

Educational Program Title: PhD Program in Public Administration

Qualifications Granted: PhD in Public Administration

Program Volume in Credits: 60 credits

Teaching Language: Georgian

Level of Higher Academic Education: Doctorate

Academic Head of the Program: Nana Macharashvili

Administrative Head of the Program: Natia Chigvaria

Program Description:

The Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), with three decades of expertise in public administration, provides a doctoral program dedicated to enriching the field. This initiative aims to foster the creation of new knowledge and elevate the quality of research. The program prepares highly skilled independent researchers and academic personnel for careers in higher education, analytical research centers, the public sector, and related organizations. Graduates of this program, in possession of a PhD in Public Administration, possess advanced knowledge in the discipline and are uniquely positioned to make substantial contributions by developing, sharing, and implementing innovative solutions to societal challenges.

Program Objectives:

The doctoral program in public administration is designed to equip students with the following competencies:

- 1. Generate new knowledge in the field of public administration:** By expanding existing knowledge, integrating the latest research findings, offering original theoretical and methodological perspectives, and fostering a deep, systematic, and critical understanding, analysis, and evaluation of current issues, the program facilitates the development of effective solutions. This is achieved through independent research that produces high-quality scientific outputs using innovative approaches and methodologies.
- 2. Prepare highly qualified researchers in public administration:** By equipping academic professionals to conduct innovative and ethically sound research, develop new methodologies, and apply these in practice, the program empowers participants to independently tackle relevant issues in public administration, including in interdisciplinary contexts. Additionally, it enhances their ability to effectively present and disseminate new knowledge to peers and the public.
- 3. Cultivate qualified academic resources in public administration:** By offering training in contemporary teaching, learning methods, and evaluation strategies for higher education institutions, the program prepares graduates to impart knowledge, develop skills, and instill values in students. This contributes to the professional growth of future generations and advances social progress.
- 4. Prepare professionals in public administration to utilize research outcomes for effective problem-solving:** By equipping individuals with the skills to utilize scientific research for innovative solutions to societal challenges, the program enables participants to transform research findings into development-oriented projects that benefit society.

Program prerequisites:

Eligible candidates for the doctoral program in public administration must hold a master's degree or equivalent in public administration, social and behavioral sciences, education, business administration, management, or law.

Enrollment in the program requires passing an English language proficiency test and an interview conducted by the admissions committee.

Doctoral candidates are required to demonstrate English proficiency at the B2 level, validated either through an internal university exam or an internationally recognized English language certificate (such as TOEFL (P/B 513 score; I/BT 87 score); IELTS (5.5 band score); FCE; BEC Vantage; PTE (general level 3); PTE Academic (59p); Michigan ECCE).

Candidates who have completed a PhD, master's, or bachelor's program in English, either in Georgia or abroad, are exempt from the English language proficiency requirement.

In addition to the documents required by the Dissertation Council of the School of Social Sciences at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs and the doctoral program, applicants are required to submit a research project of at least 1,000 words. This project should outline the scientific novelty, relevance to the field of public administration, and the proposed research methodology.

During the interview, candidates will be evaluated based on their motivation, knowledge of the field, originality and clarity of the research project, alignment of professional experience with program goals, and previous experience in publishing scientific work.

The university's website will provide a list of subject matters, along with a sample English language test, as part of the admission requirements.

Learning Outcomes of the Program:

Doctor of Public Administration:

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge of theories, relevant concepts, and scientific advancements in public administration. Critically assesses field-related issues from theoretical perspectives and recognizes their connections with other disciplines.
2. Provides detailed discussions on public administration reform models and their determinants, taking into account the specifics of comparative public administration. Analyzes ongoing reforms in Georgian public administration and their compliance with SIGMA standards.
3. Identifies the potential of utilizing research outcomes and data to address public issues. Formulates development-oriented projects for public administration based on scientific research findings.

Skills

4. Effectively manages research projects in the academic and professional fields of public administration, critically evaluating theoretical and methodological shortcomings.
5. Utilizes appropriate methodologies, data collection, and analysis techniques to investigate complex issues in public administration, ensuring adherence to research ethics and academic integrity principles. Implements innovative approaches in research management.
6. Presents research findings clearly and persuasively in both Georgian and English, using modern communication channels. Engages in local and international discussions/conferences and publishes research in peer-reviewed journals.
7. Applies modern teaching-learning methods and assessment strategies to plan, execute, and evaluate public administration courses. Manages effectively challenges faced during the learning process.
8. Utilizes research-derived knowledge to address public issues, prepares policy documents, secures funding, and develops proposals for innovative projects in public administration.

