

#### **DOCTORAL STUDIES AT FEEC**

aka.

why to continue in self-education

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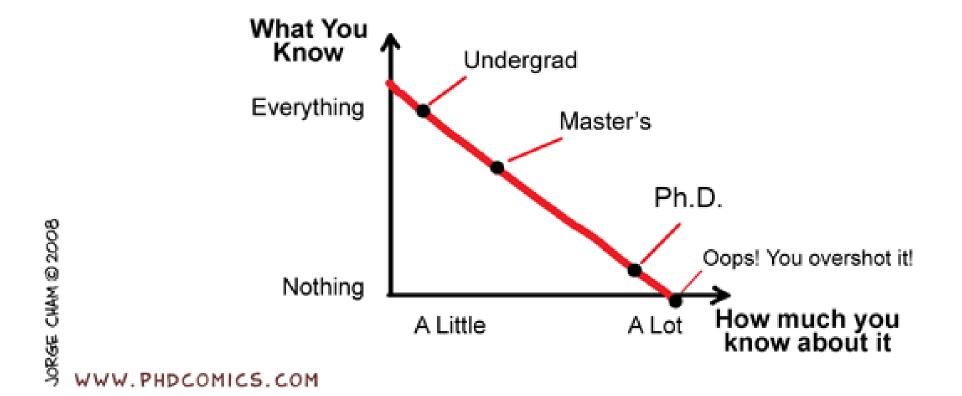
Vice-dean for R&D and PhDs studies

## Warm-up questions

- Why did come to this meeting?
- Why are you interested in PhD studies?
  - 1. I want to continue in my studies, because...
    - ...I know my aims.
    - ...its fun to me.
  - 2. Just to have a look now and decide later.
  - 3. I still don't want to work.

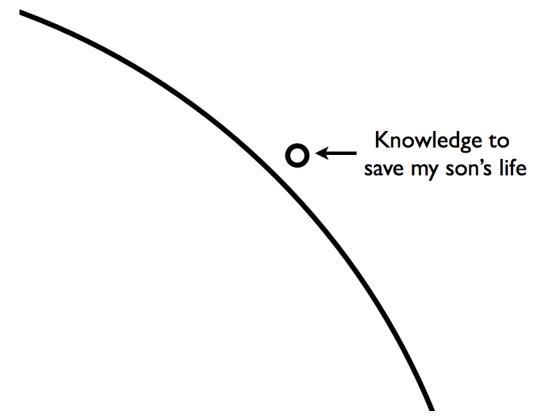
## Continue in your studies and...

What You Know vs How much you know about it



# Continue in your studies and... Illustrated Guide to a Ph.D.

Keep pushing.



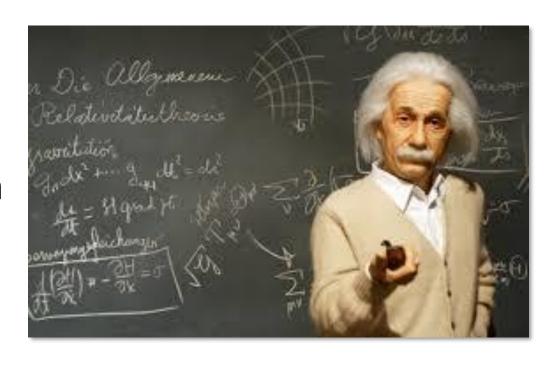
Matt Might, The Illustrated Guide to a Ph.D. <a href="https://matt.might.net/articles/phd-school-in-pictures/">https://matt.might.net/articles/phd-school-in-pictures/</a>

## Continue in your studies and...

- ...improve yourself
- …fulfill your desire for knowledge
- ...become part of R&D (at Faculty)
- ...become more than Engineer, gain another title

