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**METHODOLOGY OF
ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF
THE SELECTION FOR THE
ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL
STUDIES**

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Section 1. Legal basis

Article 1.

(1) The organization and the conduct of the selection for doctoral studies within the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy is carried out according to the following provisions:

1. Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
2. Order of the Ministry of Education no. 3020/08.01.2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies;
3. Order No 3.693 of 1 February 2024 approving the Framework Methodology on the Organization of Admission to Higher Education in Short-Term University, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Studies;
4. The internal regulations of the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI) regarding the process of selection and employment of military personnel.

Section 2. Organization of the selection process for admission to doctoral studies

Article 2.

1. Doctoral degree programs shall be organized in doctoral fields accredited by the Organizing Institution of University Doctoral Studies the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy (IOSUD ANIMV) and are of two types:

a) Scientific PhD, which aims at producing original scientific knowledge, which is relevant internationally, based on scientific methods, and can be organized in the form of full-time education or part-time education. The scientific PhD is the basis for professional careers in higher education and research. The scientific PhD is oriented towards producing results, syntheses and evaluations based on scientific approaches, aiming at elucidating and solving critical problems of scientific knowledge and research, by expanding and redefining existing knowledge.

b) Professional Doctorate, which aims at producing original knowledge based on the application of the scientific method, systematic reflection or applied research on artistic creations, on subjects of practical importance and which constitutes a basis for a professional career in higher education and research in the fields concerned. The professional doctorate may be organized in the form of full-time education or part-time education. The professional doctorate is oriented towards the development of new ideas or processes at the forefront of a professional situation, based on systematic approaches, aiming at producing practical, innovative, autonomous or integrated, doctrinal or programmatic solutions to the studied situations.

(2) IOSUD ANIMV's accredited doctoral degree programs shall be organized and shall take place in the following forms:

(a) The scientific PhD is organized in the form of full-time education or part-time education.

(b) The professional doctorate may be organized in the form of full-time education or part-time education.

(3) IOSUD ANIMV's accredited doctoral degree programs shall be funded from the following sources:

(a) The Scientific PhD can be funded from the state budget, from the SRI budget, from other legally constituted sources, or can be fee-based.

(b) The Professional Doctorate can be financed from the SRI budget, from other legally constituted sources, or can be fee-based.

(4) Attendance obligations during the doctoral degree program are the following:

a) The form of full-time education implies mandatory daily attendance, for 8 hours, at the specific activities of the doctoral studies program and mandatory participation in other activities specific to IOSUD ANIMV.

b) The form of part-time education entails mandatory attendance only during the specific activities of the doctoral studies program and optional participation in other activities specific to IOSUD ANIMV.

Article 3.

(1) Filling vacancies in full-time education implies the conclusion of a doctoral study contract and a fixed-term employment contract for a position of research assistant or assistant professor within IOSUD ANIMV. The fixed period of the employment contract is 4 years, with the possibility of extension to 6 years, according to the provisions of the Regulation on the organization and conduct of the doctoral studies program, 2024.

(2) Filling vacancies in part-time education, both free of charge and fee-funded, involves the conclusion of only a doctoral study contract with IOSUD ANIMV.

Article 4.

(1) Candidates who opt for vacancies in full-time education, with funding from the state budget, who are not employed within the Romanian Intelligence Service, will submit a request to the ANIMV Rector for the start of the selection procedures for employment, according to the model in the Annex SEL01.

(2) Applications for the start of the selection process will be submitted to the ANIMV Rector until 30 April for the session of admission to the following academic year.

(3) Candidates will follow the selection process in order to be employed under the conditions and according to the deadlines set by the competent departments of the Romanian Intelligence Service.

Article 5.

(1) A person may receive funding from the state budget or the SRI budget for a single doctoral degree program.

(2) The person who has received free tuition within a university PhD study program funded by the state budget or the SRI budget has, under the law, the right to follow another university PhD study program:

(a) on a fee basis, if the state higher education institution organizes the program in this way as well;

b) free of charge, with funding from the state budget or the SRI budget, provided that the person pays the value of the education services they have previously received with funding from the state budget or the SRI budget, in full or in part, in cases where the PhD study program they were admitted to is organized only with full funding from the budget. The value of the tuition services previously received can be paid, according to a methodology approved by order of the Minister of Education.

Section 3. Organization of the admission contest to doctoral studies

Article 6.

