

Organization of the Admission Process for Doctoral Study Programmes at the Faculty of Economics and Management for the year 2025/2026

In accordance with Section 49, Paragraph 5 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts, the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague hereby publishes the following information regarding the organization of the admission process for doctoral study programmes (DSP) in 2025, for DSPs taught in Czech:

- Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises
- Management,
- Regional and Social Development
- System Engineering and Informatics

In the english language,

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- Management,
- Regional and Social Development,
- System Engineering and Informatics

Admission Process Dates

The admission process for the above-mentioned doctoral study programmes (DSP) will take place on **June 11, 2025**. In case of serious reasons, it is possible to attend the admission process on an alternative date, which is set for **August 27, 2025**. The decision to grant an alternative date is made by the Dean of the Faculty based on the applicant's request, who must provide justification for the necessity of the alternative date.

Submission of Applications for the Admission Process

Applications must be submitted through the online application system at <http://is.czu.cz> starting from **March 12, 2025**. The application deadline is **April 30, 2025**. Detailed instructions on how to complete the application can be found on the faculty's website in the Science and Research section.

Doctoral Studies (Ph.D.) – Programmes Taught in Czech

Admission to a doctoral study programme at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (FEM CZU) requires the successful completion of the entrance exam and the proper completion of a master's or follow-up master's degree programme. Applicants must present their master's diploma on the day of the entrance exam.

Those who have not yet received their diploma by this date must submit it on the day of enrollment.

For programmes taught in Czech, proficiency in the Czech language is also required. Graduates of Czech and Slovak secondary or higher education institutions (who completed a study programme taught in Czech) prove their Czech language proficiency by providing a certificate of completed studies. Other applicants must demonstrate their language proficiency by passing a Czech language exam organized by FEM CZU as part of the admission process.

Applicants may submit applications for doctoral study programmes (DSP) in the following fields:

- Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises
- Management
- Regional and Social Development
- System Engineering and Informatics

Only applicants who have submitted a fully completed electronic application, paid the entrance exam fee, and present a valid identification document (ID card or passport) are eligible to take the entrance exam. -

Entrance exam content:

1. **Professional Discussion** – An assessment of the applicant's potential for independent scientific and research work and their knowledge of the field based on proof of their creative work. For this discussion, the applicant must submit a written dissertation proposal (maximum of 2 A4 pages, including a bibliography) no later than **May 16, 2025**, to the Department of Science, Research, and Quality at FEM CZU in Prague. Failure to submit the dissertation proposal by the deadline will result in automatic exclusion from the admission process.
2. **Oral Examination** – A test of English language proficiency (for foreign applicants applying to a Czech programme, an additional oral examination in Czech is required).
3. **Academic Performance Assessment** – Evaluation of the applicant's academic record, based on the arithmetic average of all grades from their master's studies or the last two years of a five-year study programme.

Scoring of the Entrance Exam Sections::

Entrance Exam Section	Assessment Method
Professional Discussion	<p>Evaluated by the admissions committee on the following scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Excellent- Very Good- Good- Failed <p>The assigned rating must always be justified in writing by the admissions committee.</p>

Oral Examination – Verification of English Proficiency (For foreign applicants applying to a Czech programme, an additional oral exam in Czech is required.)	<p>Evaluated by the interviewer on the following scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passed - Failed <p>The assigned rating must always be justified in writing by the interviewer.</p>
Academic Performance	Evaluated based on the arithmetic average of all grades from the applicant's master's studies.

An applicant is considered to have successfully passed the entrance exam if they receive

- A rating of "**Excellent**," "**Very Good**," or "**Good**" in the professional discussion, and
- A rating of "**Passed**" in the English interview (and for foreign applicants applying to a Czech programme, also in the Czech interview).

Decision on Admission and Notification of Applicants

The Dean decides on admission based on the entrance exam results. Applicants will be informed of their admission decision no later than **15 days after the conclusion of the entrance process**.

