

Ilia State University
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Medicine
Doctoral program –
 Oral exam form of the doctoral program

(for the faculty administration)

Form Number _____

Member (s) of the sectoral committee (name, last name) _____

(1) Doctoral candidate name and last name _____

(2) Title of the doctoral research application _____

(for the members of the sectoral committee)

The doctoral candidate's oral exam is graded by two main components - discussion and presentation.

- **Presentation** - Candidates must submit a ten-minute PP-presentation of their PhD research application during the oral exam. When evaluating a presentation, its consistency and focus will be taken into account.
- **Discussion** - A discussion will be held after the presentation of the doctoral research application. The discussion will focus on the research topic / problem, the literature review, the purpose of the study, the research question / s, the scientific hypothesis, the methodology, the expected outcomes of the study and its impact. The discussion will assess the doctoral candidate's ability to answer the questions of sectoral committee members competently, reasonably and consistently.
- **Field knowledge** - the knowledge of the applicant required for the doctoral research planned by him / her will be assessed. Issues are determined on the basis of an individual research application.
- **Work experience** - Candidate's Resume (CV), letter of recommendation will be regarded: focus on the applicant's achievements, experience in the field of healthcare; Adequate analysis and self-assessment of the work process.
- **Motivation** - The applicant must substantiate the need for doctoral research for his / her professional development, prospects / opportunities for its use and analyze the contribution that the planned research will make to the development of the field. He must also set his own expectations for the doctoral program.

Each component of a doctoral research application is evaluated with a five-point rating scale. Points on the rating scale range from highest (5 points - very good) to lowest (0 points - unacceptable). The total score of the oral exam will be calculated by the average arithmetic score obtained in each component. Maximum total score of oral exam is 5 and minimum threshold is 3.

(3) Assessment matrix of the doctoral program oral exam

	5	4	3	2	1	0
Presentation						
Discussion						
Field knowledge						
Work experience						
Motivation						
Total average points:						

(4) Name (s) last name (s) of the field-specific committee member (s) _____

(5) Signature _____

(6) Date _____