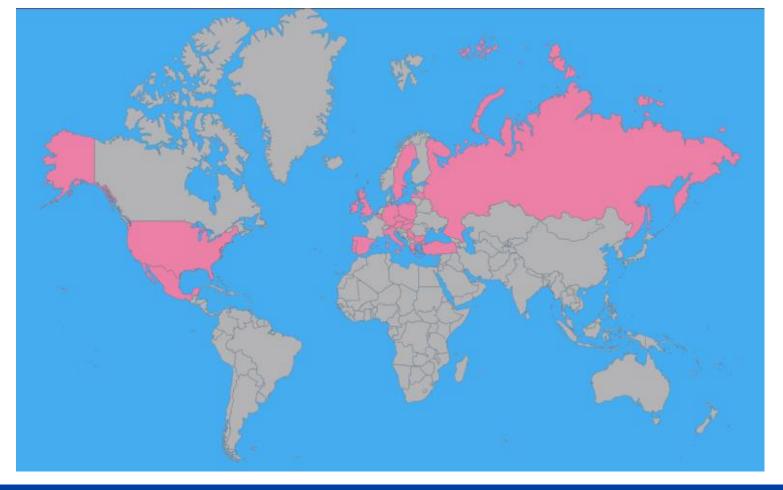
Ph.D.

to balance your name



## Continue in your studies and...

...explore the world



## Motivation – money (until Aug 2025)

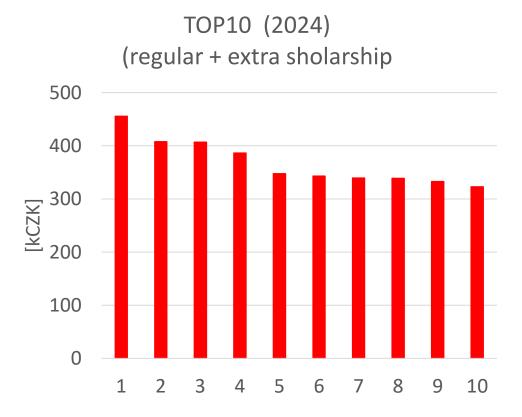
- Regular scholarship upto 10 125 CZK/M
- Extra scholarship "no limit" CZK/Y (2023 502,4 kCZK ≈ 20kEUR)
  - Activities for Dept. (Dept. Head)
  - Activities for Faculty (Dean, Vice-dean for R&D)
  - Participation in Specific research projects
  - Excelent R&D results (publications in Q1/Q2 Journals)
- "One-time" extra schoparships
  - Merit scholarship 15 kCZK for 1st year PhD students (Master study average below 1.3)
  - Submiting disertation thesis in time 40 kCZK
- Active participation in projects of your supervisor/Dept/Faculty

## Motivation – money (after Sept 2025)

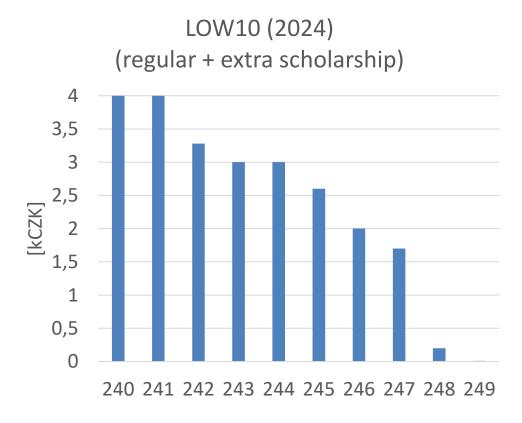
- Guaranteed income (scholarship/salary)
  - Determined from minimal salary (20,800 CZK@2025; 22,800 CZK@2026)
  - —GI = 1.2\*MS sholarship only (netto income)
  - -GI = 1.5\*MS salary only (brutto income)
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## Motivation – money

...aka. this way YES!



...aka. this way NO!

