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Babeș-Bolyai University

Faculty of History and Philosophy

Doctoral School "International Relations and Security Studies"

***Regulations of the Doctoral School of
International Relations and Security
Studies for admission to doctoral
studies, July-September 2026 session***

Admission to doctoral studies is carried out in accordance with: *Methodology for admission to doctoral studies at Babeş-Bolyai University for the academic year 2026-2027, Regulations for the organization and conduct of doctoral studies at Babeş-Bolyai University, Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, Law no. 299/2007 on the support provided to Romanians abroad, Order No. 3693/2024 for the organization of admission to higher education in short-term university studies, bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies, Order No. 3020/2024 of January 8, 2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies, Board Decision no. 9387/26.06.2024 on the Procedure for the recognition of credits or credit points for bachelor's and master's studies or in-depth/long-term studies for admission to the doctorate.*

(1) Admission to doctoral studies takes place in the sessions of July and September according to the following **calendar**:

For candidates - citizens of Romania, the European Union, the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, British citizens and their family members as beneficiaries of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01 and Romanians Abroad:

July 2026 PhD admission session:

- **5 June 2026 (deadline): submission to the Institute for Doctoral Studies** of the documents for the recognition of previous studies carried out in the EU (if applicable)
- **July 13 – 17, 2026: online registration of candidates** for the admission contest to the Doctoral School of ***International Relations and Security Studies***. On the date of July 17, 2026, the platform will be open until 14:00. (Platform Access <https://admitere.ubbcluj.ro/>)
- **July 20, 2026: conduct of the tests** within the admission contest and submission of any appeals

- **July 24 – 27, 2026: confirmation of the physical occupation of the places** at the Doctoral School of ***International Relations and Security Studies***. Part of the confirmation stage also takes place on the admission platform. On the last day of confirmation, the platform will be active until 14:00.
- **July 28, 2026: Posting of results for the July session**
- **September 28, 2026: enrollment** of admitted candidates

September 2026 PhD admission session:

- **10 July 2026 (deadline): submission to the Institute for Doctoral Studies** of documents for the recognition of previous studies carried out in the EU (if applicable)
- **September 7 – 9, 2026: online registration of candidates** for the admission contest to the Doctoral School ***of International Relations and Security Studies***. On September 9, 2026, the platform will be open until 14:00 (Platform access <https://admitere.ubbcluj.ro/>).
- **September 10, 2026: conducting the tests** of the admission competition and submitting any appeals.
- **September 15 – 16, 2026: confirmation of the physical occupation of the places** at the Doctoral School ***of International Relations and Security Studies***. Part of the confirmation stage also takes place on the admission platform. On the last day of confirmation, the platform will be active until 14:00.
- **September 17 – 21, 2026: swipes, confirmations after swipes**, at the Doctoral School ***of International Relations and Security Studies*** and on the admission platform, for both admission sessions.
- **22 September 2026: Posting of interim results**
- **September 23, 2026: Posting of final results**
- **September 28, 2026: enrollment** of admitted candidates

Admission calendar for doctoral studies session 2026 for candidates – non-EU foreign citizens (from countries other than those of the EU, EEA, UK and CH) with the payment of study fees in foreign currency

- **April 1 – June 15, 2026: Pre-registration period** by submitting documents for verification and validation in the dedicated platform of

Institute for Doctoral Studies (<https://preregistration.doctorat.ubbcluj.ro/>). Candidates whose files have been validated will receive a confirmation by email. Candidates whose files have been validated and received confirmation will send the original legalized and apostilled documents by courier to ISD by July **1, 2026**. The submission of the original legalized documents, by the mentioned date, is a mandatory condition for participation in the admission.

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- **July 28, 2026: posting of the results for the July session**

September 2026 doctoral admission session:

- **September 7 – 9, 2026: online registration of candidates** for the admission contest to the Doctoral School **of *International Relations and Security Studies***. On September 9, 2026, the platform will be open until 14:00 (Platform access <https://admitere.ubbcluj.ro/>).
- **September 10, 2026: conducting the tests** of the admission competition and submitting any appeals.
- **September 15 – 16, 2026: confirmation of the physical occupation of the places** at the Doctoral School **of *International Relations and Security Studies***. Part of the confirmation stage also takes place on the admission platform. On the last day of confirmation, the platform will be active until 14:00.
- **September 17 – 21, 2026: swipes, confirmations after swipes**, at the Doctoral School **of *International Relations and Security Studies*** and on the admission platform, for both admission sessions.

