

FACULTY OF LAW  
UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA  
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Pursuant to Article 26 of the Statute, in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 3 of the Regulations on Studies, the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka at its 125th Meeting held on 19 June 2013 and at the proposal of the Council for Doctoral Studies rendered the following

**DECISION  
on eligibility for a mentor at the Doctoral Study Programme of the Faculty of Law,  
University of Rijeka**

**Article 1**

(1) Mentor at the Doctoral Study Programme is eligible provided he or she is:

- a lecturer of the Faculty with a scientific-teaching title, including the title of Professor Emeritus in the scientific field of law or another scientific field relevant to law (e.g. political science, economics, sociology, philology), who is an internationally recognized researcher;
- a person who, based on the proposal of the Council of the Doctoral Study Programme has been offered a teaching position by the Faculty Council, and meets one of the following requirements:
  - a) is not a lecturer of the Faculty, but meets other requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article,
  - b) is a distinguished foreign professor or an expert pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4 of the Scientific Activity and Higher Education Act.

(2) An internationally recognized researcher is the researcher who in the last five years has published at least three scientific papers which are recognized in the election to scientific titles from the field of the Study Programme, i.e. from legal science or branch of another social science or humanities that is connected to legal science, and has actively participated (submitted scientific communication) in at least one international scientific conference.

**Article 2**

Minimum criteria for selection of mentors/co-mentors for humanities and social sciences (hereinafter: Minimum criteria), prescribed in Article 5 of the Regulations on Studies of the University of Rijeka, in force since 24 May 2013, are accepted with a five-year suspension period. They read as follows:

*“2.1. Scientific activity of mentors as authors in the last five years*

- five published scientific papers (including a paper in a journal indexed in databases CC/SCI/AHSC/SSCI/Scopus); or*
- authored book and two published scientific papers; or*
- at least one scientific paper in a journal with impact factor greater than 1.*

**2.2. Quality of scientific work of mentors**

- *Hirsch's h-index of at least 2 (according to the program "Publish or Perish", which analyses data collected by Google Scholar);*
- *at least three published scientific papers from the area of the proposed dissertation topic.*

**2.3. Existence of a program of scientific work of mentors**

- *The mentor must, upon the enrolment of students, be prepared to offer one or more general research topics.*

**2.4. Managing or participating in a research project**

*Within the last 5 years the mentor should have been the head or team member on a scientific project or otherwise be able to ensure the implementation of necessary research."*

### **Article 3**

In the interim period, until the Minimum criteria enter into force of, certain criteria shall be accepted in amended form:

1) Conditions under 2.1. of the Minimum criteria are expanded with additional, alternative requirements of the minimum scientific activity of mentors in the last 5 years:

- three published scientific papers which are recognized in the process of election to scientific titles from the field of the Study Programme, i.e. from legal science branch of another social science or humanities that is connected to legal science, and at least one presented paper at an international scientific conference or
- at least three presented papers in an international scientific conference.

2) Conditions under 2.2. of the Minimum criteria concerning the quality of scientific work are amended as follows:

- Hirsch's h-index of at least 1 (according to the program "Publish or Perish", which analyses data collected by Google Scholar), and/or
- at least three scientific papers published within the broader thematic area of the proposed dissertation topic.

### **Article 4**

From the moment of entry into force of the Regulations of University of Rijeka, the Minimum criteria for the election of mentors/co-mentors for social sciences and humanities referred to in sections 2.3. and 2.4. of these Conditions, and in Article 2 of this Decision, shall be accepted in their entirety.

### **Article 5**

(1) In addition to his or her statement of accepting mentorship, the potential mentor is required upon submission of the candidate's application documents for admission into the Doctoral Study Programme to provide information proving that he or she meets the requirements referred to in Articles 3 and 4 of this Decision.

- (2) The potential mentor may, instead of evidence of meeting the requirements referred to in Articles 3 and 4 of this Decision, provide evidence that he or she meets all the Minimum criteria for the selection as a mentor/co-mentor for social sciences and humanities of the University of Rijeka referred to in Article 2 of this Decision.
- (3) Meeting the requirements relating to the citation, i.e. publication of papers cited in relevant databases listed in the Minimum criteria is proved by confirmation by the Head of the Library of the Law Faculty, University of Rijeka.
- (4) The decision as to whether the mentor meets the requirements referred to in Articles 3 and 4 of this Decision or the Minimum criteria is reached by the Council for Doctoral Study Programme.

## **Article 6**

- (1) This Decision shall apply to potential mentors and co-mentors beginning with the academic year 2013/2014.
- (2) The existing mentors of doctoral candidates shall submit the documents on meeting the requirements for mentors in addition to an annual report on the work of doctoral students.
- (3) In order to ensure continuous monitoring if the mentors meet the minimum requirements, i.e. requirements from this Decision, the Head of Library of the Faculty of Law in Rijeka is authorized, at the request of the Head of Study Programme, Vice Dean for Research, and the Council for Doctoral Studies, to submit data in the observed period on the number of the mentor's published scientific papers, representation of his or her work in databases, and his or her index citation.

## **Article 7**

This decision shall enter into force upon its adoption, and shall apply to candidates who enrol into Doctoral Study Programme in the academic year 2013/2014.

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