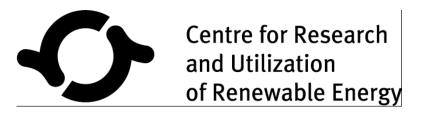


## Motivation – space for your creative activities

- Research Infrastrucutures run at FEEC
  - SIX Sensor, Information and Communication systems
  - CVVOZE Centre for Research and Utilization of Renewable Energy



- Top class infrastructure in research labs
- Participation in projects
- Interdisciplinary research
- Contacts to abroad institutions

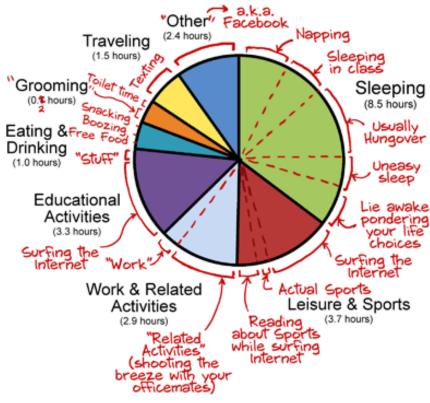


## Doctoral studies at a glanc

- 1st 4th term
  - Compulsory studies in specific blocks ("courses")
- 4th term
  - EN exam, Doctoral State Exam
- 1st (4th) 8th term
  - R&D activities, participation in projects, internship, publication of reached results, submission/defence of disertation thesis.
- Study Domain
- Teaching Experience
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities
- Internship (or participation in international project)

## Doctoral studies at a glanc

Individual Study Plan



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Time Use Survey of Full Time University Students.

## **Study Domain**

Specialized (track-specific) DS course completed with an exam						
Genera	General DS course completed with an exam					
DS cour	DS course attended abroad and completed with an expert discussion at FEEC					
Interns	Internship or study abroad (one co. or uni.)/international project participation					
English course completed with an exam						
Aims of the doctoral thesis*						
Semi-fi	nished doctoral thesis**	0 - 4				
MS1	Recommended score to continue in 2nd study year	8				

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MS2	Recommended score to continue in 3rd study year			
MS4	Recommended score when submitting semi-finished thesis	22		

<sup>\*</sup> Points for "Doctoral thesis Aims" are recorded by FEEC SciDept (Jana Kašparová) after successfully passing the State Doctoral Exam

<sup>\*\*</sup> Points for "Semi-finished doctoral thesis" are recorded by the supervisor after submitting Semi-finished doctoral thesis

## Internship

- Part of Study Domain
- Compulsory for each student
- Passed "somewhere" within studies
- For 1 month at least
  - Can be summed up by multiple short interships, each at least 2W (for full time studies) or 1W (for distant studies) – but not recommended
- Can be substituted by active participation in international project with co-authoring R&D results of this project

## **Teaching Experince**

Teaching (one period a week, in-semester)*	2
Supervising Bachelor's/Master's thesis; per academic year**	4
Teaching materials***	4

MS1	Recommended score to continue in 2nd study year					
MS2	Recommended score to continue in 3rd study year	16				
MS3	Recommended score to continue in 4th study year	28				
MS4	Recommended score when submitting semi-finished doctoral thesis	36				

<sup>\*</sup> Within teaching (numerical, computer, and laboratory practica), not more than 28 points can be granted

<sup>\*\*</sup> As regards students' projects or theses (semester project, Bachelor's or Master's theses), not more than 8 points are available.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Producing at least 20 pages of instructional and teaching materials (classes handbook; participating in the completion of textbooks); designing a laboratory tool; completing a training program.

## Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities

Original paper in a journal with IF indexed by WoS (Jimp); Patent	30
Original paper in a journal indexed by SCOPUS (Jsc) or ERIH; book	20
Original paper at an international conference (D)	10
Submitting a project proposal to receive a grant	2
Receiving a foreign grant	20
Receiving a Czech Republic grant	5
Applied research and science results (semi-industrial installation and pilot production; validated technology; prototype; applied methodology; functional sample; authorized software; utility model)	5

MS1	Recommended score to continue in 2nd study year					
MS2	Recommended score to continue in 3rd study year 20					
MS3	Recommended score to continue in 4th study year 40					
MS4	Recommended score when submitting semi-finished doctoral thesis					
MS5	Recommended score when submitting doctoral thesis	60				

## Overall evaluation – recommendation

MS 1	Total recommended score to continue in 2nd study year	26
MS 2	Total recommended score to continue in 3rd study year	57
MS 3	Total recommended score to continue in 4th study year	89
MS 4	Total recommended score when submitting semi-finished doctoral thesis	113
MS 5	Total recommended score when submitting doctoral thesis	123

