



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA
FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND PUBLICATION BRANCH



**CRITERIA THAT THE CANDIDATE MUST MEET TO BE ADMITTED TO THE
DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

- a) The candidate must hold an academic position at a higher education institution or be employed as research staff in a basic or applied research institution.
- b) The candidate must have completed higher education and hold a second-cycle degree: **“Master of Science” / “Master of Arts”**, an integrated second-cycle diploma, or a diploma under the previous system, or an equivalent academic degree obtained abroad and recognized by the competent authorities. These studies must have been completed in the fields of linguistic, didactic, and literary sciences, or in related humanities disciplines corresponding to the doctoral program. If the candidate has not completed studies at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, they will, on a case-by-case basis and in cooperation with the supervisor, complete the required theoretical and research training and carry out specific activities on research methodology.
- c) The candidate must have the following overall grade point average (GPA):
- Not less than **8.00 (eight)** in the first- and second-cycle studies combined;
 - Not less than **8.00 (eight)** in an integrated second-cycle diploma (DIND);
 - Or an equivalent GPA for studies completed abroad.
- d) The candidate must have proficiency in at least one foreign language: English, French, Italian, German, or Spanish, in accordance with the levels specified in point 3 of Instruction No. 52, dated 03.12.2015, *“On the determination of foreign language levels and international tests for admission to second- and third-cycle study programs in higher education institutions”*, as amended by Instruction No. 10, dated 16.06.2023. If the candidate has obtained a degree in a study program conducted in one of these languages, the degree serves as proof of meeting this criterion.
- e) The candidate must provide two recommendations from persons holding the academic title of **“Associate Professor”** or **“Professor”**, who are familiar with the candidate’s academic and professional abilities.
- f) The candidate must not have been subject to disciplinary measures, nor found in violation of research ethics, intellectual property rights, or anti-plagiarism regulations, and must provide a self-declaration to this effect.