(1) The admission contest for doctoral studies is organized and takes place at the level of IOSUD ANIMV's doctoral schools. To organize and conduct the admission contest to doctoral studies, an admission committee and an appeal committee, if a written test is organized, proposed by the Doctoral School Council and approved by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD).

(2) The admission committee will include the doctoral supervisors, for the candidates to the vacant seats allocated to them.

(3) The persons who are relatives by marriage and relatives up to the third degree including of the candidates or of the doctoral supervisors, may not be appointed to the admission committee or the appeal committee.

Article 7.

(1) The admission contest to the doctoral studies shall be organized and shall take place in

accordance with the *Procedure for organizing and conducting the admission contest to the doctoral studies program* developed by each doctoral school.

(2) Only graduates with a master's degree or equivalent are entitled to participate in the admission contest for doctoral studies, and the cumulative number of transferable study credits (ECTS) acquired, for the bachelor's and master's degree cycle, is at least 300 ECTS.

(3) Graduates with a master's degree or equivalent from Romania or other EU Member States are entitled to participate in the admission contest for doctoral studies, as provided for in Article 57 (2) of the Higher Education Law no.199/2023 and in Article 10 (5) of Order 3,693 of 1 February 2024 for the approval of the Framework Methodology on the organization of the admission to higher education in the cycles of short-term university studies, bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies.

(4) Candidates who on 1 September hold a master's degree or a diploma of long-term higher education and who hold the status of employee of the SRI or fulfil the conditions for being employed may apply for the admission to doctoral studies on the vacant positions of full-time scientific doctoral studies, with funding from the state budget, following the selection process for employment in the SRI.

(5) Candidates who on 1 September hold a master's degree or a diploma of long-term higher education and who hold the position of employee of the SRI may apply for admission to doctoral studies on the vacant positions of full-time or part-time professional doctoral studies, without charge.

(6) Candidates who on 1 September hold a master's degree or a diploma of long-term higher education, regardless of their professional relationship with the SRI, may apply for admission to doctoral studies on the vacant places of full-time scientific doctoral studies funded from other legally constituted sources or on the vacant places of fee-based full-time professional doctoral studies.

Article 8.

(1) Citizens who are not part of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation (non-EU citizens) and are graduates of master's studies or graduates with a bachelor's degree or equivalent of long-term university studies (5, 6 years) may apply for admission to doctoral studies. Recognition of studies conducted by them outside Romania will be carried out by the specialized directorate within the Ministry of Education.

Article 9.

(1) The options of the candidates for the doctoral studies program at the time of their application to the admission contest depend on the forms of education for which an admission contest is organized, in accordance with the obligations laid down in Article 2 (4) of this Regulation.

(2) The number and distribution of vacancies for all types of doctoral studies, forms of education and funding arrangements shall be established annually between January and February.

(3) The vacancies established for all types of doctorate, forms of education and financing methods are filled by contest.

Article 10.

(1) The application for the admission contest is submitted in accordance with the provisions of the public notice on the organization and conduct of the admission contest for doctoral studies, which will be published on the website animv.ro at least 6 months before the admission contest.

Article 11.

(1) The doctoral school where the admission contest for doctoral studies is organized and conducted ensures the transparency of the selection and admission procedures for doctoral studies, of the assessment criteria and of the standards requested from the candidates by publishing them on the website animv.ro, at least 6 months before the contest for admission to doctoral studies.

Section 4. Final provisions

Article 12.

(1) This *Methodology* shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the ANIMV Senate.

(2) This *Methodology* shall be updated whenever needed and when relevant legislative changes occur.

(3) At the date of entry into force of this *Methodology*, any previous provisions shall be repealed.

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Annex SEL01

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RECTOR OF
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TO THE RECTOR OF
"MIHAI VITEAZUL"
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I, the undersigned [First name NAME]*, a Romanian national, CNP [1234567890123], ID series [xx], no. [123456], residing in str. [street], no. [xx], bl. [xx], ap. [xx], town [town], county [county], in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the *Methodology of organization and conduct of the selection for the admission to doctoral studies*, I express my intention to participate in the contest for admission to the doctoral studies program, on a vacant scientific PhD place, in the form of full-time education, with funding from the state budget**/ with funding from other legally constituted sources**, therefore please approve the start of the selection procedures for employment in the SRI.

Date _____

Applicant's signature _____

Personal contact details:

phone no.:

e-mail:

* complete the requested information and then delete []

** delete one of the sources of funding as appropriate