

Faculty of Baptist Theology
Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies

**Regulation on the admission to doctoral
studies**

July/September 2026 sessions

In accordance with Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education, doctoral study programmes at the University of Bucharest fall into the category of scientific doctorate with funding from the state budget or on a tuition-fee basis and are organised exclusively for full-time and part-time forms of education. The related grants include the amount of individual scholarships for full-time education. In 2026, the admission competition to the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies (hereinafter referred to as SDSRI) within the Faculty of Baptist Theology, C.S.U.D., of the University of Bucharest, will be held according to the legislation in force, based on the provisions of O.M.E. no. 3020/2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies, with subsequent amendments and completions, of O.M.E. no. 3693/2024 for the approval of the Framework Methodology on the organisation of admission to higher education in short-term, bachelor's, master's and doctoral cycles, of the U.B. Charter of 2023, of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies at the University of Bucharest for the academic year 2026/2027 (endorsed in the meeting of the Board of Directors of 03.12.2025 and approved in the meeting of the Senate on 17.12. 2025) and this **Regulation**. The doctoral admission competition is organised at the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies, in accordance with the mentioned legal provisions, which will be brought to the attention of those interested by being transparently displayed or posted on the faculty's website.

The doctoral admission competition comprises:

- a) the registration of candidates;
- b) the candidates selection process for the positions financed through doctoral grants and those on a tuition-fee basis;
- c) the distribution of candidates on positions financed from the state budget through doctoral grants and on those on a tuition-fee basis;
- d) the posting of the results of admission and the resolution of appeals, in the event there are any.

Admission to doctoral studies, both for the positions financed from the state budget and for the positions on a tuition-fee basis, is conducted through a competition organised by the Doctoral School, usually in the July session. If there are unfilled positions after the July session, exceptionally, with the approval of the C.S.U.D., at the request of our doctoral school, a new admission session can be organised in September.

The admission competition is organised by the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies on budgeted positions with scholarship, on budgeted positions without scholarship and on tuition-fee based positions, as follows:

- Theology, the full time (IF) form of education, financed from the **budget with a scholarship – 4 positions (proposed)**;
- Theology, the full time (IF) form of education, financed from the **budget without scholarship – 6 positions (proposed)**;
- Theology, the full time (IF) form of education, on a tuition-fee basis – **2 positions (proposed)**

Foreign students, scholarship holders of the Romanian State and other categories provided by law can enrol in the doctoral programme with a fee having a special programme established by the doctoral supervisor.

I. Admission calendar

(1) Registrations will take place according to the calendar approved by the Senate of the University of Bucharest.

(2) Admission to doctoral studies, both for positions financed from the state budget and for positions on a tuition-fee basis, is made through a competition organised in the July 2026 session.

(3) If there are unfilled positions in July, a new admission session may be organised, with the approval of the CSUD, in September, in order to fill the vacant or redistributed positions. At the same time, in the admission session in September 2026, the final hierarchy is established in

descending order of the averages obtained by the candidates participating in the 2 sessions on the total number of the allocated grants.

(4) The information regarding the organisation of the admission competition for doctoral studies (for example, the date and location of the admission exam, the distribution of positions within the doctoral school, etc.) will be posted at the faculty headquarters and/or on the website of the doctoral school at least 30 days before the date of the admission exam.

(5) It is recommended that potential candidates seek information regarding the available thematic research areas and the admission requirements starting from the date of their publication on the website of the doctoral school. It is also recommended that they contact potential doctoral supervisors in advance, in order to agree upon a research topic.

II. Preparation of the competition

The competition takes place in front of an Admission Committee composed of some doctoral supervisors, who are members of the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies. Only one admission committee will be organised, as follows:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emanuel Adrian Sârbu – President;
- Prof. Dr. Otniel Bunaciu – member;
- Lecturer Dr. Dan Amiel Drimbe – member;
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emil Bartoș – member;
- Prof. Dr. Ciprian Terinte – alternate member;
- Prof. Dr. Laurențiu Moț – alternate member.

