

DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

PROTOCOL No. 17 of 03.02.2025

Regarding the Adoption of the Business Program of the University Specialized Eye Hospital, Varna for the Period 2025 – 2027

The Academic Council approved the business program of the University Specialized Eye Hospital, Varna for the period 2025 – 2027, presented by the hospital's manager in a letter with reference No. 010-44/13.01.2025.

Regarding the Clarification of the Employment Status of Faculty Members under Employment Contracts at MU-Varna and the Following Hospitals:

- St. Marina University Hospital, Varna
- St. Anna Hospital, Varna
- University Specialized Eye Hospital, Varna
- Prof. Dr. D. Stamatov Specialized Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Varna

Regarding the Election of the Head of the Sliven Branch of the Medical University of Varna

The Academic Council elects the Head of the Sliven Branch of the Medical University of Varna for a four-year term, from March 18, 2025, to March 17, 2029, inclusive.

Regarding the Reallocation of Unused Funds from the Second Stage of the National Program *Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows – 2* of the Ministry of Education and Science

The Academic Council approved the reallocation of unused funds to the Faculty of Medicine under the second stage of the National Program *Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows – 2* of the Ministry of Education and Science, for the needs of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Faculty of Pharmacy, and Faculty of Public Health.

Regarding the Approval of the Number of Doctoral Candidates and the Announcement of a Competitive Admission Process for Projects.

The Academic Council decided:

1. In connection with the implementation of activities and the doctoral programs and positions specified in the project application form, competitive admissions for full-time doctoral candidates shall be announced under project No. BG05SFPR001-3.004-0026, "Multidisciplinary Panel of Project-Based Doctoral Studies Focused on Health,

Biotechnology, and Blue Growth in the Black Sea Region," with the Medical University of Varna as the applicant:

CODE	Fields of Higher Education, Professional Fields, and Doctoral Programs	Full-Time Study
7	Healthcare and Sports	
7.1.	Medicine	
	Anatomy, Histology, and Cytology	2
	Gastroenterology	1
	Cardiology	1
	Pediatrics	1
	Pharmacology (including Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)	1
7.2.	Dental Medicine	
	Pediatric Dental Medicine	1
7.3.	Pharmacy	
	Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmacy	1
	Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmaceutical Regulation	1
	Hospital Pharmacy	2

2. Regarding the Announcement of Competitive Admissions for Full-Time Doctoral Candidates under a Partner Project

In connection with the implementation of activities and the doctoral programs and positions specified in the project application form, competitive admissions for full-time doctoral candidates shall be announced under partner project No. BG05SFPR001-3.004-0023, "Project-Based Doctoral Studies for the Development of Economically Applicable and Innovative Models for Scientific Research and Professional Development at Trakia University – Stara Zagora; Medical University – Varna; and Sofia University – Sofia (DRIIM TrU)," with Trakia University – Stara Zagora as the applicant.

CODE	Fields of Higher Education, Professional Fields, and Doctoral Programs	Full-Time Study
7	Healthcare and Sports	
7.4.	Public Health	
	Disaster Medicine	1

Regarding the approval of the Annual Publishing Plan for 2025:

The Academic Council approves the *Annual Publishing Plan for 2025*, in accordance with the Appendices to this decision.

Regarding amendments and additions to the *Regulations for Educational Activities at the Medical University of Varna*

The Academic Council decided to approve the following amendments and additions to the Regulations for Educational Activities at the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the approval of the number of students and doctoral candidates to be admitted for training at MU-Varna in the 2025/2026 academic year:

The Academic Council **decided to propose to the Minister of Education and Science** for approval by the Council of Ministers the number of students and doctoral candidates who will be admitted for training in the 2025/2026 academic year.

Regarding the approval of the Rules for Admission of Students (Bulgarian-language education) at MU-Varna for the 2025/2026 academic year:

The Academic Council adopts the Rules for Admission of Students (Bulgarian-language education) at the Medical University of Varna for the 2025/2026 academic year, according to Appendix 1 to the decision.

Regarding the participation of MU-Varna in the procedure "Support for Integrated Urban Development in 40 Urban Municipalities" – KIT:

The Academic Council decided that the Medical University of Varna, together with the Municipality of Varna – lead partner and other legal entities involved in the Partnership Agreement with reg. № DD-22/29.09.2023, would apply with a project proposal under the "Regional Development Program" 2021-2027, procedure BG16FFPR003-2.002 "Support for Integrated Urban Development in 40 Urban Municipalities" for the purchase of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner for the needs of the associated partner, St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

In accordance with Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 24, 2021, and the Guidelines for Application for Grant Aid under the "Regional Development Program" 2021-2027, the provision of grant funding under procedure BG16FFPR003-2.002 "Support for Integrated Urban Development in 40 Urban Municipalities" for the purchase of an MRI scanner for the needs of the associated partner St. Marina University Hospital, Varna should ensure compliance with sustainability and durability requirements for the investment within 5 years from the final payment.

