



**Reference Documents:**

*Higher Education Act No. 199/2023*

*Charter of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu Mureș  
Law No. 206/2004 regarding good conduct in scientific research, technological development and innovation,  
with subsequent amendments and completions*

*Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science,  
and Technology of Târgu Mureș*

*Code of Students' Rights and Responsibilities of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy,  
Science, and Technology of Târgu Mureș*

# METHODOLOGY REGARDING ACCESS AND PROMOTION WITHIN THE JUNIOR RESEARCHER ACADEMY

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## Chapter I. General Provisions/The Purpose of the Methodology

**Art. 1.** The present methodology establishes the methods of enrolment of bachelor's and master's degree students in the category of **Junior Researcher** (hereinafter **JR**) – **Entry Level** and the criteria of promotion to **Junior Researcher – Involved Level**, as well as to **Junior Researcher – Dedicated Level** within the **Junior Researcher Academy** (MAPJRA).

## Chapter II. Field of Application

**Art. 2.** This methodology is applied within the **Junior Researcher Academy**. This methodology is available for bachelor's and master's degree students from UMFST G.E. Palade Tg. Mureș.

## Chapter III. Enrolment in JRA – Obtaining the Status of Junior Researcher – Entry Level

**Art. 3.** In order to become JRA members and to obtain the status of **JR – Entry Level**, students from bachelor's and master's degrees have to fill the online form, posted in the JRA section – Entry level on UMFST website, each year in the period October-November.

The JRA will request *the Dean's Office* to verify the applicant student statute and the enrollment in the current academic year, as well as the fact that the applicant has not repeated any year of study due to accumulate insufficient number of ECTS for promotion.

The result of approval or rejection of the application shall be sent out to each applicant via e-mail within 20 working days from the end of the period of enrollment.

**Art. 4.** JR – Entry Level are going to take part in an internship of **at least one academic year**, during which they are going to participate in the activities of the JRA suitable for this level, including training courses that focus on learning and developing abilities that will facilitate building a future career in the field of research.

## Chapter IV. Promotion to the Status of Junior Researcher – Involved Level

**Art. 5.** Eligible for promotion to **JR – Involved Level** are those JRA members who meet the following condition:

- participated at least three training courses organised by JRA within the activities for **JR – Entry level**.

**Art. 6.** In order to be promoted to **JR – Involved level**, members of JRA with JR – Entry level status meet the conditions from Art. 5 are going to send to [jra@umfst.ro](mailto:jra@umfst.ro) the following document (signed and scanned):

- *Motivation letter in English language*, according to Annex 02.

The JRA will request *the Dean's Office* to verify the applicant's student statute and enrollment in the current academic year, as well as the fact that the applicant has not repeated any year of study due to accumulate insufficient number of ECTS for promotion.

**Art. 7.** The selection for promotion to Involved level takes place each year in **October**. The selection calendar shall be announced by posting it on the UMFST website, section JRA – Involved level.

**Art. 8.** The applicants files will be evaluated by a selection committee from the Vice-rector for Research, development and technological transfer office. The result of the approval or rejection of the application will be sent by e-mail to each candidate according to the established schedule.

**Art. 9.** JR – Involved level are going to complete an internship of **at least one academic year**, during which they are going to take part in the activities organised by JRA at this level.



## Chapter V. Promotion to the Status of Junior Researcher – Dedicated Level

**Art. 10.** Eligible for promotion to **JR – Dedicated level** are those members of JRA who meet one of the following conditions:

- have successfully implemented in internal competitions an “**Initiation Grant**” in research, obtained through the JRA– **Involved level**.

- participated at least one scientific conference, as main author, with a presentation, poster or abstract and published at least one article in extenso, as main author, in a journal of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg. Mureș indexed in international databases (IDB), in an international journal indexed Web of Science . The documentation and writing of the article will be done according to the specific methodology for one of the following types of articles: original research-type articles, review article including systematic review, state-of-the-art review, umbrella review, meta-analysis.

**Art. 11.** In order to be promoted to **JR – Dedicated level**, members of JRA with JR – Involved level status and they meet the conditions from Art. 10, are going to send to [jra@umfst.ro](mailto:jra@umfst.ro) the following documents (signed and scanned):

- *Motivation letter in English language*, according to Annex 02;
- *a recommendation letter* from their tutor from the laboratory/research center where the candidate is going to carry out its activity.

The JRA will request *the Dean's Office* to verify the applicant's student statute and enrollment in the current academic year, as well as the fact that the applicant has not repeated any year of study due to accumulate insufficient number of ECTS for promotion.

**Art. 12.** The selection for promotion to Dedicated level takes place each year, in **March-April**. The selection process calendar will be posted on the UMFST website, section JRA – Dedicated level.

**Art. 13.** The applications of the students are going to be evaluated by a selection committee from the Scientific Vice-rector's office.

The result of the approval or rejection of the application will be sent by e-mail to each candidate according to the established schedule.

## Chapter VI. Other provisions

**Art. 14.** UCSDT/JRA can make revisions of present regulation in accordance with new identified needs or as a result of modifications in the legal framework.

*The present regulation was approved by the Administrative Board of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu Mureș on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and comes into force on April 2024.*

### Annexes

Annex 01: Application for enrollment at the Junior Researcher Academy UMFST-REG-105-F01-Ed.03

Annex 02: Motivation letter UMFST-REG-105-F02-Ed.03



Annex 01: UMFST-REG-105-F01-Ed.03

## Application for enrollment at the Junior Researcher Academy

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Vice-rector for Research, development and technological transfer

APPROVED

JRA coordinator

Name and surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty/ Master Programme: \_\_\_\_\_

Study program / Domain / Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelor / master's degree studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition - budget / fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Average for the last year: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Motivation: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Târgu Mureș, Date:

Signature,



Annex 02: UMFST-REG-105-F02-Ed.03

Ref. to: Junior Researcher – Involved/Dedicated level  
UMFST G.E. Palade Tg. Mureș  
Junior Researcher Academy

Name/Surname  
Address, phone, e-mail  
Faculty/Master program

### Motivation Letter (max. 2 pages)

Dear Sir or Madam,

- 1) Candidate profile
- 2) Motivation
- 3) Skills and experience
- 4) Career development plan

Târgu Mureș, Date:

Signature,

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