According to the methodology developed by the University of Bucharest, we present the following data about doctoral supervisors:



Crt. no.	Name of the doctoral supervisor	Thematic areas covered by the doctoral supervisor	Foreign language in which the thesis can be written	Type of sample	Bibliography
1	Prof. Dr. Otniel Bunaciu	Dogmatic Theology, Historical Theology, Theology and Ethnography, Moral Theology, Applied Theology, Identity and Baptist Studies	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme
2	Prof. Dr. Ciprian Terinte	Biblical Theology, Hellenistic Judaism	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme
3	Prof. Dr. Laurențiu Moț	Biblical Theology, Interdisciplinary Theological-Philological Studies, New Testament	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme
4	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emil Bartoș	Dogmatic Theology, Historical Theology, and Apologetics	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme
5	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emanuel Adrian Sârbu	Applied Theology, Theology and Ethnography, Social Theology, Moral Theology, Baptist Identity and Studies, Interdisciplinary Theological-Social Studies.	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme
6	Lecturer Dr. Dan Amiel Drimbe	Historical Theology, Apologetics, Practical Theology, Biblical Theology/Biblical Studies, Early Christianity, Interdisciplinary Theological-Philological Studies, Homiletics and Catechetics	English	Oral exam, based on the theme proposed in the project	Bibliography related to the proposed theme

III. Conditions for registration for the competition and file requirements

Candidates who cumulatively meet the following conditions may apply to the doctoral admission colloquium (interview):

- a) are graduates with a Master's Degree or a diploma equivalent to it, according to the law;
 - b) the cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree cycles must be at least 300 transferable credits (ECTS);
 - c) are graduates with a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent (Bachelor's Degree of graduates of 5 or 6-year study programmes, the "full time" form of education), issued before the year of graduation of the first bachelor's degree promotion organised in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 288/2004 on the organisation of university studies, with subsequent amendments and completions (long-term education).
- (2) graduates of studies carried out abroad and recognised by the specialised directorate within the Ministry of Education and Research as Master's Degree studies may also apply for the admission competition, and the cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired for the Bachelor's and Master's degree cycles must be at least 300 transferable credits (ECTS).
- (3) The conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens shall apply to the citizens of the Member States of the European Union, of the States belonging to the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation, as well as to Romanians Abroad (Romanians from everywhere¹), regardless of citizenship, including with regard to tuition fees.

¹ According to the provisions of the *METHODOLOGY for the schooling of Romanians abroad (Romanians from everywhere) in the state higher education in Romania, on positions funded from the state budget (without tuition fees), with scholarship granted by the Ministry, respectively, without payment of tuition fees, but without scholarship granted by the Ministry starting with the academic year 2017-2018, approved by the Joint Order of the Ministry of National Education (M.E.N.) (no. 3900/16.05.2017) – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (M.A.E.) (A10-2046-26.05.2017) – Ministry for Romanians Abroad (M.R.P.) (no. C/129/07.06.2017), art. 1, paragraph 1 a) and b): "a) Persons who freely assume the Romanian cultural identity, persons of Romanian origin and those belonging to the Romanian linguistic and cultural vein, who live outside the borders of Romania, regardless of the ethnonym used (Armenians, Armanji, Aromanians, Bessarabians, Bukovinians, Kutzo-Vlachs, Daco-Romanians, Farsherots, Hertza residents, Istro-Romanians, Danube Latins, Macedo-Romanians, Macedonian-Romanians, Maramuresians, Meglenites, Megleno-Romanians, Moldovans, Moldo-Vlachs, Rramani, Rumani, Wallachians, Vlachs, Vlasis, Volohs, Macedo-Armanji), as well as all other lexical forms semantically related to the above. b) Romanians who are grateful, whether or not they have retained Romanian citizenship, their descendants, as well as Romanian citizens with a permanent domicile or residence abroad.*

(4) Registrations shall be made either at the secretariat of the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies, Faculty of Baptist Theology of the University of Bucharest, or online.

(5) In case of registration in the online system, either through an online platform or by e-mail to the secretariat of the Faculty of Baptist Theology, the upload/sending of the documents by the candidates is done with their assumption of their complete responsibility regarding the authenticity and correspondence between the digital/scanned documents and the original ones, in the platform/in the content of the electronic message.