Regarding the signing of an agreement for bilateral academic cooperation:

The Academic Council agrees to conclude an academic cooperation agreement between the Medical University of Varna and the Medical Center at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, for a term of 5 years.

Regarding the approval of academic documentation for the training of doctoral candidates and additional remuneration for instructors in the doctoral training program:

The Academic Council approves:

- 1. Group curriculum for the training of doctoral candidates** at the Medical University of Varna (Appendix 1).
- 2. Course syllabi for the disciplines** in the group curriculum for the training of doctoral candidates at the Medical University of Varna (Appendix 2):
 - 2.1. Course syllabus for the subject "Doctoral Training – Essence of the Procedure and Basic Regulatory Requirements";
 - 2.2. Course syllabus for the subject "Preparation of Dissertation Work";
 - 2.3. Course syllabus for the subject "Ethics of Scientific Research";
 - 2.4. Course syllabus for the subject "Statistical Methods in Health and Medical Research";
 - 2.5. Course syllabus for the subject "Academic Language and Professional Communication";
 - 2.6. Course syllabus for the subject "Scientific Writing in English";
 - 2.7. Course syllabus for the subject "Academic Ethics. Working with Scientific Literature";
 - 2.8. Course syllabus for the subject "Effective Communication in Science and Society."

Regarding the creation of the position "Lecturer in the specialty 'Computer Processing and Analysis of Medical Data'":

The Academic Council decided to create one full-time position for a "Lecturer in the specialty 'Computer Processing and Analysis of Medical Data'" at the Department of Medical Equipment, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Faculty of Public Health.

Regarding structural changes in the Faculty of Medicine:

The Academic Council of the Medical University of Varna amends its decision under Protocol No. 22 of 17.05.2021 and reinstates the Educational Sector "Forensic Medicine" within the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine, and Deontology, Faculty of Medicine, starting from 04.02.2025. The Educational Sector "Forensic Medicine" will include four members of the academic staff.

Regarding the announcement of competitions for academic positions: "Assistant," "Senior Assistant," "Associate Professor," and the establishment of the position "Lecturer in the specialty...": The Academic Council decided:

- To announce a competition for the academic position "Assistant" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty

"Forensic Medicine" – one, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine, and Deontology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University of Varna and a 0.5 full-time position for the Forensic Medicine Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

- To announce a competition for the academic position "Senior Assistant" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Oncology" – one, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Oncology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and a 1 full-time position for the Medical Oncology Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna. Requirements for candidates: at least 3 years of teaching experience, obtained Master's degree in "Medicine," obtained PhD in "Oncology."
- To announce a competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Oncology" – one, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Oncology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and a 1 full-time position for the Medical Oncology Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.
- To announce a competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Imaging Diagnostics" – one, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Imaging Diagnostics, Interventional Radiology, and MRI at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and a 1 full-time position for the Imaging Diagnostics Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.
- To establish the position of "Lecturer in the specialty 'Psychiatry'" – two, 0.5 full-time positions for the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna.
- To establish the position of "Lecturer in the specialty 'Cardiac Surgery'" – one, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the signing of civil contracts. The Academic Council decided to sign civil contracts with part-time teachers of Bulgarian as a foreign language – two for conducting 200 hours of exercises and 10 hours of exams for the courses "General Bulgarian Language A1-A2" and "General Bulgarian Language B1-B2" for the specialty "Medicine" (English language training) during the summer semester of the academic year 2024/2025.

Regarding the announcement of a competition. The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position "Senior Assistant" – 1 full-time position, specialty "Healthcare Management," field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.4. Public Health, Department of Health Care, Sliven Branch. Additional conditions for the competition: candidates must have a professional qualification of "Nurse."

Regarding the convening of a General Assembly of the Medical University of Varna. Based on **Article 21, paragraph 1, item 2, Article 28, paragraph 1** of the Higher Education Act, **Article 45, paragraph 1** of the Regulations of the Medical University of Varna, with 32 votes in favor, the Academic Council decided:

On 21.03.2025, at 13:00, a session of the General Assembly of Medical University of Varna will be held in the First Auditorium in the Rectorate Building of the University with the following agenda:

1. Report of the Rector for the period March 2024 - March 2025.
2. Presentation of the opinions of the Control Board regarding the execution of the budget for 2024 and the draft budget for 2025.
3. Report of the Control Board for its activities in 2024.
4. Annual report on the activities of the Academic Ombudsman.
5. Update on the composition of the Academic Council.

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Chairman of the Academic Council:

Prof. Dr. Dimitar Raykov, MD, Rector