



UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA

PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT INTO DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

ENROLMENT PLACES

The number of available enrolment places for enrolment for each doctoral study programme is announced under the individual study programme in the Call for enrolment. Enrolment places are announced for citizens of the Republic of Slovenia, citizens of the Member States of the European Union (hereinafter: Slovenian citizens), Slovenians abroad and foreign citizens (non-EU countries).

Applicants for places allocated to citizens of the RS and the EU may also include citizens of non-EU countries (hereinafter: foreign citizens) who have permanent residence in the RS, and citizens of non-EU countries who have permanent residence in Slovenia and who themselves, or at least one of their parents or legal guardians, are tax residents of the RS prior to the start of the selection procedure.

The available places are also intended for persons granted international protection and applicants for international protection in accordance with the International Protection Act (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 16/17 – consolidated text and 54/21), and for displaced persons under temporary protection in accordance with the Temporary Protection of Displaced Persons Act (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 16/17 – consolidated text).

Nationals of the following non-EU Member States: Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland shall be treated in the same manner as Slovenian nationals and nationals of the European Union. From the academic year 2021/2022 onwards, nationals of the United Kingdom shall be enrolled as nationals of non-EU Member States, and their studies shall be subject to the payment of tuition fees.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Candidates for enrolment in doctoral study programmes at the University of Primorska (UP) may submit a **maximum of three (3) applications** (with one study wish each) for enrolment into study programme, in which they wish to enrol and for which they meet or will fulfil the conditions for enrolment (admission requirements) by the deadlines published with this Call. Every completed submission of an electronic application in the eVŠ web portal is considered an application.

Enrolment places for Slovenians abroad

Slovenians abroad may submit only one application in the same application period, either as a "Slovenian abroad" or as a "citizen of a European Union Member State" or a "foreigner from a non-European Union country".

At the first step of filling the application for enrolment ("Choice of the call for applications for enrolment and types of application"), a candidate, who is a Slovenian abroad, answers with "YES" to the statement "I am Slovenian abroad". At the next step, they must indicate which of the following two categories they fall into:

- Slovenians in the neighbouring countries (Slovenians who are members of the ethnic Slovenian community in all four neighbouring countries – Italy, Austria, Croatia and Hungary);
- Slovenians around the world and descendants of persons of Slovenian ethnicity up to the third generation in a direct line (expatriates and emigrants living in the neighbouring countries outside the area defined as the Slovenian cross-border area and in other European and non-European countries)

By signing the application form, the candidate guarantees the truthfulness of the information stated in the application for enrolment, thereby confirming that they are a Slovenian abroad, which means that they fall into one of the two categories listed above.

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Candidates for enrolment into doctoral study programmes at the UP submit an electronic application at the eVŠ web portal <https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/> by means of electronic identification of at least assurance level substantial (with a qualified digital certificate, an smsPASS or an identity card), with an AAI-account (authentication and authorisation infrastructure account), or with a user name and password via the SI-PASS system¹ which operates as part of the Trust Service Authority of Slovenia.

After the application has been submitted successfully, the applicant receives confirmation that the submission has been successful at the email address provided in the application for enrolment. **If the candidate does not receive the confirmation, the application has not been successfully submitted.**

In the application and admission procedures for the 2026/2027 academic year, applicants submit all proof required for the application electronically via the eVŠ portal.

The application is considered submitted on time if it was completed and submitted online with an electronic signature via the eVŠ web portal by the deadline specified in the Call for enrolment.

Applicants are required to check the e-mail address provided in the application for enrolment and the eVŠ web portal, as the communication and possible invitations to complete the application for enrolment are conducted in this manner. **Applicants must themselves ensure the validity of the e-mail address provided in the application.**

Faculties UP shall serve or make available to applicants the documents and notifications relating to the call for enrolment by depositing the document or notification in the eVŠ portal (in accordance with Article 57 of the Higher Education Act). Documents and notifications shall be served or made available to applicants by depositing them in the eVŠ portal in accordance with Article 57 of the Higher Education Act. Applicants shall be informed of the deposit of a document or notification via the eVŠ portal by means of an informational message sent to the email address provided in the application and, if provided, by a message sent to their mobile phone number. Applicants shall retrieve the document or notification from the eVŠ portal in electronic form following prior authentication. Upon personal service of a document via the eVŠ portal, the applicant shall electronically confirm the electronic proof of service. The date of electronic confirmation of the electronic proof of service shall be deemed to be the date of service of the document. If the applicant does not retrieve the document within five days of receiving the informational message regarding the electronically deposited document in the eVŠ portal, service shall be deemed to have been affected upon expiry of that period.