## **Evaluation and monitoring of ISP**

- Annual evaluation in front a comittee
- Evaluation/monitoring Milestones:
  - MS1: at enrollment in the 2nd year of study
  - MS2: at enrollment in the 3rd year of study
  - MS3: at enrollment in the 4th year of study
  - MS4: submission of a semi-finished version of the doctoral thesis (end of 7th term)
  - MS5: sumission of doctoral thesis
- Maximum study length: 8 years

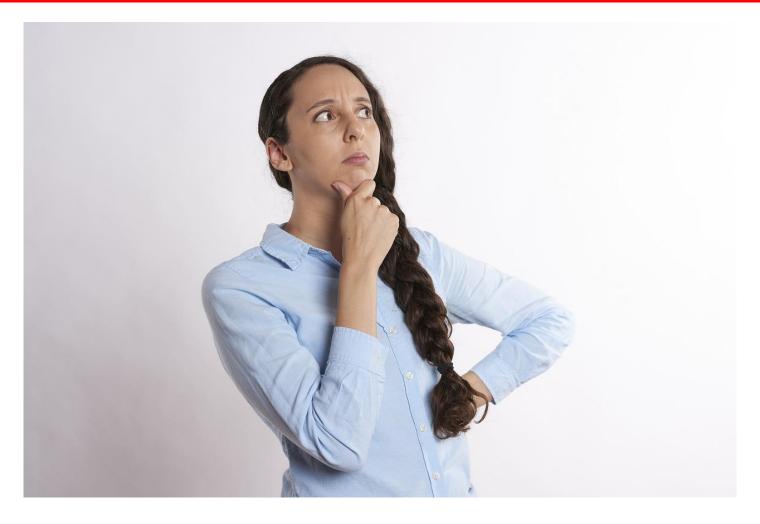
## Evaluation and monitoring of ISP – IS Apollo

Detail: : Přehled hodnocení a kontroly studia	
👮 The individual study plan 🥷 Annual evaluation 📝 The to	opic of study 🏦 Institute 🗗 Tutors 🙎 Trainers specialists 🌋 Subjects 🔳 Pedagogic practice 🕕 The Diploma Supplement 🖼 Summary of evaluations an
Overall rating:	
the total number of points 2	The general point conditions  (26 pts) condition of the minimum boundary for the enrollment to 2nd year of study  (57 pts) condition of the min. boundaries for filing the application for the state PhD exams  (89 pts) condition of the min. boundary for enrollment to 4th year of the study  (113 pts) condition of min. boundary at the deadline of submission of the dissertation thesis in  (123 pts) condition of min. boundary for the dissertation thesis defence and termination of DS
Evaluation of study results	
of points for completion of courses the total number of points 0	Point conditions for study results  (8 pts) condition of the minimum boundaries for courses or internship for enrollment to 2nd year of the (16 pts) condition of the minimum boundary for the courses or an intership and eng. language for the (22 pts) condition of min. boundary at the deadline of submission of the dissertation thesis in draft
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Evaluation of the pedagogic practice:	
of points for the pedagogic practice 0	Point conditions for pedagogical practice (36 pts max.)  (8 pts) condition of the minimum boundary for the enrollment to 2nd year of study (16 pts) condition of the min. boundaries for filing the application for the state PhD (28 pts) condition of the min. boundary for enrollment to 4th year of the study condition of a min. boundary of (36 pts) at the deadline for submission of in draft dissertation thesis
Evaluation of the scientific-research activities:	
number of points for RD activity 2  Display and edit	Score conditions for research-development activity  (8 pts) condition of the minimum boundary for the enrollment to 2nd year of study (20 pts) condition of the min. boundaries for filing the application for the state PhD exams (40 pts) condition of the min. boundary for enrollment to 4th year of the study (50 pts) condition of min. boundary at the deadline of submission of the dissertation thesis in (60 pts) condition of min. boundary for the dissertation thesis defence and termination of DS

