

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THEATER AND FINE ARTS OF MOLDOVA
CONTRACT FOR SUPERIOR DOCTORAL STUDIES

No. _____ of _____

Concluded between:

Academy of Music, Theater and Fine Arts (AMTAP), based in Chisinau, str. Al. Mateevici 111, as the Organizing Institution for Doctoral Studies (Cycle III), represented by the Rector, Mrs. Victoria Melnic, prof. Ph.D. in the study of arts, and Mr./Ms. _____, owner of the identity document _____ series _____, no. _____, IDNP _____ registered on _____ as a doctoral student of AMTAP, in the form of studies _____ (full-time/part-time), in the specialty _____ profile _____, Doctoral School Arts and Cultural Studies Mr./Ms. _____ university professor/conf. univ., dr. hab./dr. _____ as doctoral supervisor of the doctoral student.

Art. 1 Object of the contract: the completion by the doctoral student, under the authority of AMTAP and the Doctoral School, of the activities within the Doctoral Higher Studies Program, which includes:

- A training program based on advanced higher studies, according to the Doctoral School's educational plan quantified with 60 credits;
- A scientific research program that involves the participation of the doctoral student in one or more scientific projects established by the doctoral supervisor, quantified with 120 credits.

Art.2 Research theme _____

Art.3 The language in which the doctoral thesis is written and defended

Art.4 Duration of the contract:

4.1 The duration of the contract is determined over a period of 3/4 years, starting from _____

4.2 Under the conditions established by the Institutional Regulation, the duration of the doctoral program can be extended by 1 - 2 years.

4.3 Higher doctoral studies can be interrupted at the request of the doctoral student for valid reasons: maternity/paternity leave, child-rearing leave, medical leave approved by the AMTAP medical dispensary and force majeure situations. The duration of higher doctoral studies is extended by the cumulative periods of approved interruptions.

4.4 In case of interruption/extension of higher doctoral studies by the doctoral student, approved by the management of AMTAP, the contract is extended according to the period of interruption/extension by means of additional documents.

4.5 If the doctoral student does not manage to complete the thesis within the term established according to the doctoral higher studies contract and any additional documents interrupting/extending the period of higher doctoral studies, the doctoral student has at his disposal a grace period of a maximum of 2 years to complete the higher doctoral studies and to publicly defend the thesis, exceeding this deadline automatically leads to his/her expulsion.

4.6 During the grace period provided for in para. 4.5 the doctoral student cannot benefit from an individual doctoral scholarship awarded from doctoral grants. The financial obligations of the doctoral student are presented in Art. 25(3) and 25(4) of the Institutional Regulation.

Art.5 Doctoral program

The scientific or professional doctorate program is organized based on Parliament Decision no. 152/17.07.2014 regarding the approval of the Education Code of the Republic of Moldova, Government Decision no. 1007/10.12.2014 regarding the approval of the Regulation on the organization of higher doctoral studies, cycle III, and the institutional Regulation on the organization and operation of doctoral study programs within AMTAP.

Art. 6 Doctoral thesis

6.1 The doctoral thesis is prepared according to the requirements established by the Regulations of the doctoral school.

6.2 The doctoral school may establish the standard format of the doctoral thesis, which may include elements of structure and graphic design, the doctoral student having the obligation to respect the respective standard format.

6.3 The content of the doctoral thesis is established by the doctoral student in consultation with the doctoral supervisor and will respect the framework structure and limitations imposed by the Doctoral School Regulations.

6.4 The title of the doctoral thesis can be changed, with the agreement of the doctoral supervisor, until the moment of its completion for public support.

6.5 The doctoral thesis is an original work, and the source must be mentioned for any material taken.

6.6 The doctoral student is the author of the doctoral thesis and assumes the correctness of the data and information presented in the thesis, as well as the opinions and demonstrations expressed in the thesis.

6.7 The PhD supervisor is responsible together with the author of the thesis for compliance with quality standards or professional ethics, including ensuring the originality of the content.

6.8 The protection of intellectual property rights on the doctoral thesis is ensured in accordance with the provisions of the law.

6.9 The exploitation of the copyright on the original product or creation made within the doctoral higher studies program is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in the field.