¹ The SI-PASS service is a single point for verifying the identity of various users and electronic signing of applications and other documents. SI-PASS is generally used as part of the provision of individual electronic services.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION on the eVS web portal in English language are published on the following website: <https://studyinslovenia.si/how-to-apply/phd-level/>

EVIDENCE OF FULFILMENT OF THE ENROLMENT CONDITIONS

Scanned documents or photographs of original certificates and other required documents are considered as evidence that the enrolment conditions in the application and admission procedure have been met. Candidates are required to submit all the necessary attachments to the applications **electronically through the eVS web portal**. The required documents (evidence of fulfilment) that the candidate must enclose with the application for enrolment are stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme.

INFORMATION ABOUT MANDATORY INTERVIEW WITH CANDIDATES FROM COUNTRIES WITH HIGHER MIGRATION RISK - ENROLMENT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Based on the [Higher Education Act](#) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 56/25; Article 13) Higher education institutions must conduct a direct interview, prior to any further academic and administrative processing of the application, with a foreign national who has submitted an application for enrolment in higher education studies in the Republic of Slovenia and who comes from one of the countries with higher migration risk, as defined by the [list of countries](#) whose citizens are required to hold visas when crossing the external borders of the European Union, in accordance with the law governing the conditions and methods of entry, exit, and residence of foreigners in the Republic of Slovenia. The purpose of the interview is to assess the suitability of such a candidate with regard to the enrolment requirements of the study programme.

Interview invitation and procedure

The candidate for enrolment at the University of Primorska (UP) will receive an invitation to the interview at the email address provided in the enrolment application submitted via the eVS information system.

The interview will be conducted in English by an appointed committee via the ZOOM information platform.

At the scheduled time (date and time according to CET) specified in the interview invitation, the candidate joins the interview via the ZOOM link provided in the invitation.

Obligation to pay the interview fee

Within five (5) days after submitting the enrolment application, the candidate is required to pay **200.00€** to the UP to cover the costs of conducting the interview, in accordance with the Price List for conducting interviews pursuant to the provisions of the Higher Education Act (ZViS-1) for candidates – citizens of countries with higher migration risk applying for enrolment in study programmes of the University of Primorska in the academic year 2026/2027 ([link eng](#))

The payment must be made by payment card via the payment link: [interview payment](#).

The interview fee is non-refundable regardless of the interview result. The fee will also not be refunded in the case the candidate does not attend the interview.

Interview result

The candidate will be informed of the interview result within three (3) working days after the interview has been conducted.

A candidate who **successfully completes** the interview will receive an email notification, sent to the email address provided in the enrolment application, confirming that the interview has been completed and that their application will proceed to further processing. In the subsequent procedure, it will be verified whether the candidate has submitted all required supporting documents in accordance with

the Call for enrolment and whether they meet the enrolment requirements for the study programme(s) stated in the application. If the application is complete and the candidate meets the enrolment requirements, the application will be included in the ranking procedure. If the candidate achieves the required number of points for admission, a decision will be issued confirming their admission to the relevant study programme. Otherwise, a rejection decision will be issued, regardless of the fact that the interview was successfully completed.

A candidate **who does not pass the interview** because UP has justified grounds to suspect that the candidate does not demonstrate the knowledge in accordance with the documents submitted within the application **will receive a rejection decision, by which all procedures related to their enrolment application are fully terminated. No appeal is permitted against this decision.**

If a candidate fails to pay the interview fee within the prescribed deadline or does not attend the interview, UP will issue a decision rejecting the application. By such rejection decision, all procedures related to the candidate's enrolment application are fully terminated. No appeal is permitted against this decision.

Interview Protocol

More information regarding interviews is provided in: [Interview Protocol](#)

Attention: This Interview Protocol does not apply to candidates who, at the time of submitting their application for enrolment in the eVŠ information system, hold a permanent or temporary residence permit in the Republic of Slovenia. These candidates should contact VPIS UP (vpis@upr.si) for more information.

