**Requirements for Research Projects**

1. The Project to be submitted for admission to the PhD study programme is an original research paper that should demonstrate the candidate’s academic competencies, creativity, theoretical and methodological background, practical skills, and motivation. The Project should reflect the candidate’s previous experience in the chosen domain (if any).
2. The Project should describe the research problem that the candidate intends to address. Its relevance in a broader context, current state of investigation, the aim and objectives as well as strategies and methods how they are going to be dealt with should also be included.
3. The Project should be written in academic language (Lithuanian or English) and meet the general requirements set for research papers, such as academic integrity, originality, coherence and logical structuring of ideas, consistent in-text references to the sources and previous research as well as adequate academic style and a list of references.
4. The Project should comprise:

* **An introduction** discussing the relevance of the research topic and its innovative character, and why it would be important to investigate. The object, aim, and objectives of the research, hypotheses and claims to be defended may also be included.
* **Review of previous research**. The section should review previous research of the topic demonstrating intended contribution of the PhD thesis in the field of research.
* **Methodology**. The section discusses methods and procedure of the investigation, including the explication how the obtained data is going to be analysed and how its reliability is ensured.
* **Sources and References**. The section includes the sources and references used in writing the Project.

1. The text of the Project should be between 8,000 and 10,000 characters (with spaces and including references).
2. Page layout: line spacing 1.5, font size 12 pt, Times New Roman. Margins: 3 cm on the left, 1.5 cm on the right, 2 cm from the top and from the bottom.

**Research Project Assessment Criteria**

1. Presentation of the object of investigation, research problem, aims and objectives of research as well as their justification.
2. Justification of the relevance of the chosen topic in the context of broader philological and/or interdisciplinary research and its development.
3. The candidate’s ability to justify the research framework and his/her awareness of previous research in the field, also his/her ability to critically evaluate previous research.
4. Data correlating with the object of investigation, authenticity of the data and its adequate scope.
5. Adequacy of the selected methodology to achieving the aims and objectives of the PhD thesis.
6. Adequate language, style and register, grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.

**The assessment of the Project constitutes 50 % of the overall assessment**.

**Requirements for the Oral Presentation of the Research Project (interview)**

1. The object of investigation, the research problem, aims and objectives should be clearly spelt out, the methodology of research, its relevance in the context of philological and/or interdisciplinary research and development should be identifiable and explained.
2. The theoretical framework of research should be justified, its relationship with previous research in the chosen domain should be critically evaluated.
3. The language of the presentation (Lithuanian or English) should be academically adequate, the presentation should be logical and coherent.
4. The candidate should be able to adequately respond to the admission committee’s questions and provide arguments.

**Assessment Criteria of the Oral Presentation of the Research Project (interview)**

1. Justification of the object of investigation, the research problem, aims and objectives, data and methodology.
2. Justification of the relevance of the topic in philological and/or interdisciplinary research and its development.
3. Adequate description of the current state of investigation in the domain.
4. Ability to provide well-argued responses to the admission committee’s questions.
5. The language and style of the presentation.

**The assessment of the oral presentation (interview) constitutes 50 % of the overall assessment**.