(6) Non-EU candidates, Romanians Abroad, scholarship holders of the Romanian state will comply with the Admission Methodology developed by the International Relations Department, the format of their admission exam (interview) being in accordance with the provisions of the present methodology.

(7) For registration, candidates shall submit the following documents:

- a) application/registration form - standard template;
- b) copy of a valid identity document (B.I./ C.I./ passport, etc. depending on the candidate's citizenship);
- c) birth certificate (copy) (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
- d) marriage certificate or other act of name change (copy) (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
- e) Baccalaureate Diploma or equivalent, copy (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
- f) higher education diploma (Bachelor's Degree) and transcript/Diploma supplement (copies) (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
- g) Master's Degree/advanced studies and transcript/Diploma supplement (copies), OR certificate for graduates of Master's Degree studies from the current year (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
- h) scientific activity report;

- i) the list of titles of the published scientific papers;
 - j) a proposal for a research topic (in writing) in accordance with the research topics related to the vacant positions for doctoral student proposed for competition by the doctoral supervisor, with the justification of its importance;
 - k) a comprehensive bibliographic list for the proposed topic, on the basis of which the admission competition can be conducted;
 - l) certificate of linguistic competence, non-legalized copy (according to the annex regarding the types of certificates of linguistic competence, attached to this methodology);
 - m) statement of one's own responsibility regarding the accuracy and authenticity of the documents submitted online;
 - n) the receipt for payment of the registration fee.
 - o) the agreement of the President of the Baptist Community of Bucharest.
- (8) For foreign citizens - the certificate of linguistic competence regarding the knowledge of the Romanian language/ certificate of linguistic competence of knowledge of an international language, if the doctoral programme is carried out in a language of international circulation, except for foreign citizen candidates who come from the states with that official language of international circulation or who have graduated in the previous cycles a study programme carried out in that international language;
- (9) In addition, for the persons who request the exemption from the registration fee for the admission competition, one of the following documents shall be submitted:
- a) copy of the parents' death certificates (in the case of those orphaned by one or both parents);
 - b) document attesting the candidate's origin from a single-parent family;
 - c) certificate that they come from the social protection system (in the case of those in this situation at the time of registration);
 - d) certificate showing the quality of teaching or auxiliary teaching staff, active or retired, of the legal supporter;
 - e) certificate stating the quality of staff employed at the University of Bucharest for the candidate's legal supporters.

(10) According to the law, persons at risk of losing their ability to meet their daily living needs due to situations such as illness, disability, poverty on the basis of a certificate issued by the Social Assistance Directorate in the area of the candidate's domicile also benefit from the tax exemption.

(11) The persons referred to in paragraph (9) letters a), b) and c) must cumulatively meet the following conditions:

a) not to exceed the age of 35 at the time of registration;

b) not to achieve an average monthly net income per family member for the last 12 months exceeding the national minimum net basic wage

(12) The complete set of submitted / uploaded documents is verified by the secretariat of the doctoral school and is available before the first competition test.

(13) The admission of Romanian candidates from all around the world and of foreign citizens from third countries of the European Union shall be carried out on the basis of the methodologies specially developed by the Ministry of Education and Research, and they shall address the International Relations Directorate/External Relations Service, in order to register for the admission competition for doctoral studies.

(14) Candidates who are not part of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation (non-EU nationals) have the obligation to present at the time of registration the certificate of recognition of these studies, issued by the specialised directorate within the Ministry of Education and Research. The certificate of recognition will be accompanied by copies of the legalised translations of the diplomas that were the basis for its issuance.

(15) A person may benefit from funding from the budget for only one doctoral programme.

The costs related to exceeding the duration of the free education, provided by the law, are borne by the doctoral student. Any other details regarding admission to doctoral studies can be obtained from the secretariat of the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies.

IV. Conduct of the competition

Each candidate will present his/her research project before the examination committee, **physically or via videoconference**, in the presence of the doctoral supervisor, in compliance with the legal

provisions. In the latter case, it is mandatory to make an audio-video recording of the admission competition, which is archived together with the other admission documents. The Committee will deliberate on the research project and the performance of each candidate; Its members will award grades that will be entered in a catalog, under signature. The minimum admission average is 7.00 (seven). The selection of doctoral candidates for a vacant position is carried out by the doctoral supervisor, within the limit of the approved vacancies.