APPLICATION PERIODS for: - Citizens of the Republic of Slovenia - Citizens of the European Union Member States - Slovenians abroad		
Application period	Deadline	Deadline for evidence of fulfilment
FIRST-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>From Wednesday, 8 April 2026, to Monday, 17 August 2026</u>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and submitted <u>by Monday, 17 August 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the application electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Wednesday, 9 September 2026 by midnight CET.
SECOND-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Tuesday, 1 September 2026, to Tuesday, 8 September 2026</u> <i>If enrolment places will be available after the first application deadline there will be a second-round application period open. The information regarding available enrolment places for the second-round application period will be published on each of the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and submitted <u>by Tuesday, 8 September 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Tuesday 15 September 2026 by midnight CET.
THIRD-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Wednesday, 23 September 2026, to Thursday, 24 September 2026, by 10.00 CET</u> <i>Faculty may decide to open a third-round application period if enrolment places will be available. The information regarding available enrolment places will be published on the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and <u>by Thursday, 24 September 2026 by 10.00 CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Thursday 24 September 2026 by 10.00 CET.

APPLICATION PERIODS for: - Citizens of Western Balkans countries, with which the Republic of Slovenia has a bilateral agreement in the field of education (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia)		
Application period	Deadline	Deadline for evidence of fulfilment
FIRST-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Wednesday, 8 April 2026, to Monday, 3 August 2026</u>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and submitted <u>by Monday, 3 August 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the application electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Thursday, 6 August 2026 by midnight CET.
SECOND-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Thursday, 13 August 2026, to Thursday, 20 August 2026</u> <i>If enrolment places will be available after the first application deadline there will be a second-round application period open. The information regarding available enrolment places for the second-round application period will be published on each of the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if the application has been completed and submitted <u>by Thursday, 20 August 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Wednesday, 26 August 2026 by midnight CET.
THIRD-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Tuesday, 1 September 2026, to Tuesday, 8 September 2026</u> <i>Faculty may decide to open a third-round application period if enrolment places will be available. The information regarding available enrolment places will be published on the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and submitted <u>by Tuesday, 8 September 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Tuesday, 15 September 2026 by midnight CET.

FOURTH-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Wednesday, 23 September 2026, to Thursday, 24 September 2026, by 10.00 CET</u> <i>Faculty may decide to open a third-round application period if enrolment places will be available. The information regarding available enrolment places will be published on the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and <u>by Thursday, 24 September 2026 by 10.00 CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Thursday, 24 September 2026 by 10.00 CET.
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APPLICATION PERIODS for: Citizens of non-EU countries (<i>not included: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia</i>) Two application periods are available due to the statutory obligation to conduct interviews with candidates from countries with higher migration risk, as defined by the list of countries whose nationals are required to hold a visa when crossing the external borders of the European Union, in accordance with the legislation governing the conditions and procedures for the entry, exit, and residence of foreigners in the Republic of Slovenia.		
Application period	Deadline	Deadline for evidence of fulfilment
FIRST-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Wednesday, 8 April 2026, to Wednesday, 3 June 2026</u>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if it has been completed and submitted <u>by Wednesday, 3 June 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the application electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Wednesday, 3 June 2026 by midnight CET.
SECOND-ROUND APPLICATION PERIOD: <u>from Thursday, 20 August 2026, to Tuesday, 8 September 2026</u> <i>If enrolment places will be available after the first application deadline there will be a second-round application period open. The information regarding available enrolment places for the second-round application period will be published on each of the faculty website.</i>	Candidates are required to apply by submitting an electronic application through the eVŠ web portal. The application is considered to be submitted in time if the application has been completed and submitted <u>by Tuesday, 8 September 2026 by midnight CET.</u>	All the necessary documents (stated in the Call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme) is required to submit to the applications electronically through the eVŠ web portal until Tuesday, 8 September 2026 by midnight CET.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT IN THE HIGHER YEAR OF STUDY (ACCORDING TO THE TRANSFER CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCELERATED ADVANCEMENT)

Candidates can apply for enrolment in the higher year of study according to transfer criteria between study programmes and conditions for accelerated advancement. Candidates are required to apply as described in the section »APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT«. Available places and all the necessary documents are stated in the call for enrolment of the faculty that implements an individual study programme.

PROCEDURE FOR RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING STUDIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA FOR CANDIDATES HOLDING A FOREIGN EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

A candidate who has completed their education **abroad** demonstrates the fulfilment of the conditions for enrolment with a document obtained abroad, which is subject to recognition under the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act (Official Gazette of the RS, Nos 87/11, 97/11 – corr. and 109/12).