- **23 September 2026**, posting of the final results for the July and September 2026 sessions

(2) **The online registration** of candidates, between **July 13–17/September 7–9, 2026**, was done by uploading and correctly submitting all the necessary documents on the admission platform. Candidates are responsible for correctly uploading/submitted documents as specified. Candidates assume responsibility for the authenticity and correspondence between the digital/scanned documents and the original ones to be submitted to the candidate's file through the signed written declaration, during the confirmation period. The documents required for registration are:

- Registration form (the completed registration form will be generated by entering the data by the candidate on the online registration platform <https://admitere.ubbcluj.ro> during the admission period). In order to generate the registration form, it is necessary to enter on the online registration platform the personal identification data according to the identity card (identity card or passport), birth certificate and/or marriage certificate, if applicable, the name of the doctoral supervisor offering the place offered for the competition and other information regarding the admission options. The registration form will be accompanied by an annex also generated by the platform.
- Application form (which also contains the declaration of ethnicity) according to the model on the website of the Institute for Doctoral Studies – **only for candidates who opt for the places reserved for the Roma ethnicity**
- Curriculum Vitae in Europass format
- List of scientific papers (if applicable)
- Baccalaureate diploma
- Bachelor's degree/graduation diploma and supplement to the bachelor's degree/transcript at bachelor's level or its equivalent diploma
- Master's degree/in-depth studies and supplement to master's degree/transcript. Candidates who passed the dissertation exam in the sessions of the 2025-2026 academic year may submit at the time of registration, instead of the master's degree, the certificate issued by the educational institution, which mentions the general average, the averages obtained in the years of study, the credits obtained, the term of validity and the fact that the diploma was not issued. Studies conducted in

abroad are proven with certificates of equivalence (both for bachelor's and master's studies), issued by the National Center for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED) within the Ministry of Education. The cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired, according to the diplomas recognized by CNRED, must be at least 300. In the case of CNRED certificates issued with an electronic signature, the electronic version of this document will be submitted.

- Birth certificate
- Marriage certificate (only in case of change of birth name by marriage)
- Administrative document changing the name (if applicable).
- Identity card/ID card or passport for citizens outside the country
- Proof of payment of the fee for the admission contest (registration and processing, if payment is not made on the admission platform)
- Doctoral research project/proposal
(see guide <https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/RISS/regulamente.html>) - Certificate of linguistic competence in an international language valid on the date of the entrance exam, if applicable (according to Annex 1 of the *Methodology for admission to doctoral studies at Babeş – Bolyai University, for the academic year 2026/2027*).

(3) Admission to doctoral studies is based on a **competition** containing the following specific tests and criteria:

1. A specialized written test based on the topic proposed by the doctoral supervisor, which may include:
 - a) the relevance of the proposed research theme in the context of contemporary and interdisciplinary research;
 - b) presentation of the results of the candidate's previous research;
 - c) questions to verify the knowledge of the bibliography.
2. An interview in which the following will be analyzed:
 - a) the candidate's scientific concerns;
 - b) the candidate's research skills;

- c) the proposed topic for the doctoral thesis;
- d) the candidate's participation in scientific events, research projects and scholarships, publications, etc., proven by documents submitted by the candidate.
- e) the candidate's language skills (if needed)

In justified cases, with the approval of the CŞDF, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor, the admission tests can be held online.

If any of the candidates expresses to the future doctoral supervisor their intention to carry out at least one component of the doctoral studies in a foreign language, then that candidate will carry out at least one component of the competition in that language. This component will be eliminatory and will be graded with pass/fail.

Each element of the tests will be evaluated by the members of the commission with a grade between 10 and 1, the average of these marks representing the average obtained by the candidate in the admission competition. Candidates who have obtained at least an average of 7.00 will be declared admitted, in descending order of the averages obtained and within the limit of the places put out to competition. The average is calculated with two decimal places without rounding. Tie-breaking criteria in the case of equal results are the average from the master's degree and the average from the bachelor's degree.

The admission contest for each candidate will take place on a date between **July 20 and September 10, 2026** and will be announced on the ŞD-RISS website.

The admission results will be posted on the ŞD-RISS website and on the UBB (ISD) website. Any appeals to the written tests are submitted within 24 hours from the posting of the results, online, at ŞD-RISS. Appeals are resolved and displayed within a maximum of 24 hours from the end of the deadline for submitting appeals. That decision is final. Appeals for the oral tests are not admitted, nor appeals based on ignorance of the admission methodology

(4) For **the confirmation of the place between July 24-27, 2026/ September 15-16, 2026**, the candidates admitted to places financed by study grants will confirm the occupation of the places for enrollment, according to the provisions in force, online on the admission platform and physically, at the secretariat of the ŞD-RISS. The online confirmation of the occupancy of the place is done by uploading the signed study contract and following the instructions on the platform; the onsite or physical confirmation is made at the SD-RISS secretariat, by submitting the following documents:

1. The registration form generated in the dated platform, signed by the candidate. This document, generated by the platform, will be printed, dated and signed by the candidate. All the options regarding the occupancy of seats will be marked in order to be able to slide on unoccupied seats. The registration form will be accompanied by an annex generated by the platform that is delivered with the handwritten signature.
2. Application form (which also contains the declaration of ethnicity) according to the model on the website of the Institute for Doctoral Studies – **only for candidates who opt for the places reserved for the Roma ethnicity**. Candidates who opt for the places reserved for the Roma ethnicity will bring to the registration (in the file) a written document issued by a legal organization of the Roma (signed and stamped), which certifies their belonging to this ethnicity. The written document from a legally constituted Roma organization (regardless of the field of activity of the organization) must contain the mention that the candidate belongs to the Roma ethnicity and not the fact that he is a member of the organization in question.
3. Curriculum vitae in Europass format, signed and dated
4. List of published scientific papers (if applicable), signed and dated
5. Originals (for the "copy according to the original" by the secretary of the ŞDF) of the documents: baccalaureate diploma; diploma of completion of bachelor's studies (with the related annexes as the case may be: transcript or diploma supplement); certificate of linguistic competence (according to Annex 1 of *the Methodology for admission to doctoral studies at Babeş – Bolyai University, for the academic year 2026-2027*);
6. Master's degree or, as the case may be, equivalent bachelor's degree, in original. Candidates declared admitted to a budgeted place confirm the place by submitting the original diploma/diploma recognition document/certificate of the previously graduated university study cycle. Candidates who passed the dissertation exam during the academic year 2025-2026 will submit, for confirmation of occupancy, the original graduation certificate. The certificate is issued by the graduated educational institution; It mentions the general average, the averages obtained in the years of study, the validity period and the fact that the diploma was not issued. Candidates enrolled in the doctorate have the obligation to submit/replace the master's certificate on the date of expiry of its validity period, with the corresponding diploma, in original.
7. For candidates who have studies abroad, the Certificate/Certificate of recognition/equivalence of studies by CNRED will be sent/submitted in original.

The studies carried out abroad are proven by a certificate of their equivalence, issued by the National Center for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED), attached to the relevant Ministry.

8. The study contract (in 4 copies) with the signatures of the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor.
9. The plan of doctoral studies (in 4 copies) completed and signed by the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor. This document is edited on your computer according to the instructions on the form. It will be prepared together with the doctoral supervisor using the offer of *Doctoral Schools Courses 2026-2027*, which will be published on the page: <https://doctorat.ubbcluj.ro/ro/scolile-doctorale/>, according to the indications provided by the secretary of the Doctoral School **of *International Relations and Security Studies***.
10. Birth certificate;
11. Marriage certificate (only in case of change of birth name by marriage);
12. Administrative document changing the name (if applicable).
13. The document (receipt, payment order, money order) proving the payment of the fee for the admission competition, if the payment was not made through the admission platform
14. Research project signed
15. The candidates declared admitted to budgeted places with a scholarship will submit to the ŞD-RISS secretariat, at the time of confirmation of the place, a document issued by the bank containing the IBAN of the current account in the name of the candidate.
16. The candidates admitted on fee-paying places, listed as enrollable, will confirm the occupation of the place according to the procedure described above, with the mention that they will upload to the platform, at online confirmation, and will submit to the doctoral school, upon onsite confirmation, the receipt proving the payment of the tuition fee for at least the first installment. The study fee is paid online or at the cashier of the faculty to which the doctoral supervisor belongs.
17. ŞD-RISS recommends submitting an ID photo, both in physical and digital format, by sending it by email to the secretary of ŞD-RISS

If, for good reasons, proven by medical certificates or other official documents (death certificates, consular documents, court documents) a candidate

he cannot attend the admission competition, he can request the refund of the admission fee paid at the time of registration. The request will be made by submitting/transmitting to the cashier of the faculty to which the doctoral school is assigned the following documents: request for refund of the admission fee specifying the reasons for non-participation in the competition, in free format; documents proving the justified impossibility of participating in the competition (medical certificates, death certificates, consular documents, court documents); copy of ID/passport; copy of the IBAN account in the candidate's name. The file processing fee is not refunded. The candidate's file has already been processed by the commission, regardless of his presentation at the exam. Failure to complete the registration/confirmation in the admission platform or the onsite confirmation, due to the candidate's fault, does not constitute grounds for requesting a refund of the admission and processing fees.

(5) For **enrollment** in the first year of doctoral studies, the secretary of ŞD-RISS will submit for all candidates who have confirmed the occupation (according to the final admission lists) the complete admission files of the candidates based on a centralizer/report, in two copies – one for each party, assumed by the secretary of ŞD-RISS, respectively the secretary of ISD.

(6) During the entire admission period, the members of the Doctoral School **of International Relations and Security Studies** assume all the responsibilities specified in *the Operating Regulations of the Doctoral School of International Relations and Security Studies, the Methodology for admission to doctoral studies in Babeş-Bolyai University for the academic year 2026-2027* and *Regulations for the organization and conduct of doctoral studies in Babeş-Bolyai University* together with the following additional responsibilities:

a. Secretary of the ŞD-RISS

- check candidates' files and notify candidates in case of irregularities

- to provide candidates with information regarding the conduct of the admission

- to facilitate the organization of the admission contest - to facilitate the display of information on the ŞD-RISS website

b. Members of the Council of the Doctoral School **of International Relations and Security Studies**

- to ensure the proper organization of the admission contest and the observance of

all legal provisions c. Director of the Doctoral School **of International Relations and Security Studies**

- to ensure the smooth running of the admission competition, in the sense of compliance with the norms of quality, university ethics and the legislation in force.

All information related to admission will be available on the website of *the Doctoral School of **International Relations and Security Studies***, in the *Admission to the Doctoral School section*

: <https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/doctorat/RISS.html>