Maximum Number of Admitted Students

In accordance with Section 49 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and Amendments to Other Acts, the Faculty of Economics and Management at CZU in Prague has set the maximum number of admitted applicants to 50 students for the first year of doctoral study programmes taught in Czech in the academic year 2025/2026.

Study programme	Form of study	Indicative number of applicants
Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises	Full-time	10
Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises	Part-time	5
Management	Full-time	10
Management	Part-time	5
Regional and Social Development	Full-time	10
Regional and Social Development	Part-time	5
System Engineering and Informatics	Full-time	10
System Engineering and Informatics	Part-time	5

If the number of applicants who successfully pass the entrance exam for a given programme and study mode exceeds the maximum number of admitted applicants, candidates will be

accepted based on their professional discussion rating. In the case of identical ratings in the professional discussion, the ranking of equally rated applicants will be determined based on their academic performance from their master's studies.

If the maximum number of admitted students is not reached, the Dean of the Faculty may, by issuing a Dean's Regulation, decide to extend the application deadline either for all programmes or only for selected programmes for which the admission process was announced.

Doctoral Studies (Ph.D.) – Programmes Taught in English

Admission to a doctoral study programme at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (FEM CZU) taught in English requires the successful completion of the entrance exam and the proper completion of a master's or follow-up master's degree programme. Applicants must present their master's diploma on the day of the entrance exam. Those who have not yet received their diploma by this date must submit it on the day of enrollment, along with an internal evaluation of their foreign education.

Studies in the individual English-taught doctoral programmes are subject to fees, in accordance with the valid Dean's Regulation No. 7/2024.

Applicants may submit applications for doctoral study programmes (DSP) taught in English in the following fields:

- Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises
- Management
- Regional and Social Development
- Systems Engineering and Informatics

Only applicants who have submitted a fully completed electronic application, paid the entrance exam fee, and present a valid identification document (ID card or passport) are eligible to take the entrance exam:

1. **Professional Discussion** – An assessment of the applicant's potential for independent scientific and research work and their knowledge of the field based on proof of their creative work. For this discussion, the applicant must submit a written dissertation proposal (maximum of 2 A4 pages, including a bibliography) no later than **May 16, 2025** to the Department of Science, Research, and Quality at FEM CZU in Prague.
2. **Oral Interview** – A test of English language proficiency.

Scoring of the Entrance Exam Sections:

Entrance Exam Section	Assessment Method
Professional Discussion	<p>Evaluated by the admissions committee on the following scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent - Very Good - Good - Failed <p>The chosen rating must always be justified in writing by the admissions committee.</p>
Interview – Verification of English Proficiency	<p>Evaluated by the interviewer on the following scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passed - Failed <p>The chosen rating must always be justified in writing by the interviewer.</p>

An applicant is considered to have successfully passed the entrance exam if they are classified:

- In the professional discussion with a grade of "**Excellent**," "**Very Good**," or "**Good**," and
- In the English language interview with a grade of "**Passed**."

If the maximum number of admitted students is not filled, the Dean of the Faculty may, by issuing a Dean's Regulation, decide to extend the application deadline either for all programmes or for selected programmes only.

Decision on Admission and Notification of Applicants

The Dean decides on admission based on the entrance exam results. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the admission process no later than **15 days after the conclusion of the entrance exam**.

Maximum Number of Admitted Students

In accordance with Section 49 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and Amendments to Other Acts, the Faculty of Economics and Management at CZU in Prague has set the maximum number of admitted applicants to 50 students for the first year of doctoral study programmes (DSP) taught in English in the academic year 2025/2026:

Study programme	Form of study	Indicative Number of Admitted Applicants
Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises	Full-time	10
Sector Economics and Economics of Enterprises	Part-time	5

Management	Full-time	10
Management	Part-time	5
Regional and Social Development	Full-time	10
Regional and Social Development	Part-time	5
Systems Engineering and Informatics	Full-time	10
Systems Engineering and Informatics	Part-time	5

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