

# Application for Admission to Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Mathematics

Academic Year 2026/2027

Applications for admission to Doctoral Academic Studies are submitted **exclusively online**.

Admission is conducted in accordance with the Rulebook on Doctoral Studies of the Faculty of Mathematics (adopted on 3 July 2026, applicable from the 2026/2027 academic year) and the University of Belgrade Call for Admission to Doctoral Academic Studies for the 2026/2027 academic year. Applications are accepted from 5 to 16 October 2026. Enrolment of admitted candidates takes place on 26 October 2026. By applying, the candidate confirms acceptance of the application rules and the conditions of enrolment.

A list of required documents is provided below. Please review it carefully. The Faculty reserves the right to reject any application deemed incomplete after the application deadline. All documents are submitted as scanned originals in PDF format. Documents can be scanned with a phone using the Google Drive app, which has a built-in option for scanning and saving documents in PDF format. Please ensure that no individual file exceeds 5 MB.

## 1 Registration and Account Access

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**Note:** The online application system and the automatic emails it sends are in Serbian (Cyrillic). This guide describes each step in English. After you complete the application form, you will receive an automatic email confirming the first step and listing the next ones: (1) pay the application fee using the payment reference number shown in your account, (2) upload the required documents, and (3) after the Student Office processes your application, you will receive an email with your application number. If anything is unclear, write to [upis-das@matf.bg.ac.rs](mailto:upis-das@matf.bg.ac.rs).

To apply for admission, candidates must first create an account (register) in the Faculty's online system. This process enables identification and access to all system functions. Registration is required only once, upon first access to the system. Afterwards, candidates may log in at any time using their email address and chosen password.

Steps for registration:

1. Open the [registration link](#).
2. Complete all required fields to ensure successful registration.
3. After registration, an activation link will be sent to your email address. If you do not find the email from the Faculty of Mathematics in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

If you have any questions or problems during registration, please contact us at [upis-das@matf.bg.ac.rs](mailto:upis-das@matf.bg.ac.rs). Our support team will be glad to help.

Once your account has been successfully verified, you will gain access to our [online portal](#), where you can apply for admission and access all relevant information and forms.

The application consists of three steps: completing the application form, paying the application fee and uploading the documents. After completing the form, you will see your **web application number** (registration number, starting with the letter E) and your **payment reference number** in the web application. Until the Student Office accepts your application, you can change the data in the form and the uploaded documents; once the application is accepted, no further changes are possible.

## 2 Required Documents

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When applying online, candidates upload scanned copies of the following documents in PDF format:

- Diploma and Diploma Supplement, or Certificate of completed Bachelor's and Master's academic studies;
- for candidates holding a foreign higher education qualification: a decision on recognition of the [foreign higher education qualification](#) for the purpose of continuing education at the University of Belgrade, or a confirmation that the recognition procedure for continuation of studies was initiated no later than 15 days before the application deadline (by 2 October 2026);
- Extract from the Birth Register;
- proof of knowledge of one foreign language (English) (faculty certificate, language school certificate or international language certificate);
- proof of published scientific papers (PDF versions of published papers or DOI numbers of publications). Candidates whose overall grade point average is below 8 but at least 7 must submit at least one paper published in a journal of category M21, M22 or M23 (SCI list) from the list of the competent Ministry, in the field for which they are applying; without it they are not eligible to apply. Candidates with a grade point average below 7 are not eligible to apply;
- a completed and signed [statement](#) confirming that the candidate has not been enrolled as a state-funded (budget) student at the level of studies for which they are applying, and a completed and signed [statement](#) confirming that they are enrolling in this level of studies and at this higher education institution for the first time (submitted by all candidates, in accordance with the General Conditions of the University Call; the statements are in Serbian);
- the completed form "[Scientific field, research group and study advisor](#)" (submitted by all candidates):

After completing the application form, you will see your web application number (registration number, starting with the letter E), which you need to fill in the form. Download the form and save it on your computer, open it in Adobe Acrobat Reader or in the Firefox browser, fill in the fields and save it. Upload the completed form in the web application as a PDF; the form is not printed or scanned. The form states your interest, while the study advisor is appointed at enrolment;

- for the Mathematics study programme:

a Motivation Letter for Doctoral Studies, naming the research group or the faculty member of the Faculty of Mathematics working on the topics the applicant is interested in, and including the contact details of two faculty members (full name, academic title, institution and e-mail address) employed at the higher education institution where the applicant completed Bachelor's or Master's studies, with whom the applicant has had active academic collaboration and whom the Committee for Third-Cycle Studies may contact to obtain letters of recommendation;

- for the Informatics study programme:

two letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members in the field of computer science, employed at the higher education institution where the applicant completed Master's studies, with whom the applicant has had active academic collaboration. In exceptional cases, if the applicant is, for justified reasons, unable to obtain recommendations from their home institution, recommendations may be accepted from faculty members of the Department of Computer Science and Informatics of the Faculty of Mathematics with whom the applicant has established academic collaboration;

- proof of payment of the application fee.

