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ADMISSIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

The Faculty of Education of the Catholic University of Ružomberok has the right to conduct doctoral studies, to defend dissertations and to award the academic degree of PhD. in the study programme:

in the field of study 33. Social Work

Form of study

Planned number of accepted applicants

- **Social work (studies in English)**

full-time/part time

1/2

Standard length of study: full-time 3 years / part-time 4 years

Degree awarded: philosophiae doctor (PhD.)

Application deadline for doctoral studies: until 29.05.2026.

The interviews will take place from 15.06.2026 to 30.06.2026.

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<http://pf.ku.sk>

Provision of the admission procedure:

Electronic application form:

Sum:	40,- €
IBAN, variable and specific symbol:	The payment order will be generated by the KU electronic application: https://e-prihlaska.ku.sk/ais/eprihlas/#!/home

The electronic application will only become valid after the hard copy of the application form has been sent, together with all the supporting documents as specified in the admissions guidelines.

Foreign payment transactions:

Name of the intermediary bank: ŠTATNA POKLADNICA, Radlinského 32, 810 05 Bratislava 15

IBAN: SK86 8180 0000 0070 0022 4305

BIC: SPSRSKBA

Payee:

Catholic University of Ružomberok,
Faculty of Education, Hraboveká cesta 1A,
034 01 Ružomberok

Annual tuition fees according to the valid Rector's Directive on the amount of tuition fees and fees related to studying at the Catholic University in Ružomberok.

According to the Higher Education Act, full-time doctoral students are entitled to a stipend in the amount of salary grades 6 (before the dissertation examination) and 7 (after the dissertation examination) of the special scale for universities and research organisations. These rates apply from 1 January 2026: EUR 1174,5 and EUR 1367,5 for 1 month - they are paid monthly.

Admission requirements:

- Completion of master's degree,
- Completion of the same or a related master's degree programme (definition of related fields of study: (<https://www.portalvs.sk/sk/studijne-odbory/zobrazit/socialna-praca>),
- A commitment to respect the Catholic spirit of the university and faculty,
- Active participation in the interview (physical or online form),
- Successful completion of an entrance examination focused on professional communication, verification of skills, study competences and knowledge in the field of study,
- defending the dissertation project proposal, which includes justification for the choice of the topic, aim, methods and expected outcomes,
- pass a written test in English at least at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The admissions process:**Study programme: Social Work**

1. Assessment of admission requirements.

2. Interview.

The content of the admission interview consists of the determination of the applicant's prerequisites for independent scientific work in the field of social work, which is demonstrated by an adequately prepared dissertation project proposal in the following structure:

- Justification for the choice of the research topic
- Current state of research reality on the topic
- Proposals of the main objectives of the dissertation
- Dissertation research methodology proposal
- Expected outcomes of the dissertation applicable within the discipline of social work

The aim of the dissertation project proposal is to demonstrate the candidate's general study competencies and orientation in the field of Social Work.

The interview is conducted in English. The admission procedure will include a written test in English, which the applicant must pass at least at B2 level.

Other possible prerequisites that may be taken into account for a candidate for doctoral studies in the Social Work study programme are: publishing activity, teaching practice, participation in a national or international project, study stays abroad, placement in faculty and national competitions of the Social Work School, praise of the Rector and/or praise of the Dean for the Master's thesis or excellent results during the study, successful participation in competitions related to the relevant study programme.

The ranking of candidates will be based on the following rules:

If a greater number of applicants meet the admission requirements for a given study programme, those applicants who demonstrate the highest level of ability to study according to the admission requirements will be admitted.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE:

If an applicant is applying for more than one programme of study, he/she must apply for each programme separately.

The application must be accompanied by:

- a signed CV in which the applicant gives details of previous employment or current employment, educational qualifications, including merits, and achievements in an interest-related activity related to the study programme for which the applicant is applying,
- a certified copy of a level II university diploma (master's degree),
- a certified copy of the state examination certificate of level II,
- a certified copy of the diploma supplement,
- evidence of language tests (if you have passed them),

- in the case of applicants who have obtained their second-level higher education abroad, a decision on the recognition of the foreign document of education for academic purposes,
- a dissertation project proposal that includes: the rationale for the choice of the topic, the aim, the methods, a brief description of the state of research on the topic, and the basic research questions,
- a list of published articles or a list of the results of other professional activities, or reviews of those works and activities,
- proof of payment of the fee, which must be affixed to page 3 of the application form. Without proof of payment, the application will not be registered. The admission fee is non-refundable.

Confirmation of the registration of the application and information on the further process in the admission procedure will be sent to applicants in written or electronic form.

Applicants who require specific conditions for health reasons shall inform the faculty in writing when submitting their application.

Candidates who have completed a second cycle of higher education at a foreign university will apply:

- a decision on recognition of a document of education for academic purposes issued by a foreign university (more information on the website of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic: <https://www.minedu.sk/> in the section Recognition of documents of education).

An applicant from abroad or an applicant who has completed the second cycle of higher education at a foreign university shall submit a decision on the recognition of a document of education for academic purposes. This document is a prerequisite for admission to higher education pursuant to Section 56(3) and shall be submitted together with the application form and other documents required for the admission procedure.

Information for applicants who have completed a second cycle of higher education at a foreign university: <https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/navigator/8>

University coordinator for students with special needs and coordinator for counseling activities:

Mgr. Lenka Horváthová, CU Counselling Centre, Hrbovská cesta 1A, 034 01 Ružomberok.

Students with special needs are advised to contact the CU Counselling Centre (poradna@ku.sk) in order to obtain qualified information about the demands and conditions of study well in advance of applying for university studies.

Graduate employment

The graduate profile and other information about the study programme is available at:

<https://www.ku.sk/fakulty-katolickej-univerzity/pedagogicka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-socialnej-prace/studium/studijne-programy/phd-socialna-praca-denna-forma.html> .

Approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Education of the Catholic University of Ružomberok
10.02.2026

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