

APPROVED
by Resolution No. 15600-KT-48
of the Doctoral Committee of the Field of Chemistry
of 8 February 2024

PROCEDURE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF GENERAL COMPETENCIES CREDITS

According to Clause 45 of the Doctoral Regulations of Vilnius University, approved by the Senate on 17 October 2023 (Resolution No. SPN-44), 3–5 ECTS credits from the doctoral student's work plan must be allocated to the development of general competences (e.g., project proposal writing, academic writing, research ethics, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, communication skills, etc.). Credits may be awarded for participation in activities or events that enhance general competencies – such as international summer or winter schools for doctoral students, or other relevant activities in Lithuania or abroad – as long as they are not directly related to the doctoral dissertation topic.

Training sessions organized by the VU Research and Innovation Department are published on the official Vilnius University website. Certificates for these sessions are issued annually (covering both autumn and spring semesters) by September. A single certificate includes all the training attended in the previous academic year. These certificates are electronic, signed, and registered in the *Avilys Document Management System* and sent by email to the doctoral student.

Doctoral students may also participate in general competence development activities outside of Vilnius University, such as at the Center for Physical Sciences and Technology (FTMC), or at other institutions in Lithuania or abroad.

Activities that focus solely on developing subject-specific knowledge – such as scientific conferences, lectures, seminars, internships, or the presentation of research findings – are not recognized as general competence activities.

The decision to recognize additional credits is made by the Doctoral Studies Committee in the Field of Chemistry at Vilnius University and the Center for Physical Sciences and Technology.

Doctoral students who have accumulated 3 or more ECTS credits for general competences must submit by email to the Doctoral Committee a formal request for the recognition of credits (Appendix No. 1), a completed table describing the general competence-related activities (Appendix No. 2), and copies of supporting documents (certificates, letters, etc.) confirming participation in activities aimed at developing general competences. All certificates must be combined into a single PDF file.

Final-year doctoral students must submit this documentation at least 1 month before completing their doctoral studies.

ECTS credits for general competences for doctoral students in the field of chemistry are awarded for the following activities:

1. Participation in general competence development activities/trainings organized by VU or other institutions (if ECTS credits are specified).
2. Completion of the doctoral course “Academic Writing” (3 ECTS).
3. Unpaid pedagogical internship (1 ECTS = 25–30 academic hours).
4. Participation in the international doctoral school-conference “Advanced Materials and Technologies” (1 ECTS).
5. Conference organization (1 ECTS; student must be part of the organizing committee).
6. Science communication activities (e.g., popular science article, participation in one podcast, TV or radio programme – 0.5 ECTS).
7. Foreign language training (incl. Lithuanian for international students, based on ECTS listed in certificate).
8. Other approved activities with Doctoral Committee approval.

**NAME AND SURNAME
DOCTORAL STUDENT OF THE FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY AND GEOSCIENCES OF
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

To the Doctoral Committee in the Field of Chemistry

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL COMPETENCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES CREDITS**

20XX-XX-XX

Vilnius

I would like to request approval of general competence skills development activities credits:

1. Name of activity – X ECTS;
2. Name of activity – X ECTS;

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ATTACHED:

1. Table of general competence skills development activities;
2. Documents confirming participation in general competence skills development activities.

(signature)

**VILNIAUS UNIVERSITETAS /
FIZINIŲ IR TECHNOLOGIJOS MOKSLŲ CENTRAS**

Fakultetas/institutas/skyrius: (Faculty / Institute / Division)	
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Doktoranto vardas, pavardė: (Name and surname of the doctoral student)	
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**BENDRUOSIUS GEBĖJIMUS STIPRINANČIOS VEIKLOS
(General competence skills development activities)**

Dalyko pavadinimas (Name of subject)		Data (Date)	Programos trukmė ak. val. (Program duration, acad. hrs.)	Programos apimtis kreditais ECTS (credits)	Trumpas turinio aprašas (Short description of the content)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					