to the following criteria:

- Level of dissertation project outline and motivation.
- Level of oral interview, the level of professional knowledge, their prerequisites for individual creative activity in science, technology, and art.
- Level of English language proficiency verified through a written test and oral interview.
- Level of knowledge of the language in which the doctoral studies are conducted.
- Scope and quality of publication activity, publication of work results.
- Scope and quality of artistic activity, awards of studio work (Prof. Lacko Prize, Prof. Vilhan Prize, Prof. Hruška Prize, Assoc. Prof. Kodoň Prize, etc.), awards in international student competitions, or public competitions.
- Achieved results in the engineering / master's degree of study (according to General Conditions of Study).
- Results and awards of student scientific and professional competitions (e.g. PRO Teoria).
- Participation in foreign student mobility (Erasmus+, etc.), participation in student workshops, summer schools, etc.

Assessment of knowledge and skills in creative activities in science and arts in the admission examination process:

Assessment of the level of interview, professional knowledge and creative activity prerequisites	English language proficiency (test)	Evaluation of the level of the dissertation project outline and creative activity	Academic achievements, awards, foreign activities, etc.	Total
Max 60 points	Max 20 points	Max 10 points	Max 10 points	Max 100 points

The condition for successfully passing the admission examination is to obtain at least 51 points.

Bratislava, 9th December 2025

Ing. Michal Brašeň, ArtD., m.p.
FAD STU Academic Senate Chairman

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FAD STU Dean

TUITION FEES:

The tuition fees are stipulated by the regulation of the Rector effective for the respective academic year. *Regulation of the Rector of STU No. 8/2025-SR for the academic year 2026/2027.*

Fees for admission administration procedure in the state language: **50, - €**

Fees for admission administration procedure in the foreign language (English): **80, - €**

The variable symbol and the bank account number are stated in the electronic application form in the section informing about the payment.

The fee should be paid by bank transfer to the given account.

The tuition fee for daily form of study in foreign language

(for foreign students studying in English language): **3 500, - € per year**

The tuition fee for external form of study in foreign language

(for foreign students studying in English language): **3 500, - € per year**

The tuition fee for external form of study in Slovak language: **600, - € per year**

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