

Annex 2 – Quality Policy

University of Veterinary Medicine Doctoral School of Veterinary Science

The quality assurance system of the Doctoral School of Veterinary Science (DSVS) at the University of Veterinary Medicine is based on Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education and Government Decree 387/2012 (XII. 19) on doctoral schools, doctoral procedures, and habilitation. It is closely aligned with the institution's overall quality assurance system.

It complies with the accreditation procedures of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee for doctoral schools. Its operational processes are based on the steps of the PDCA (Plan–Do–Check–Act) quality assurance model and are regulated according to the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015) developed by ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education).

The DSVS considers the achievement of the following goals as its key mission:

- *Ensuring that students can actively participate in the institution's research activities and conduct high-quality, independent scientific (PhD) research through the close connection between education and research;*
- *Publishing newly achieved research results in scientific journals, reaching the widest possible national and international audience;*
- *Ensuring that all contributors to the doctoral training operate at a high scientific level, with a student-centered approach, using modern teaching and research methods in their educational, research, and supervisory activities;*
- *Providing all necessary conditions for maintaining and continuously improving the quality management system;*
- *Guaranteeing regular and active participation in quality development activities for all students, instructors, and internal and external stakeholders and contributors;*
- *Continuously modernizing the infrastructural conditions for education and research;*
- *Ensuring that all stakeholders have access to and can understand the Quality Policy;*
- *Supporting academic integrity and freedom, and taking a firm stance against fraud;*
- *Providing protection against all forms of intolerance and discrimination affecting instructors, non-teaching staff, and students.*

The fulfillment of the goals set out in the Quality Policy is evaluated annually by the leadership of the DSVS through a self-assessment process, which also defines the objectives for the upcoming period. The Doctoral School of Veterinary Science is committed to ensuring that its name represents a guarantee of quality for both domestic and international students participating in its doctoral training.

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