

## DOCTORAL DISSERTATION TOPIC REGISTRATION

The Programme Council for the Environmental Protection interdisciplinary doctoral programme has decided to assess all doctoral dissertation topic proposals before the doctoral students register them at their faculties.

1. To ensure the interdisciplinary character of the Guidance Committee, the Programme Council has decided to suggest the member institutions (faculties) appoint a committee for each student separately.
2. Doctoral students shall first send their applications to register their dissertation topics prepared in accordance with the Rules on Doctoral Studies at the University of Ljubljana (available at <http://www.uni-lj.si/studij/doktorski/pravila/>) **and the rules of the member institution at which they will officially register their topic** (usually their mentor's institution) to the Environmental Protection Programme Council for preliminary approval. The Council will then assess each application separately and inform the doctoral students about its decision.
3. The dissertation topic application for the Programme Council's preliminary approval must include the following:
  - a) **A brief doctoral dissertation proposal containing:**
    - The title of the proposed dissertation topic,
    - A definition of the research problem,
    - Research hypotheses,
    - Research methods,
    - Expected results and contribution to the development of the discipline,
    - References or a list of the basic literature the dissertation is based on;
  - b) **A brief biography containing:**
    - Accurate personal details,
    - Address,
    - The undergraduate and/or graduate degree(s) obtained,
    - Telephone (landline and GSM) no.,
    - Email,
    - Previous employment,
    - Information on education and other specialist training in Slovenia and abroad;
  - c) **Any bibliography** or a list of published research works;
  - d) **Mentor's and co-mentor's approvals of the proposed dissertation topic.**
4. Doctoral students shall email their dissertation topic proposals to the Programme Council for preliminary approval to: [ivana.babic@uni-lj.si](mailto:ivana.babic@uni-lj.si) and [jelena.tomazin@uni-lj.si](mailto:jelena.tomazin@uni-lj.si).
5. The Programme Council shall discuss the doctoral student's topic proposal at the first session following the receipt of the proposal. Doctoral students shall officially register their topic at the member institution that their mentor comes from and that will be conducting the procedure for earning a PhD, after they receive approval from the Programme Council.
6. The member institutions offering the Environmental Protection doctoral programme have various rules/instructions defining the deadlines and procedures for registering doctoral dissertation topic proposals in place. **When registering their dissertation topic proposals, doctoral students shall follow the rules of the member institution where they are registering their topics.** The dissertation topic registration, dissertation topic assessment, dissertation assessment, and dissertation defence procedures are conducted by the member institutions offering the programme. The dissertation topic and mentor shall be approved by the Senate of the member institution where the doctoral students register their topics. The dissertation topic shall also be confirmed by the University of Ljubljana Senate.