

Admission

Applications will be assessed in the light of an applicant's ability to meet the following entry requirements:

1. Academic ability

Proven and potential academic excellence

Applicants are normally expected to have achieved a high quality master degree (or an equivalent national or international qualification) in one of the relevant discipline – Humanities (preferably Philosophy/Ethics), Medicine, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, Law

Applicants are also expected to be predicted to have a necessary academic ability and motivation to accomplish the programme.

Research proposal

Applicants should submit an outline of their thesis, specifying topic, goals, structure, methodology and relevant literature. An agreement with the potential supervisor(s) is required.

Applicant presents the proposal for his/her thesis also orally in the front of the Admissions Committee.

Applicants are also expected to provide a list of the texts related to the proposed research topic they are already familiar with.

This will be assessed for:

- clarity and accuracy of thought and writing
- coherence and feasibility of the proposal
- intellectual independence
- ability and willingness to reach conclusions by reasoned argument rather than assertion
- a critical and attentive reading of the texts provided as a supplement to the research proposal (see above)
- understanding of important bioethical issues

Personal statement

Applicants submit a professional CV. They are also expected to provide a Personal Statement, supporting evidence of motivation for this particular doctoral programme.

You may wish to make reference to your personal/academic achievements, interests and aspirations and the relevance of the programme to your future career development plans.

In Personal Statement (one page), explaining your motivation for applying for doctoral programme in Bioethics at Masaryk University, you may wish to consider the following questions:

- Why are you applying to this particular doctoral programme?
- What relevant academic and/or research experience do you have?
- Which areas of study within Bioethics interest you?
- Why would you be an excellent candidate for this programme?
- How does this programme fit in with your future career plans?

This will be assessed for evidence of motivation for study and understanding of the proposed area of study.

Publications

Applicants are not required to have any publications, but they may be an advantage as admissions are competitive.

Letters of recommendation

Two academic references are welcome. They should support outstanding academic achievement, excellent intellectual ability, critical thought, and strong motivation.

2. English language requirement

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English (exam) at the higher level required by the University.

Documents to be submitted together with Application

- Research proposal (see above)
- Master thesis
- List of bioethics literature the applicant is familiar with
- List of publications (if applicable)

They have to be sent to: jkure@med.muni.cz