### Payment of the application fee

Candidates pay a fee of **8,000.00 RSD** to account **840-32825845-97**, using model **97** and the payment reference number, which is unique for each candidate. You will see your payment reference number in the web application after completing the application form (link “Ваша листа позива на број” - your list of payment reference numbers), and you will also receive it by email.

**IMPORTANT:** Each candidate receives a unique payment reference number (PRN), which must be entered on the payment slip. The payment is considered complete only when it is recorded on the account of the Faculty of Mathematics, which usually takes up to two working days; the uploaded proof of payment alone is not sufficient. The payment slip below is the Serbian domestic payment form.

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## 2.1 Candidates Who Completed Bachelor's or Master's Studies at Another Faculty

Candidates who completed their Bachelor's or Master's academic studies at another faculty must, together with the online application and no later than 14 October 2026 at 14:00, submit the study plan and programme, comprising the certificate of passed examinations (or the Diploma Supplement) and the curricula of the courses taken. On the basis of these documents the Committee for Third-Cycle Studies classifies the passed courses as mathematical, computer science or astronomy courses (special conditions of the Call for each study programme) and, in accordance with Article 17 of the Rulebook on Doctoral Studies, may assign the candidate up to three supplementary courses from Bachelor's or Master's academic studies, which the candidate must enrol in and pass during the first year of studies.

## 2.2 Members of the Serbian National Minority from Neighbouring Countries

Members of the Serbian national minority from neighbouring countries (Hungary, Romania, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Slovenia, Republic of Croatia and Montenegro) must additionally submit:

- a decision on recognition of the [foreign higher education qualification](#), or a confirmation that the recognition procedure for continuation of studies was initiated no later than 15 days before the application deadline (by 2 October 2026);
- a completed and signed [statement](#) of affiliation with the Serbian national minority (the statement is in Serbian).

Members of the Serbian national minority from neighbouring countries who are scholarship holders of the “Serbia for Serbs from the Region” Programme must also submit a confirmation from the competent Ministry of their scholarship status.

## 2.3 Foreign Higher Education Qualifications

Candidates who are citizens of Serbia and completed their previous education abroad must additionally submit:

- documentation of completed Bachelor's and Master's studies;
- a decision on recognition of the [foreign higher education qualification](#) for the purpose of continuing education at the University of Belgrade and enrolment in the specific study programme, or a confirmation that the recognition procedure for continuation of studies was initiated no later than 15 days before the application deadline (by 2 October 2026). Foreign documents submitted after this deadline allow the candidate to apply only in the following academic year.

## 2.4 Foreign Citizens

Foreign citizens must additionally submit:

- documentation of completed Bachelor's and Master's studies;
- a decision on recognition of the [foreign higher education qualification](#), or a confirmation that the recognition procedure for continuation of studies was initiated no later than 15 days before the application deadline (by 2 October 2026);
- proof of health insurance for the 2026/2027 academic year and proof of proficiency in Serbian or in the language in which the study programme is delivered (both may be submitted at enrolment at the latest).

Foreign citizens are admitted under the same conditions regarding prior education as citizens of Serbia, as self-financing students, and pay tuition fees throughout their studies unless an international agreement provides otherwise.

## 2.5 Affirmative Action Measures

Candidates applying under the Affirmative Action Programme for Persons with Disabilities must:

- initiate the procedure for determining disability status at the Office for Students with Disabilities, using the prescribed form, no later than 10 June 2026, and subsequently submit the opinion of that Office on their status as candidates with disabilities.

## 3 What Follows After the Application

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**Interview.** All candidates, on all study programmes, have a qualifying interview worth up to 20 points; a candidate who scores fewer than 10 points cannot be enrolled. The scope and content of the interview depend on the study programme. The only exception applies to the Informatics study programme: a candidate who, in the completed studies, earned at least 240 ECTS in mathematical and computer science courses, including at least 60 ECTS in mathematical courses, is exempt from the interview and is credited with the maximum of 20 points. No exemption is provided for the Mathematics and the Astronomy and Astrophysics study programmes. The interview schedule will be published on the Faculty website; details are given in the Interview Guide.

**Ranking list and appeals.** Candidates are ranked separately for each study programme according to the formula  $N = 8 \cdot \text{GPA} - \text{Pm}/6 + T + R$  (GPA - overall grade point average; Pm - number of months of study beyond the prescribed duration; T - interview points; R - points for scientific papers). Appeals against the preliminary ranking list are submitted to the Committee for Third-Cycle Studies within the deadline set by the Call; in the second instance the candidate may appeal to the Dean of the Faculty.

**Study advisor.** At enrolment, the candidate submits a signed proposal of a study advisor (Annex 1 of the Rulebook on Doctoral Studies). The study advisor is a member of the Faculty's teaching staff in the narrow scientific field for which the candidate is applying, who meets the requirements for supervising a doctoral dissertation. Candidates are advised to get in touch with a faculty member in their field of interest before applying. Details are given in the Enrolment Guide.