# Study schedule example aka. I can make it

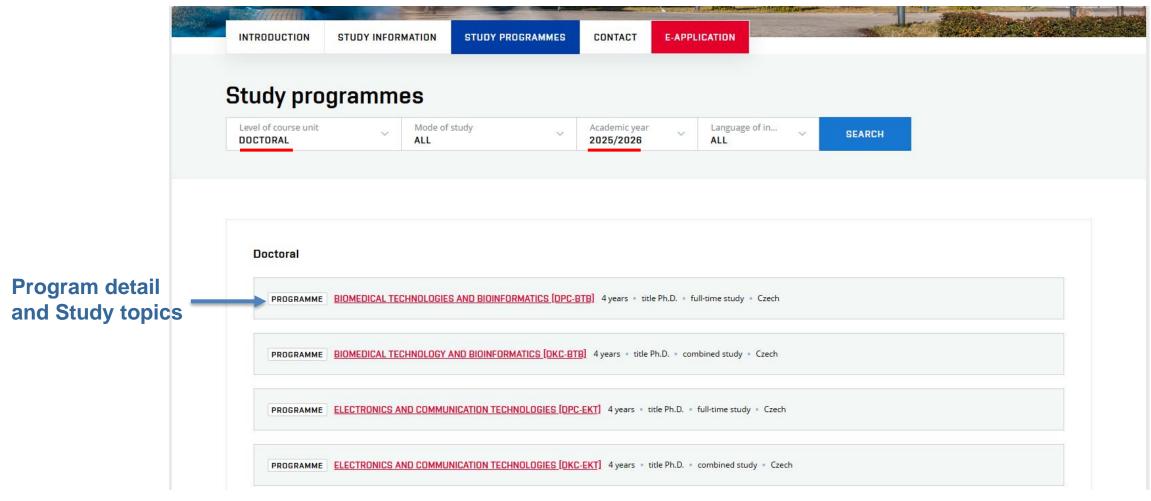
Study	Milesto	Study Domain	Point	Points	Teaching experience	Points	Points	R&D activitites	Point	Points	Poits total	Min points req.
year	ne		s	(cum.)			(cum.)			(cum.)		(cum.)
1/W		Technical course 1	4	. 4	PC/num/labs (4 hour/week)	8	8					
		General course 1	2	6								
1/S		Technical course 2	4	10	PC/num/labs (4 hour/week)	8	16	Conf. paper (co-author - 20%)	2	2		
		General course 2	2	12				Conf. paper (main author - 60%)	6	8		
	MS 1	(min limit is 8)		12	(min limit is 8)		16	(min limit is 8)		8	36	26
2/W		Technical course 3	4	16	PC/num/labs (4 hour/week)	8	24	Project proposal (main investigator)	2	10		
								Indexed journal paper (co-author - 20%)	6	16		
2/S		English (DxX-JA6 or DxX-QJA)	4	20	PC/num/labs (2 hour/week)	4	28	Conf paper (main author - 60%)	6	22		
					Superviso of 2 bc/mgr theses (4 p./th.)	8	36					
	MS 2	(min limit is 16)		20	(min limit is 16)		36	(min limit is 20)		22	78	57
		PhD proposal/aims	4	24								
3/W		Internship	5	29				Indexed journal paper (co-author - 40%)	12	34		
3/S								Indexed journal paper (main author - 60%)	18	52		
	MS 3	(min limit not defined)		29	(min limit is 28)		36	(min limit is 40)		52	117	89
4/W												
	MS 4	(min limit is 22)		29	(min limit is 36)		36	(min limit is 50)		52	117	113
		Semi-finished thesis (0 to 4 p.)	4	33								
4/S								Indexed journal paper (main author - 50%)	15	67		
	MS 5	(min limit not defined)		33	(min limit not defined)		36	(min limit is 60)		67	136	123

