

University of Zagreb

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

announces

**CALL FOR APPLICANTS**  
**for enrolment in the Postgraduate University Doctoral Study Programme**  
***Architecture and Urban Planning,***

for achieving the academic degree doctor of science  
in the field of technical sciences, scientific field architecture and urban planning  
in the academic year 2024/2025

The vision of the Doctoral scientific study *Architecture and urban planning* is to promote the high level of research and critical addressing of the problems faced in contemporary challenges in design and planning. The objectives of the postgraduate study are: to encourage advanced scientific, research, educational and professional approaches which will improve scientific-research methods and contemporary insight in the field of architectural design, urban planning and spatial planning; to encourage scientific work and training of candidates to become able to work independently at the higher-education and research institutions; education of experts who will be able to independently research and improve different aspects of architectural discipline and develop architectural and urban planning ideas and programmes that are complex in terms of concept and spatiality-functionality, correlated to the contemporary social achievements and needs.

Using intense seminar methods, interactive workshops and encouraging mentoring, we try to articulate specific research areas as a contribution to the contemporary discourse in the area of architecture and urban planning. We encourage individual research based on understanding of complex influences within a wider area of built and unbuilt environment. We believe that the knowledge stemming from such research process represents the foundation for formation of our society in the future. In our wish to affirm and cultivate international perspective, during the course of the studies we focus on the four characteristic areas important for architecture and urban planning: heritage, living spaces, cities and environment.

Doctoral scientific study lasts for six (6) semesters. Educational forms are distributed by semester in the following way: Intense seminar as critical dislocation (I semester); Research workshop (II semester); Methodological workshop with potential mentors (III semester); Mentorship for achieving the structure of the thesis (IV semester); Mentorship for the development of the thesis (V semester), Mentorship for the elaboration of the thesis (VI semester). Upon defence of his or her doctoral thesis, the candidate achieves the academic title **Doctor of Philosophy in the scientific area of technical sciences, scientific field of architecture and urban planning.**

### **1. Who can apply**

Applicants who have completed:

- university graduate study, technical field of architecture and urban planning (at least 120 ECTS)
- university integrated undergraduate and graduate studies, technical field of architecture and urban planning (at least 300 ECTS)
- university specialist studies, technical field of architecture and urban planning (at least 60 ECTS)

Applicants who have completed university graduate studies, university integrated undergraduate and graduate studies, and specialist studies in another scientific or artistic area and field can also apply if their scientific and research interest is directed towards the field of architecture and urban planning, as evidenced by the previous work and results. The Council of postgraduate doctoral studies reserves the right to determine the obligation for the aforementioned persons to take supplemental exams that test their knowledge of architecture and urban planning, which is a prerequisite to attend lectures at this postgraduate study, and the contents and mandatory reading for the exam are defined by the Council of postgraduate doctoral studies in accordance with the study programme of the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Zagreb.

In this generation, classes are conducted in Croatian, but all applicants should have an active knowledge of English. Mentoring in English is possible. Certain sessions are possible as a field course outside the city of Zagreb.

## **2. Application materials**

Application consists of:

### **2.1. Application form**

Application form is available through the internet page [www.arhitekt.hr](http://www.arhitekt.hr). It has to be printed out, filled in and signed. By his or her signature, the applicant confirms that information is correct, especially the part pertaining to the way of covering the costs of tuition fees and the statement about the foreign languages the applicant speaks.

### **2.2. Citizenship certificate**

Citizens of the Republic of Croatia submit the copy of citizenship certificate, while foreign citizens submit the appropriate citizenship certificate.

### **2.3. Curriculum Vitae**

Curriculum Vitae should be a clearly and chronologically ordered document, so that the following is visible: flow of applicant's former education and work experiences, academic and professional achievements etc. Recommended extent of the curriculum vitae is two (2) pages of A4 format.

### **2.4. Proof of completed studies**

Diploma represents the proof of completed university or (under)graduate study. The applicant submits certified copy of the diploma of the completed study (or studies). In the application process, foreign citizens also submit certified copies of the original diplomas.

### **2.5. Certified transcript of the grades achieved at the previous study**

Applicants have to submit the transcript of all of the grades achieved at an earlier study (or studies), with the calculation of the average grade not lower than 3,5. The transcript has to be original, certified with a stamp and signature of the responsible person of the institution which issued the transcript.