In principle, the doctoral supervisor is part of the admissions committee and decides on debatable cases for his candidates. If, for various reasons, the doctoral supervisor is not part of the committee, he will be asked for his agreement on supervising the candidate in order to fill the vacant position of doctoral student. Their agreement must be drafted in writing and sent to the management of the doctoral school. In the absence of such agreement, the committee will recommend the candidate to collaborate with another doctoral supervisor who has a vacant position for doctoral student, with a close scientific theme.

The candidate who does not receive the agreement of any doctoral supervisor until the end of the competition procedure will be declared rejected, regardless of the result obtained in the admission competition.

Candidates will be ranked in order of averages. The Council of the Doctoral School will establish, together with all the doctoral supervisors of the Doctoral School, the vacancies of each supervisor.

All positions approved by the Ministry of Education will be distributed according to the final ranking of the candidates who participated in the admission exam. Within the same committee, each doctoral supervisor is free to establish the bibliography and the manner of assessment for those enrolled in it, taking care not to injustice those candidates who had another training programme.

The allocation of positions financed from the state budget through doctoral grants and scholarships financed from the state budget is made by the Council of the Doctoral School by classifying all candidates in a doctoral field on a single list, in descending order of the general averages obtained by the candidates.

The average is calculated from:

- (1) the grade for the research project proposal;
- (2) the grade for the presentation/interview, conducted either through **physical presence or online**.

In case of equal averages, the tie-breaker of the candidates will be made based on the following criteria:

- (1) the grade obtained for the research project;
- (2) the general average of graduation of the Master's Degree studies (arithmetic average between the average of the years of study and the average obtained at the dissertation exam);
- (3) the general average of graduation of Bachelor's Degree studies (arithmetic average between the average of the years of study and the average obtained at the Bachelor's degree exam);
- (4) Taking into account the specificity of the field of study, the admission committee may give priority to candidates with previous studies (Bachelor's/Master's Degree) in the field of Theology.

The single list includes all candidates declared admitted, specifying whether they are admitted:

- on positions financed from the budget with a scholarship,
 - on positions financed from the budget without a scholarship
- or
- on positions on a tuition-fee basis

It is mandatory for each candidate (in the application file) to present a research project, according to the outline below:

University of Bucharest

Faculty of Baptist Theology

Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies

Name of the doctoral supervisor:

Doctoral research project

Candidate's name:

Project title:

(1) Main objective(s) and summary of the project

(Present the main objectives pursued through the research project and provide a summary of how you currently believe that you can achieve it. The purpose of these clarifications is to help the committee decide whether the topic is of interest.)

(2) Research Background

(Demonstrate the evolution in the approach to the proposed theme, what literature exists and what novel contributions you could bring through your thesis. Show if the topic aligns with the research interests of your doctoral supervisor).

(3) Theoretical Framework

(Outline of the theoretical foundation of the project and the reasons why you chose it).

(4) Methodology

(Present the methods you will use and the ethical issues that the research raises. Specify your sources of information – theoretical and empirical – and whether they are accessible to you).

(5) Dissemination

(6) Expected Results

(Outline the results you expect and a dissemination plan: publishing the results in articles, books, media, etc.)

(7) Bibliography

(Present a concise list of scientific papers, books and articles, relevant to the field of research in which you are enrolling).

Note: The completed research project shall have a maximum of 14,000 characters, including spaces.

Total number of positions available for competition (both on a tuition-fee basis and budget-funded):

- Number of budget-funded positions with scholarship: 4 positions (proposed)
- Number of budget-funded positions without scholarship: 6 positions (proposed)
- Number of positions on a tuition-fee basis: 2 positions (proposed)

V. Announcement of results and confirmation of the position filled through competition

The results of the admission competition will be validated by the Council of the Doctoral School and by the C.S.U.D. and approved by the Central Admission Committee of the University of Bucharest, before posting.