Responsibility and Autonomy

9. Adheres to professional standards in public administration, respecting cultural diversity and recognizing its significance in academic and professional contexts.

10. Demonstrates leadership in planning and evaluating research and development activities, including those related to Public Administration Reform (PAR). Promotes professional growth and continuous development.

Teaching-Learning Methods:

The principal methods of teaching and learning employed in the educational component provided by the doctoral program in public administration include lectures, group work, practical exercises, seminars, and instruction using electronic resources. The syllabi of the existing lecture courses encompass various methods for achieving the training course's objectives, all rooted in the principles of student-centered teaching. The teaching and learning methods utilized focus on expanding knowledge while also fostering the development of essential skills, responsibility, and autonomy. The teaching and learning methods outlined in the syllabus of each training course align with the level of instruction and the objectives and content of the course.

Tailored to the specifics of each training course, the methods of teaching and learning ensure the attainment of the learning outcomes stipulated in the syllabus, while the array of existing teaching methods facilitates the achievement of the program's broader learning objectives. The teaching and learning methods outlined in the syllabi of the training courses aid in comprehending the subject matter and cultivating transferable skills in students.

Aligned with the objectives of each training course and the desired outcomes, the methods of teaching and learning emphasize interactive approaches, entailing the utilization of diverse strategies and activities tailored to the various courses, the overall curriculum, and the program's objectives. In addition to traditional lecture-style teaching, the process incorporates discussion and debate methods, cooperative learning, and collaborative work, ensuring the active participation of doctoral students in preparation for future academic and pedagogical endeavors.

The program places significant emphasis on practically engaging doctoral students, fostering the development of critical and meta-cognitive skills, encouraging reflection, and maintaining academic records. Furthermore, the program incorporates project-based learning, peer learning, and peer assessment into its teaching methodologies. Demonstrations, explanations, reports, deductive and inductive reasoning, role-playing, simulations, brainstorming sessions, case studies, panel discussions, and problem-based learning (PBL) are also employed.

The academic and visiting staff responsible for implementing the program may utilize one or more of the aforementioned methods or other activities depending on the specific learning objectives.

Employment Opportunities:

Graduates of the doctoral program in public administration are equipped to pursue roles as researchers/analysts in research institutes, private organizations, and other entities, as well as academic positions in higher educational institutions. They can build successful careers in public administration across various sectors, encompassing both governmental and non-governmental, and international organizations.

Human Resources Necessary for Program Implementation:

The implementation of the doctoral program in public administration is supported by appropriate human resources. The educational components of the program are overseen by the academic staff of the university, along with invited specialists possessing relevant experience and competencies. For further details regarding human resources, please refer to Annex N3.

Material Resources Necessary for Program Implementation:

The university utilizes its infrastructure and material-technical resources, available to students without constraints, to achieve the learning outcomes outlined in the doctoral program in public administration. These resources include training auditoriums, a conference hall with necessary equipment, a library with computers and information and

communication technologies, computer labs with internet access and relevant software for the teaching-learning process, as well as various other technical devices.

The educational program is supplemented by relevant textbooks and methodological literature. The university library offers students access to applicable printed and electronic textbooks prescribed by the syllabi of study courses, instructional and scholarly literature, in addition to the library's book collection database, international electronic databases accessible off-campus, and the electronic catalog accessible via the university's website.

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Structure and Curriculum of the Doctoral Program in Public Administration:

