

General Admission Information

- **Eligibility:**

Only graduates holding a **Master's degree** or an **equivalent qualification** are eligible to participate in the doctoral admission exam. The **total number of transferable credits (ECTS)** accumulated from both **Bachelor's and Master's** study cycles must be **at least 300**.

According to the provisions of the **Higher Education Law no. 199/2023**, with its subsequent amendments, the **Bachelor's diploma** of graduates from long-duration higher education programs (prior to the Bologna system) is **equivalent to a Master's degree diploma** in that field.

Therefore, holders of such diplomas are **entitled to enroll** in doctoral studies **without having to complete a Master's program** (cycle II).

Admission into a doctoral program **is not conditioned** by the field in which the Bachelor's or Master's degree was obtained. However, the **total duration** of undergraduate and graduate studies must **accumulate at least 300 ECTS credits**.

- **For current year Master's graduates:**

Candidates who have passed their **dissertation exam** during the current academic year may submit, instead of the Master's diploma, a **graduation certificate** issued by the higher education institution.

This certificate must include the **general GPA**, the **grades obtained throughout the study years**, the **total number of ECTS credits earned**, the **validity period**, and a **mention that the diploma has not yet been issued**.

- **For candidates with foreign studies:**

It is mandatory to obtain a **recognition/equivalency certificate** for their **Bachelor's and Master's degrees** from the **Ministry of Education (ME)** and **CNRED** (National Center for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas).

The **total number of transferable credits**, according to the CNRED-recognized diplomas, must be **at least 300 ECTS**.

If the CNRED certificate is issued with an **electronic signature**, the **digital version** of the document must be submitted.

- Romanian citizens can personally apply for equivalency via CNRED's platform using a **RoEID account**: <https://cnred.edu.ro/echivalarea-studiilor-superioare-de-master-efectuate-in-strainatate-de-cetatenii-romani>
- EU citizens must **submit their documents to ISD (Institute for Doctoral Studies)** for the purpose of obtaining the recognition certificate, following **CNRED's requirements**.

The full list of required documents is available at:

<https://cnred.edu.ro/recunoastere-studii-cetateni-europeni-admitere-master-doctorat>

- **Doctoral Positions Availability:**

Candidates can consult the list of **available doctoral positions by faculty and advisor**, published by the **Institute for Doctoral Studies** both on-site and on its website, as well as on the websites of the individual doctoral schools.

- **Application Process:**
Applications for doctoral admission are submitted **exclusively online**, via the official platform: <https://admitere.ubbcluj.ro>
- The candidate must create an account in the admissions platform using an **email address that is frequently checked**.
Throughout the registration, admission, and confirmation process, the platform will generate and send **notifications and requests for feedback**, which the candidate must respond to promptly.
- During the registration period, as outlined in the **Admission Calendar**, the candidate will upload a set of required documents to the platform, as specified in the **Required Documents section**.
- **General admission calendars, exam schedules**, and other specific details related to the doctoral admission competition will be published on the **websites of the doctoral schools**.

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