# Hmmm...



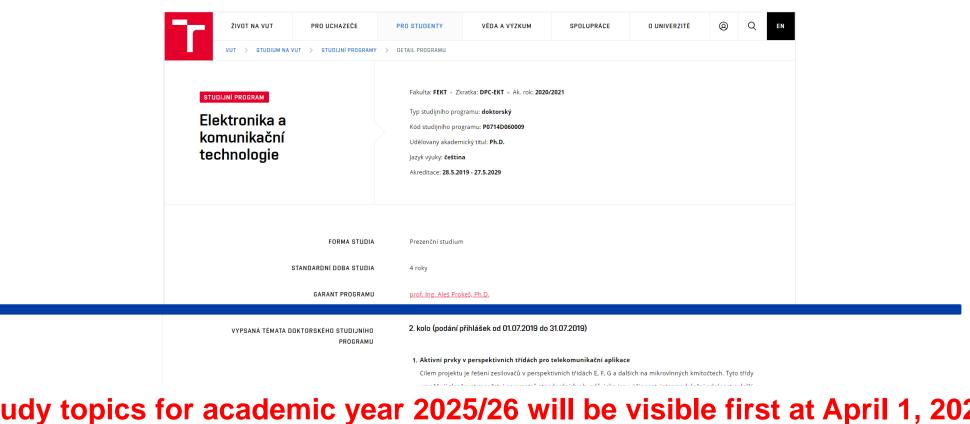
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# **Doctoral Study Prorammes**



https://www.fekt.vut.cz/en/applicants/studies\_in\_czech/study\_programmes

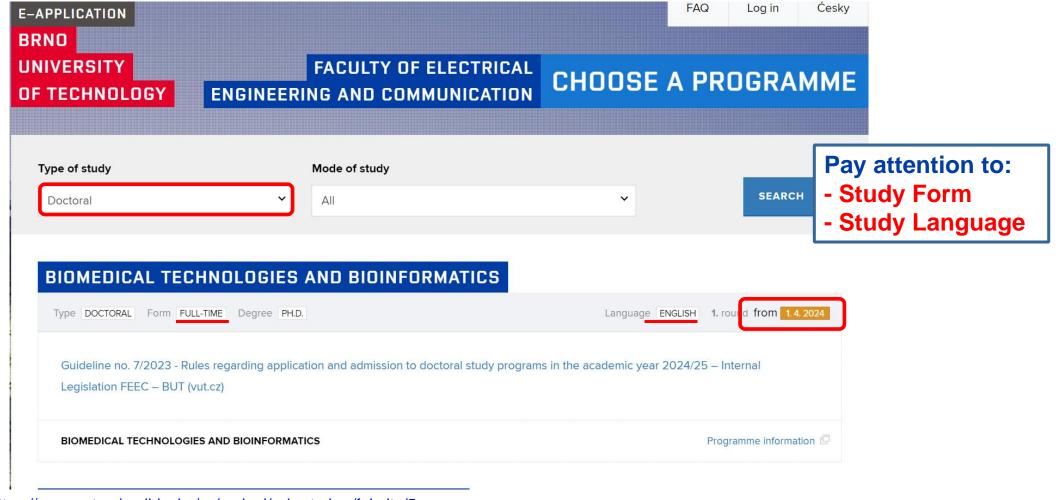
## Program detail and Study topics



!! Study topics for academic year 2025/26 will be visible first at April 1, 2025 !!

vhodnou metodiku měření pro použití u těchto obvodů. 2. Analýza a modelování přenosu digitální televize druhé generace využívající techniku prostorové diverzity Druhá generace standardu pro terestrické digitální televizní (DVB-T2) vysílání umožňuje využít k vysílání a příjmu i techniky prostorové diverzity multiple-input single-output (MISO). Téma doktorské práce je zaměřeno na analýzu

## e-Application, by April 30, 2025



CZ: https://www.vut.cz/eprihlaska/cs/zadani/vybrat-obor/fakulta/5

EN: <a href="https://www.vut.cz/eprihlaska/en/zadani/vybrat-obor/fakulta/5">https://www.vut.cz/eprihlaska/en/zadani/vybrat-obor/fakulta/5</a>