6.10 Higher doctoral studies are completed by defending the doctoral thesis in public before the Doctoral Committee. The public defense can only take place after the PhD supervisor and the Guidance Committee have expressed their agreement.

Art.7 The rights and obligations of the contracting parties derive from the legislation in force regarding higher doctoral studies and from the Institutional Regulation for the organization and operation of doctoral study programs within AMTAP.

Art.8 AMTAP has the following rights:

- to develop its own Regulation for the organization and operation of higher doctoral studies programs (Cycle III), in compliance with the legal provisions;
- to follow the way in which the doctoral student respects the obligations and duties arising from the acquisition of the doctoral qualification and those provided for in the Doctoral Higher Studies Program and to take measures in case of non-fulfillment thereof;
- to establish the amount and deadlines for payment of study fees.

Art.9 AMTAP has the following obligations:

- to ensure the appropriate organizational and technical conditions for study and research;
- to ensure the training of doctoral students through doctoral schools; - to issue, upon request, the documents certifying the quality of the applicant as a doctoral student, according to the legislation;
- to monitor and evaluate the doctoral student during the training program based on advanced higher studies;
- to ensure the confidentiality of the doctoral student's personal data, according to the law;

Art.10 During the doctoral program, the doctoral student has the following rights:

- to benefit from the support, guidance and coordination of the doctoral supervisor, as well as the guidance committee;
- to participate in seminars or work meetings of the research-development staff within AMTAP when relevant topics for higher doctoral studies are under discussion;
- to be represented in the decision-making forums of the doctoral school, according to the legal provisions in force;
- to benefit from the logistics, documentation centers, libraries and equipment of AMTAP for the development of research projects and the doctoral thesis;
- enroll in courses, seminars and laboratories of any level organized by the institution;
- to work together with teams of researchers from AMTAP or from research/development units that have concluded agreements or institutional partnerships with AMTAP;
- to benefit from national or international mobility;
- to benefit from institutional support, within the limits of the funding allocated to doctoral studies, to participate in scientific conferences or congresses, workshops, summer or winter schools, national and international seminars in the field of specialization in which he chose his thesis PhD;
- to participate in the scientific communication sessions organized by the doctoral school and/or by AMTAP;
- to be informed about the curriculum of higher doctoral studies within the doctoral school.
- to opt for a doctorate under co-tutorship regime with other institutions, in case of obtaining a co-tutorship agreement signed by the involved parties, according to the law;
- to carry out, upon request and with the approval of the AMTAP management, doctoral activities in an internationally spoken language;
- to benefit, at the request and with the approval of the AMTAP management, from the interruption/extension of the doctoral program, as well as from other possible changes during the studies, in accordance with the legislation in force and the institutional Regulation for the organization and operation of doctoral study programs;
- to request the management of AMTAP to change the doctoral supervisor, according to the law;
- to receive the title and diploma of doctor in the scientific field in which he qualified, according to the law;
- to use protective equipment during the execution of practical works that take place in a toxic environment, according to the rules of safety and health at work;

- to benefit from an individual doctoral scholarship in the amount of _____, in the case of the doctoral student with a scholarship;
- to be able to carry out didactic activities within the limit of _____ didactic hours, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation on the organization of higher doctoral studies, cycle III, approved by GD 1007 of 10.12.2014, in the period _____.
- to benefit from other rights resulting from the legislation in force regarding higher doctoral studies.

Art.11 The doctoral student has the following obligations:

- to comply with the program established together with the doctoral supervisor and to comply with the obligations within the training program based on advanced higher studies;
- to present research reports and/or artistic creation according to the individual training plan;
- to submit activity reports to the doctoral supervisor and the guidance committee whenever requested;
- to communicate permanently with the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral school;
- to respect the institutional discipline;
- to accumulate 60 ECTS credits, for the advanced training program, according to the educational plan of the doctoral school;
- to pay a study fee in the amount of _____MDL/ for the first year of doctoral studies; for the following years of study, the fee is set according to the amount approved by AMTAP for the current year; the doctoral student can pay the fee in 2 installments, as follows: in the amount of 50% within one month at most from the beginning of the semester. I, and in the amount of 50% in no more than one month from the start of the semester. II;
- non-payment of the study fee within the established terms entails the expulsion of the doctoral student;
- the paid semester fee is not refunded in the case of the doctoral student's withdrawal from studies, expulsion or transfer to other institutions;
- to comply with the rules regarding health and safety at work within AMTAP;
- to demonstrate a behavior appropriate to the status of a doctoral student; - to complete the doctoral thesis within the set deadline and to publicly defend it;
- in case of possible academic fraud, violations of university ethics or deviations from good conduct in scientific research, including plagiarism, the doctoral student is responsible under the law;
- to comply with the provisions contained in the Institutional Regulation and in the legislation in force.

Art.12 The rights and obligations of the doctoral supervisor derive from HG no. 1007 of 10.12.2014 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization of higher doctoral studies, cycle III.

The rights of the PhD supervisor include:

- the right to participate in competitions for doctoral grants;
- the right to guide and evaluate the activity of the doctoral student within the doctoral higher studies program, according to the professional and university autonomy, following

the requirements of the doctoral higher studies program and respecting the professional interests of the doctoral student;

- the right to propose the committee for guidance and public support of the doctoral thesis;
- the right to an impartial internal and external evaluation, in accordance with the specific methodology of the evaluation process;
- the right to know the methodology in relation to which it is evaluated, both in the internal evaluation and in the external evaluation;
- the right to know the results of the internal and external evaluation of one's own activity;
- the right to refuse the guidance of a doctoral student in the conditions in which he is placed against his will in a conflict of interests;
- the right to request from the Doctoral School Council, based on well-founded reasons, the interruption of the mentoring relationship with a doctoral student;
- the right to select the doctoral candidate for a vacant position under his guidance and to propose the enrollment of the doctoral student following the admission process;
- the right to request the doctoral school to organize an admissions competition for each vacant doctoral student position under his guidance;
- the right to decide the study elements within the training program based on advanced higher studies in which the doctoral student must participate.

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Art.13 The doctoral supervisor has the following obligations:

- to ensure the scientific, professional and ethical guidance of each doctoral student; - to establish the research themes;
- to ensure the conditions and stimulate the progress of doctoral students in the research they carry out;
- to guide the doctoral student in the activity of developing the doctoral thesis until its public support;
- to carry out objective and rigorous monitoring and evaluation of each doctoral student;
- to support the mobility of doctoral students;
- to sign the doctorate higher studies contract and assume the responsibilities that fall to him in this capacity;
- to avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest in the guidance of doctoral students; - in case of possible academic fraud, violations of university ethics or deviations from good conduct in scientific research, including plagiarism, the PhD supervisor is responsible under the law.

Art.14 Termination of the contract

- on the date provided for in art. 4.1 of this contract;
- on the date resulting from the postponement of the doctoral period with the interruptions/extensions approved by the AMTAP management, according to the law;
- on the date of approval of the possible withdrawal request from the Higher Doctoral Studies Program by the management of AMTAP;
- on the date of expulsion of the doctoral student, for exceeding the period provided for in art. 4.5 of this contract, for failure to fulfill the obligations provided for in the doctoral program or in case of non-compliance with the obligations and conditions of this contract. The expelled doctoral student loses the status of doctoral student, and if he was a scholarship holder, then he automatically loses the rights to the individual scholarship.

Art.15 Final provisions

The provisions of this higher doctoral studies contract are supplemented by the provisions of GD no. 1007 of 10.12.2014 on the approval of the Regulation on the organization of higher doctoral studies, cycle III, the Institutional Regulation on the organization and operation of doctoral study programs within AMTAP, the decisions of the AMTAP Senate regarding the annual fees for studies, as well as any legislative amendments regarding higher doctoral studies, cycle III. Any modification of the clauses of this contract during execution requires the conclusion of an additional act, according to the legal provisions.

Art.16 Conflicts related to the conclusion, execution, modification, suspension or termination of this contract will be resolved amicably. In the event that the termination of the differences cannot be agreed amicably, their resolution will be carried out by the court. This doctoral higher studies contract was concluded in two copies, on _____

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