### **2.6. Two recommendation letters**

Letter of recommendation is submitted in a separate closed envelope, certified with a signature of the referee across the flap on the back of the envelope. The applicant has to submit two (2) recommendation letters. At least one referee should be a doctor of science. In the specific case when one of the referees is the future mentor of the candidate, the third recommendation letter is required. For one of the two main recommendation letters it is preferable (but not required) that it has been issued by the lecturer who had been the student's mentor for his or her diploma thesis. The referees can be university lecturers, scientists, renowned professionals, employers

etc. The recommendation letter has to, among other things, state how long and in which capacity has the referee known the applicant, assess his or her previous work, capabilities and achievements, assess the predispositions for scientific-research work and attendance of doctoral study. The letter of recommendation can also be in English.

### **2.7. Description of the scientific-research interest**

The description of the scientific-research interest is a structured text of a maximum of 1000 words. The text has to describe precisely and concisely the area of scientific-research interest, i.e. the problem area which the candidate plans to deal with during the course of the study. It is preferable that the description of the scientific-research interest also indicates the approximate theme of the future doctoral thesis, and that it states if the applicant has any works and current research on the topic.

### **2.8. Selection of professional works**

A selection of professional works is a portfolio presenting selected projects and/or realizations. It can only be of A4 format, with a maximum of 20 sheets. The selection of professional works is a mandatory appendix for the candidates who have completed the higher-education study of architecture. The candidates of other professions can represent their professional work in an appropriate way, if possible, or join it with appendix 2.9. (list of published papers).

### **2.9. List of published papers**

The list of published papers is a bibliography of published scientific and/or professional papers of the applicant, presented in accordance with standard bibliographical conventions. The list of published papers is not a mandatory appendix (if the candidate has not published written works up to now).

## **3. Due dates**

- 3.1. Application** for the doctoral study with all of the appendices has to be submitted as a single package **before Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, in person or by post, to the following address:

The Faculty of Architecture of the University of Zagreb,  
Hondlova 2/1, HR – 10000 Zagreb

with annotation “Application for the Doctoral Study Architecture and Urban Planning”

## **4. Information for foreign citizens**

Applications of foreign citizens are evaluated under the same terms and criteria as the applications of the citizens of the Republic of Croatia. The documents submitted by foreign citizens need to be in the original form or in certified copies (depending on the document, please refer to the section on appendices). If necessary, foreign citizens have to submit certified Croatian translation of the appropriate documents (diploma, transcript of grades).

After receiving the notification of acceptance in the doctoral study programme, the persons who completed their studies abroad have to have their higher-education qualifications accredited. The process should not be initiated before the candidate receives the confirmation of acceptance in the doctoral study programme.

## **5. The selection process and criteria**

The Council of postgraduate doctoral studies will consider all complete and timely received qualified applications and will conduct interviews before the selection of candidates. During the selection process, the Council will demonstrate high regard for total academic and scientific success of the applicant, the results he or she has achieved, and his or her scientific-research potential, relevance of the expressed scientific-research interest and opinions of the referees.

The Council of postgraduate doctoral studies independently and collectively decides on the selection of candidates. The Council reserves the right not to admit a candidate, without providing additional explanations, for whom they decide that he or she does not fulfil the academic standards of this study programme, that he or she has not demonstrated the appropriate level of excellence, motivation and/or scientific-research potential, or the candidate for whom they cannot provide the appropriate study programme or advisor/mentor with regard to proposed thematic area.

Applications which are not in line with these instructions will not be considered.

## **6. Tuition fee**

The tuition fee is 2.900,00 euro for the first semester, 2.200,00 euro per semester for the second and third semesters, and 1.450,00 euro per semester for the fourth, fifth and sixth semesters. This price includes the price of the defence of doctoral thesis. The tuition fee is the same for Croatian and foreign citizens. The tuition fee should be paid when enrolling each semester to the giro account of the Faculty of Architecture, account number: 2360000-1101225521, stating "Doctoral study Architecture and urban planning".

## **7. Additional information**

Interviews with the applicants will take place during September 2024, as per upcoming invitation and schedule. Education is expected to start in winter semester of the academic year 2024/2025. Expected schedule is as follows: October 23-26, 2024; November 21-23, 2024; December 12-14, 2024; and January 23-25, 2025.

For further information please contact Aleksandar Višek, student support consultant, phone: +385 (0)1 4639-287 or email: [avisek@arhitekt.hr](mailto:avisek@arhitekt.hr), or consult the web pages of the study: [www.arhitekt.hr](http://www.arhitekt.hr).

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