The doctoral program in public administration comprises teaching (60 ECTS) and research components. **The educational component of the program** aims to develop the field-specific and methodological skills of doctoral students, assisting them in completing their dissertations and preparing them for future pedagogical and scientific endeavors, as well as equipping them with the skills necessary for producing scholarly work, managing research projects, and utilizing research outcomes to address public issues. This includes adhering to publication standards for articles intended for refereed journals. **The research component of the doctoral program** aims to cultivate the scientific research skills of doctoral students, culminating in the presentation of a dissertation. Successful defense of the prospectus and colloquium is a prerequisite for dissertation defense and ensures the quality of the research process. Moreover, two refereed publications must be produced in accordance with the requirements of the Dissertation Council and Doctorate Regulations of the School of Social Sciences at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs. **The prospectus** comprises findings from secondary literature review and research conducted using secondary data related to the identified research problem. It serves as a preliminary outline of the dissertation, detailing the novelty and relevance of the research issue, providing a logical explanation and justification of its scientific and practical value, delineating research boundaries, focus, goals, tasks, research questions, and relevant theoretical conceptual foundations. **The colloquium**, as part of the dissertation research, constitutes one completed chapter reflecting data and analysis derived from qualitative, quantitative, or mixed research conducted during the dissertation work. It is accompanied by a brief introductory section outlining the purpose and objectives of the dissertation to establish the relevance of the presented research. Furthermore, the colloquium includes a detailed description of data collection methods, analysis techniques, and findings, which hold scientific value from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. **The dissertation** represents the culmination of the independent scientific research conducted by the doctoral student. It should reflect scientifically substantiated results derived from theoretical and empirical research, addressing pertinent scientific issues, demonstrating scientific innovation, and contributing to the advancement of the field of public administration. The doctoral student's independent research endeavors should focus on scientific self-development and are conducted under the supervision of an academic advisor.

Evaluation of the scientific research component within the doctoral educational program must adhere to the evaluation system outlined in Order No. 3 of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia, dated January 5, 2007, titled "On the rules for calculating credits for higher educational programs".

Table # 1: Mapping the Course Objectives and Program Learning Outcomes for Public Administration Ph.D Programme

Programme Objectives				
	Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3	Objective 4
Knowledge and Understanding				
Learning Outcome 1				
Learning Outcome 2				
Learning Outcome 3				
Skills				
Learning Outcome 4				
Learning Outcome 5				
Learning Outcome 6				
Learning Outcome 7				
Learning Outcome 8				
Responsibility and Authonomy				
Learning Outcome 9				
Learning Outcome 10				

Table N3: Map of Learning Outcomes of the PhD Program in Public Administration

This map illustrates learning outcomes concerning compulsory subjects, which are further categorized into three (3) levels: a) I (Introduction) - introductory level, b) D (Development of knowledge) - deepening of knowledge, and c) M (Mastering) - strengthening of knowledge. Additionally, the program incorporates a practical component - P (Practical application of knowledge/research). Training courses may also occur at the development and practice (DP) or advanced and practice (AP) level.

Teaching Component	Knowledge and Understanding			Skills					Responsibility and Autonomy	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Teaching Component										
Leading theories and research aspects of public administration	I	I	I	IP	I		I	IP		I
Research and scientific writing	I				I	I				I
Qualitative research methods	D		D	DP	D	DP		D	I	D
Quantitative research methods and statistical data analysis	D		D	DP	D	DP		D	D	D
Modern teaching-learning methods and strategies							DP		DP	
Professor's assistance	D					DP	MP		DP	
Doctoral Seminar 1 (Processing of a specific topic of public administration)	D	D		DP	DP	DP			DP	DP
Research management and fundraising	D		MP					MP	DP	DP
Research Component										
Prospectus	DP	DP		DP	DP	DP			DP	DP
Colloquium	DP	DP		DP	DP	DP			DP	DP
PhD dissertation	M	M		M	M	M			M	M

Annex N1 - Possible research topics:

Based on the research experience and scientific productivity of the academic staff involved in the implementation of the doctoral program in public administration, possible research topics include the following list

Public administration reform, policy planning and coordination, public policy analysis and performance management, evidence-based management, public engagement in the public sector

Open government, public participation and consultation in the field of public administration, e-government and management of public services

Professional ethics in public administration, whistleblower institute, human resource management in the public sector and professional development

Good governance, accountability, parliamentary supervision and its challenges

Local governments, municipal law and management, decentralization, local community development, management of public resources for local development

Openness and accessibility of public information, human resources management in the public service, public administration reform and its management challenges

Integrity in public services, rules of ethics and conduct, comparative public administration

Management of anti-corruption policy, accountability, integrity and ethics in the public service, comparative public administration, organizational culture, whistleblowing in the public service

Electronic governance, cyber security, electronic data protection and management in the public sector

Social policy and its management, social security policy management, labor rights, migration and its management, women's economic empowerment management

Public law, administrative and constitutional law, challenges of convergence of Georgian legislation with EU standards

Management of foreign policy, specifics and challenges of management of defense and security policy

Environmental protection and sustainable development, waste management and specifics of its management

Environmental protection and biodiversity management, natural resources management

Environmental protection and sustainable development, environmental security policy management

Management of macroeconomic, namely monetary and currency policy, trade policy, as well as banking regulation policy, management of economic growth, inflation, exchange rate regime, financial sector development, competitiveness, trade policy.