## e-Application – supplementary documents

- Simple scan/copy of university degree certificate(s)
  - Holds for applicants out of BUT-FEEC
  - If the certificate was not issued yet, upload justification and later bring the certificate for Entrace exam (holds for all applicants)
- Applicant's CV in English
- Applicant Statement
  - Interest in study topic
  - Previous activities linked to study topic (own experience from practice, own research, participation in projects, internships,...)
  - Expected results and contribution to the area of study topic
  - Written in English, max 2 A4 pages
- Documents attached as PDF filed to e-Application, Originals passed over during the entrance examination

CZ: https://www.vut.cz/uredni-deska/vnitrni-legislativa-fekt/d268949 EN: https://www.vut.cz/en/board/internal-legislation-feec/-d268949

### Entrance examination dates

- June 13, 2025 (1st round); August 27, 2025 (2nd round\*)
  - Alternative dates April 27, 2025 (1st round); April 28, 2025 (2nd round\*)
  - Study starts September 1, 2025
- November 7, 2025 (3rd round); January 1, 2026 (4th round\*)
  - Alternative dates January 21, 2026 (3rd round); January 28, 2026 (4nd round\*)
  - Study starts February 1, 2026

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<sup>\*</sup> The announcement of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> round of submitting e-applications is up to dean's decision. Later check for Faculty

### **Entrance** examination

- Oral examination in front of a board of examiners:
  - questions related to the field of the future doctoral thesis;
  - discussion about your motivation;
  - discussion on the applicant's creative activities;
  - conversation-based and/or other tasks to verify competence in English;
  - conversation-based and/or other tasks to verify competence in Czech, in foreign nationals wishing to enroll in a Czech language study program.

## Main norms linked to PhD studies at FEEC

- Směrnice č. 1/2025 (EN)
  - Pravidla pro organizaci studia na FEKT
  - Rules for organization of studies at the Faculty of electrical engineering and communication, BUT
- Směrnice děkana č. 9/2024 (EN)
  - Pravidla přijímacího řízení a podmínky pro přijetí ke studiu v doktorských studijních programech pro AR 2025/26
  - Rules regarding application and admission to doctoral study programs in the academic year 2025/26

# I am in! What are my next steps?

- Meet your potential supervisor! Preferably in person.
  - Clarify your ideas, what do you/does your supervisor expect from the study area
- Submit your e-Application
  - 1st round April 1-30, 2025; 2nd round July 1-31, 2025
  - 3rd round September 1-30, 2025; 4th round December 1-31, 2025
- Attend the entrance exam
  - 1st round June 7, 2025 (regular); 1st round August 27, 2025 (alternative)
  - 2nd round April 27, 2025 (regular); 2nd round April 28, 2025 (alternative)
  - 3rd round November 7, 2025 (regular); 2nd round January 27, 2026 (alternative)
  - 4th round January 27, 2026 (regular); 2nd round January 28, 2026 (alternative)
- Continue in your studies (September or February)

# I am in! Can I do something more?

- Don't wait for April 1 to see the final list of Study topics!
- Contact your "old" supervisor of your Master (Bachelor) thesis
  - If he/she cannot be your supervisor you may get a recommendation
- Discuss, propose and agree on possible Study topic
  - by March 19, 2025 supervisors submit their Study topics

- Check for similar meeting at other Faculty Depts., e.g.
  - March 3, 3:30PM, Dept. of Theoretical and Experimental Electrical Engineering (UTEE)
  - **—** 3

#### Doctoral studies make sense!!



Wireless system for precise indoor localizaton and monitoring **Milan Šimek**, FEEC Alumny



Application Záchranka to call for emergency by tapping single button **Filip Maleňák**, FEEC Alumny

- JIC South Moravia Inovation Center
  - Support of people in their business that may change the world!



## Student vs. Student

#### Time for your questions

#### Ing. Enikö Vargová

- 2nd year PhD full time student
- Dept. of Biomedical engineering (UBMI)
- Study topic: Advanced algorithms for health monitoring using smart devices
- Possible questions
  - Own motivation?
  - Pros and cons identified so far?
  - Common day at university?

# The next step is only up to you

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