The results of the admission competition, approved by the Central Commission for Admission of the University of Bucharest, are made public by being posted at the headquarters of the Doctoral School and on web pages within 48 hours from the completion of the competition.

Candidates who withdraw their documents before the final result of the competition is posted are considered eliminated from the competition.

The candidates declared admitted, after confirming the position and after paying the registration fee, shall be enrolled in doctoral studies based on the result of the competition for the respective academic year, by decision of the Rector of the University of Bucharest.

The candidates declared admitted to budget-funded positions will confirm their position after each admission session, by submitting to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Baptist Theology, within 3 (three) days from the announcement of the results, between 9.00 AM - 13.00 PM, the following documents: Baccalaureate Diploma, Bachelor's Diploma and Master's Diploma (or graduation certificate), in original. Registered candidates who fail to confirm their position within the established timeframe, due to the sole fault of the admitted candidate, may lose their position financed from the state budget.

Candidates declared admitted to positions on a tuition-fee basis:

(1) shall confirm their position within 3 (three) working days from the announcement of the results, by submitting to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Baptist Theology, between 9.00 AM and 13.00 PM, the following documents: Baccalaureate Diploma, Bachelor's Diploma and Master's Diploma (or graduation certificate) in original.

(2) shall submit to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Baptist Theology, within 3 (three) days from the announcement of the results, between 9.00 and 13.00, ***the receipt / proof of payment*** showing that they have paid the first installment (1350 RON) of the tuition fee. The payment of the respective amount will be made at the Cash Desk of the University of Bucharest (headquarters of the UB Rectorate, Panduri Road, no. 90). The receipt shall specify: "**for the Faculty of Baptist Theology, doctoral study fee**". Failure to submit the receipt/payment order within the established timeframe may lead to the loss of the position filled.

(3) Eligible candidates who fail to confirm the filling of their position within the established period, due to the sole fault of the admitted candidate, may lose the right to enrol.

VI. Final provisions

The files of rejected candidates or those who withdraw from enrolment are returned, upon request, within 48 hours from the submission of the application, free of charge, based on identity documents, after the posting of the final results. For the oral tests, no appeals are allowed.

Extraordinary admission sessions may be organised for foreign citizens who apply to enrol in doctoral studies on a self-sponsored foreign currency or with government funding, at the proposal of the doctoral school and with the approval of the U.B. management, in compliance with the legal provisions and this Regulation.

Candidates exempt from paying the registration fees for the admission competition benefit from this exemption only once for the cycle of doctoral studies within a Higher Education Institution.

This Regulation was approved by the Council of the Doctoral School of Religious and Intercultural Studies, on December 9th, 2025, and by the Council of the Faculty of Baptist Theology on December 11, 2025, by electronic vote.

DEAN,
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sorin BĂDRĂGAN

DIRECTOR OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL,
Assoc. Prof. Dr. habil. Emanuel Adrian SÂRBU

ANNEX

TYPES OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES*

for admission to the doctoral studies of the SDSRI

2026

Nr.crt.	Document	It is accepted at the faculty secretariat / Doctoral School	C.L.S. testing required**
1.	Certificate of linguistic competence issued by the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of Modern Languages (University of Bucharest)	<u>X</u>	
2.	Certificate of linguistic competence issued by the Universities of the <i>Universitaria</i> Consortium and by the "Transilvania" University of Brasov	<u>X</u>	
3.	Diplomas of the foreign language programs of the University of Bucharest, the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA BUCHAREST and the Universities of the <i>Universitaria Consortium</i>	<u>X</u>	
4.	International tests (TOEFL, DELF, GOETHE Institut, Cambridge Certificate, etc.)	<u>X</u>	

5.	Diplomas and certificates issued by foreign cultural institutes (British Council, French Institute, Cervantes Institute, Italian Institute, etc.)	<u>X</u>	
6.	Documents showing a period of study abroad of at least 6 months, according to the O.M.	<u>X</u>	
7.	Baccalaureate diploma issued by a bilingual high school with mention of the high school program in the international language	<u>X</u>	
8.	Diplomas and certificates issued by other universities and bodies		<u>X</u>

* Minimum Level B2

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