In this case, candidates are required to apply for enrolment as described in the section »APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT«. The electronic application for enrolment is also an application for the recognition of education for the purpose of continuing education in the Republic of Slovenia. The application must be submitted via the **eVŠ on the web portal**: <https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/?lang=en>

A candidate who submits an incomplete application for enrolment or an application for recognition of education for the purpose of continuing education will be individually additionally informed about the request and deadline for the completion of the application electronically via the eVŠ portal. The candidate will download the document or the notification from the eVŠ portal in electronic form after prior authentication. The candidate is deemed to have been informed of the content of the document or notification by logging in to the eVŠ portal. When the document is delivered in person via the eVŠ web portal, the candidate shall electronically validate the electronic delivery form. The date of the electronic confirmation of the electronic service of the document referred to in the previous sentence shall be deemed to be the date of service of the document. If the document is not collected by the candidate within five days of the date of receipt of the information message on the electronically deposited document on the eVŠ portal, service shall be deemed to have been affected on the day on which this period expires.

- ✓ Candidate who **has already obtained a decision** of recognition of foreign education is required to submit the decision to the application electronically via the eVŠ web portal.
- ✓ For a candidate with a foreign certificate in education, who **does not yet have a decision on recognition of education**, the application for enrolment is also considered as an application for the recognition of foreign education via the eVŠ web portal: <https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/?lang=en>

Legalization requirements according to the country of origin of the document (s):

Legalization		
No legalisation needed	Apostille	Verification of Documents in International Transport Act
- Austria - Bulgaria - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Czech Republic - France - Greece	Countries signatories to the Hague Convention: https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41	All other countries

- Croatia - Hungary - Romania - North Macedonia - Serbia	Authorities competent for legalisation: https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41	
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More information on procedure for Recognition of foreign education is available on faculty's website.

ENROLMENT LIMITATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

If the number of candidates in the individual study programme exceeds the number of enrolment places, the enrolment limit is considered to be the number of places advertised. In this case, candidates will be selected in the selection process.

SELECTION CRITERIA (in the case of enrolment limitations) are determined by the individual study programme and are published in the Call for enrolment. Information on study programmes, on which the enrolment limitations will be applied, will be published on the website of each faculty.

DECISION ON SELECTION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The decisions of the selection procedure will be published on the eVŠ web portal. The candidate can access the decision on the result of the selection procedure on the eVŠ portal (<https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/> with their user account). The candidate will download the document or the notification from the eVŠ portal in electronic form after prior authentication. The candidate is deemed to have been informed of the content of the document or notification by logging in to the eVŠ portal. When the document is delivered in person via the eVŠ web portal, the candidate shall electronically validate the electronic delivery form. The date of the electronic confirmation of the electronic service of the document referred to in the previous sentence shall be deemed to be the date of service of the document. If the document is not collected by the candidate within five days of the date of receipt of the information message on the electronically deposited document on the eVŠ portal, service shall be deemed to have been affected on the day on which this period expires.

ENROLMENT IN THE STUDY PROGRAMME

The faculty will invite admitted candidates to enroll in the study programme. The candidate will receive instructions, deadlines and other important information regarding the enrolment and beginning of the study year.

The enrolment in study programmes must be **concluded by 30 September 2026**. Competent commission can grant an extension for justified reasons but not later than 30 October 2026, based on a candidate's request. Regardless of the justified reason, the candidate must submit the application for enrolment in the eVS by the deadline set in the Call for enrolment.

It is considered that a student who, after the first enrolment in the first year of a doctoral study programme, signs out by 15 October 2065 has not enrolled in this study programme.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees and other study fees for the academic year 2026/2027 are determined in the Pricelist of the University of Primorska 2026/2027, accepted by the Managing Board of University of Primorska. The Pricelist is published on the websites of the University and each faculty.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CANDIDATES

- **Assistance for difficulties with digital certificate and electronic signature:** State Administration Point of Single Contact (EKC), email: ekc@gov.si, phone: 080 2002 (from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on working days). Please note that your application will only be processed during office hours.
- **Substantive assistance for questions when completing an electronic application:** State Administration Point of Single Contact (EKC), email: ekc@gov.si, phone: 080 2002 (from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on working days), number for international calls: 00386 1 478–85–90. Please note that your application will only be processed during office hours.