

BEFORE APPLYING IN THE EDUCATIONAL DEGREE DOCTOR (PhD) ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED THEIR MASTER DEGREE DIPLOMAS OUTSIDE BULGARIA, ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A PRIOR PROCEDURE WHEREBY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ART (NAA) ACKNOWLEDGES ACQUIRED EDUCATION DEGREE.

FOR THE **PRIOR PROCEDURE** CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO SEND TO NAA AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. DIPLOMA FOR MASTER DEGREE, TRANSLATED IN BULGARIAN AND LEGALIZED AND TRANSCRIPT (ACADEMIC RECORD) THERETO, CONTAINING ALL THE SUBJECTS STUDIED, WITH DURATION, HORARIUM AND ACQUIRED CREDITS (IF AVAILABLE).
2. APPLICATION TO THE RECTOR AS FREE TEXT EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS THEIR MASTER DEGREE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY NAA IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION FOR DOCTOR DEGREE AT THE ACADEMY.

#### PHD FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS OF NON EU MEMBER STATES

CANDIDATES FROM COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE EU, APPLY FOR ONE YEAR TRAINING VISA PERMIT TYPE "D" AFTER THEY HAVE UNDERGONE PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND HAVING THEIR DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION APPROVED.

THE BEGINNING OF PHD MATCHES THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, OR SECOND SEMESTER - DEPENDENT ON OBTAINING A VISA. THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR PHD MATCHES THE CALENDAR YEAR.

#### TYPES OF PHD

**REGULAR** - 3 YEARS DURATION WITH **EURO 3500** ANNUAL FEE. NO ENTRANCE EXAMS. KNOWLEDGE OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE IS COMPULSORY (CERTIFIED WITH DOCUMENT OR EXAMINATION). IF THE CANDIDATE DOES NOT SPEAK BULGARIAN LANGUAGE, ONE YEAR TRAINING IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE IS REQUIRED IN NAA WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND CLASSES IN ALL INTERESTED DOCTORAL SUBJECTS. FEE -2000 EURO.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED:

1. APPLICATION TO THE RECTOR (FREE TEXT CONCERNING AREAS /SPECIALTIES/ OF INTEREST AND APPLICATION FOR THE TYPE OF LEARNING.
2. CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)
3. PORTFOLIO OF WORKS IN THE RESPECTIVE AREA.

**IN ABSENTIA (Part-time).** 4 YEARS DURATION AND ANNUAL FEE **EURO 2000**. KNOWLEDGE OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE IS COMPULSORY (CERTIFIED WITH DOCUMENT OR EXAMINATION). IF THE CANDIDATE DOES NOT SPEAK BULGARIAN LANGUAGE, ONE YEAR TRAINING IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE IS REQUIRED IN NAA WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND CLASSES IN ALL INTERESTED DOCTORAL SUBJECTS. FEE -2000 EURO.

CANDIDATES SHALL SUBMIT TO NAA THE SAME DOCUMENTS AS FOR REGULAR PHD STUDENTS.

**FREE.** IT HAS UP TO 3 YEARS DURATION. THIS FORM OF DOCTORATE IS PROVIDED FOR FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN THEIR DOCTOR'S THESIS (OR MOST OF IT) WITHOUT SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION.

THE DISSERTATION TO BE PRESENTED IN NAA IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE FOR DISCUSSION OF CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE ALMOST COMPLETED. IF THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENT DECIDE THAT THE WORK HAS THE NECESSARY QUALITIES, CANDIDATE SHALL BE GIVEN DOCTORATE. FEES ARE AS FOR PART-TIME PHD (2000 EURO), STUDENTS ARE EXAMINED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL PLAN. IF FUTURE PHDS HAVE NO COMMAND OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE THEY MAY HOLD PHD (ALL EXAMS) SUPPORTED BY TRANSLATORS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. DISSERTATION MUST BE FINALLY EDITED BY A CERTIFIED TRANSLATOR. THE DEFENSE OF THESIS IS ALSO CONDUCTED WITH AN INTERPRETER, THE COST BEING MET BY THE DOCTORAL STUDENT. TO AVOID TRANSLATION OF ALL STAGES OF THE PROCESS CANDIDATES CAN ATTEND CLASSES AT THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE FOR ONE YEAR - FEE: 2000 EURO.

#### **FOREIGN CANDIDATES CITIZENS OF EU MEMBER STATES**

CANDIDATES OF COUNTRIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF EU **SIT FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PH.D. BULGARIANS, ANNOUNCED BY THE NAA, FULFILLING ALL CONDITIONS / TERMS, DOCUMENTS / AND PAY STATE FEE FOR BULGARIAN POSTGRADUATES. IF FOREIGN APPLICANTS DO NOT QUALIFY AT THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT THEIR DOCUMENTS FOR PAID PHD FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS.**