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HOW TO GET PHD AT SUMY NATIONAL AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY, UKRAINE

Step 1

Identify your research interests.

Take some time to reflect on your past academic works and to consider your current research interests. Keep in mind that it is not necessary for you to have a dissertation topic already chosen or even to have an extremely specific research focus. At this stage, you should just have a general idea of what you want to study and why.

At SNAU you can get PhD by 11 majors:

212 Veterinary hygiene, sanitation and expertise

211 Veterinary medicine

204 Technologies of livestock products production and processing

202 Plant protection and quarantine

201 Agronomy

181 Food technologies

133 Mechanical Engineering

091 Biology of plants

081 Law

073 Management

072 Finance, banking and insurance

How long does a PhD take?

In Ukraine most PhD programs last for four years.

Step 2

Identify professors whose research interests you. Some schools require or at least expect you to identify professors with whom you'd like to work. You may already have an idea of some professors who can help you with your research based on the researches you completed during your Bachelor and Master programs.

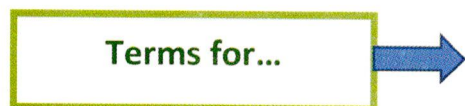
Keep in mind that you may be working closely with the professor(s) you identify, so it is important to select professors who you really admire and whose research genuinely interests you

What qualifications do I need?

A Masters degree or its international equivalent. Your previous education should be in the same or related sphere as your desired (for example you studied Agronomy and your PhD you want to have in Plant protection and quarantine – no problem!). For majors Veterinary medicine and Veterinary hygiene, sanitation and expertise your previous education should be **only** Veterinary medicine or Veterinary hygiene, sanitation and expertise.

Step 3

Applying for a PhD Program



<i>Submission of documents</i>	<i>During the year</i>
<i>Entrance interview</i> <i>Enrolment to postgraduate studies</i>	
<i>Start of classes</i>	<i>1 October</i>

You must submit the following documents when you apply:

- research proposal;
- Masters degree certificate and a certified English translation of it, if your Masters degree certificate is not written in English + transcript (original and a copy);
- a copy of a birth certificate;
- medical health certificate or a valid medical insurance policy;
- a copy of passport or ID card;
- 4 photos size 60 x 40 mm;
- two academic references (one of the references must be from your most recent university);
- your CV

Step 4

How can I be enrolled?

You are asked to attend an interview face-to-face. You must provide the following information – your personal details, previous education (and internships, if any), previous work experience (if any), previous papers and articles (if any), what and why you want to study at SNAU.

Additionally, you should pass enrolment exams – the first in English language proficiency, the second according to the chosen major, the third in Introduction to scientific researches.

Step 5

Study under PhD program

- While applying for PhD Program, initially, you are enrolled as a PhD student. After completing required coursework, papers and qualifying exams, you become a PhD candidate. You will spend the bulk of your time completing the dissertation
- The written component is usually in the form of a series of cumulative exams, in which your breadth of knowledge of your field is extensively tested
- Oral components of the qualifying examinations usually consist of the defence of an original yet feasible research proposal. Upon acceptance into candidacy, your progress is usually overseen by a dissertation advisor.
- According to the requirements of the Ministry of education and science of Ukraine, to fulfil the joint training program, the PhD student should publish at least one paper in international journal indexed by Scopus or Web of Science according to his/her research sphere, five papers in Ukrainian journals (identified by the Ministry of education and science of Ukraine), 1 paper in international scientific journals, take part in five-eight Ukrainian, Chinese or international conferences and publish conference theses.
- During the whole period of your study, you should fulfil all requirements and norms of the curricula (submit all papers and reports, pass all testing, mid-term checks and exams, etc.)
- As a result, you obtain a PhD certificate and a PhD degree.

Step 6

Thesis defence rehearsal

When preparing to defend your thesis, familiarize yourself with the guidelines and requirements of your department. Speak with your supervisor to be sure that you know exactly what is expected of you. Each of your committee members should have a copy of your thesis at least a couple of weeks before your defence, and your written defence should include an abstract and a summary. All your forms need to be filled out ahead of time, including any and all signatures you are required to obtain.

Step 7

Dissertation defence procedure

A PhD defence is a serious ceremony. Yes, it can be one of the best days in life. Thesis writing is one of the most important and challenging tasks you will encounter as a graduate student and the thesis defence is the culmination of that process. During your thesis defence, you will be expected to present and defend your thesis in front of your advisor, scientific thesis committee, and other audience members - and to do so in a cohesive manner. You can expect to be asked a number of questions after your presentation, and you need to be armed with the knowledge and skill necessary to answer the questions confidently.

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