## Procedure for the Distribution of Doctoral Scholarships to Faculties for 2025 and subsequent years

Proposal based on the Vice-Deans for Research and Doctoral Studies meeting on 15 February 2024, after discussion by the VSE Management, for submission to the Rector's Board

The method of distribution of doctoral scholarships respects the intention of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS), which is behind the national reform of doctoral studies. At the beginning of 2024, MEYS abandoned the capitation system of payments for doctoral students and declared an emphasis on increasing the quality of doctoral studies expressed both by the publication results of doctoral students and the success rate (successful completion) of doctoral studies. This intention of MEYS is in line with the VSE strategic priorities in the area of doctoral studies.

Budget for 2025 and subsequent years

- 1) The allocation to the faculties is set as follows:
  - a. 75% based on the respective faculty's share of the budget of the VSE Doctoral Scholarships distributed among the faculties in the previous year (stabilisation component),
  - b. 25% based on the respective faculty's share of the performance of faculties in previous years (performance component). The calculation of the performance of faculties is given below.
- 2) The following indicators will be used to allocate the performance component to faculties:
  - a. 60 % based on the respective faculty's share in the current performance component of LCDRO in the last 3 calendar years
    - i. This share shall be calculated as the sum of the faculty's percentage share of the current performance component of LCRDO (according to the approved Procedure for Distribution of Institutional Support Aimed at the Long-term Conceptual Development of the Research Organization for 2023 and Subsequent Years, including its updates) in each of the last three years, the sum of these three shares shall be divided by three
  - b. 40 % based on the total number of graduates of doctoral programmes in the last 4 calendar years
    - i. a foreign nationality graduate (outside Slovakia) is counted as a weight of 1.5

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