Economic and monetary policy management, fiscal policy and state bank management, economic benefits of labor migration, foreign trade, debt and investment management

Management of education policy, management of innovation, inclusion and quality in education, management of pre-school institutions

Political dimensions of public service reform, gender equality policy management, conflict management

Assessment of functioning of state institutions and media coverage, civil conflict and discourse of political actors in the media

Economics, economic policy, sectoral economics, econometrics, regulation of economic sectors

Human social rights and its regulation, crime and punishment management

Drug policy management, anti-tobacco policy management, psychiatric disease control and management, education policy management

A list of problematic research issues relevant to the field of public administration, including at the level of sectoral, cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary analysis, which the academic staff involved in the implementation of the program have the competence to lead:

1. Models of public administration reform and comparative practices of reform implementation and evaluation according to the logic of traditional management, new public administration, neo-Weberian and new public administration
2. Compatibility of national and local dimensions of public administration from a legal, political and governance perspective - an institutional analysis of public administration
3. Public involvement and relevant tools in the process of public administration
4. Specifics and standards of public service: challenges of implementing electronic and service standards
5. Public sector economics and budgeting, its management mechanisms and challenges
6. Recruitment and evaluation of civil servants, evaluation models and implementation specifics from a comparative public administration perspective
7. Neutrality and independence of the civil service system
8. Protection of meritocratic principles in public administration and its management mechanisms
9. Evidence-based policy management - planning, implementation and evaluation
10. Results-oriented management models and their comparative practices
11. Leadership in public administration and mechanisms of its effectiveness
12. Models of organizational culture analysis in public administration
13. Organizational change management and challenges in the public service
14. Motivation research in public organizations
15. Organizational learning and its management mechanisms in public administration
16. Group/team management and its analysis models in public administration
17. Perspectives of systematic analysis of public organizations
18. Models of private-public partnership and its challenges in the process of relations with external contractors
19. Mechanisms of deliberative governance and perspectives of involvement of external factors to implement network governance
20. Principles of open government and challenges in their implementation
21. E-governance models: best practices and current challenges
22. Multi-level governance models (supra-national, national, regional and local) and comparative analysis of existing practices
23. Comparative public administration (Anglo-Saxon, European and Asian experiences)
24. The specifics of sectoral (health, social, environmental) policy management and current challenges in the post-Soviet and Eastern European experience
25. The specifics of public policy analysis in the public sector and current challenges in a transforming society
26. Management tools and standards and their implementation problems with sectoral and cross-sectoral perspectives
27. Sunk costs and challenges in public administration
28. Policy coordination problems in public administration: horizontal and vertical
29. Transparency and accountability of public organizations
30. Internal and external factors affecting the development of local public administration

Appendix #2 – Personal Documentation about the Academic and Administrative heads of the programme

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Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University 1999-2001	M.A. in Political Science (Master's Diploma # 01003)
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CURRENT POSITIONS:

- 2018 – present** Professor, Head of the M.A. and PhD programmes in Public Administration, Director of Research Department, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) – Affiliated University
- 2019 – present** Accreditation Expert – Public Policy/Administration and Political Science, LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia.
- 2022-present** Manager of the Journal - The NISPACE Journal of Public Administration and Policy, Partnership between GIPA and NISPACE

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2. Tabeshadze, M., Kenneth Nordberg, K., Lindh, M., Chutlashvili, A, & Macharashvili N., (2023), POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN GEORGIAN DECISION-MAKING (BASED ON SWEDISH AND FINNISH PRACTICES), GIPA, UNDP.
3. Macharashvili, N., Tsukhishvili, N. (2022), Whistleblower Practice in Civil Service of Georgia, Civil Service Hub (on Georgian Language).
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RESEARCH PROJECTS/ RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- 2022-2026** – project leader at GIPA – EU - the national structural reform project ‘Responsible Conduct of Research – Research Integrity and Ethics in Georgian Universities (ETHICS)’ - Georgia National Project ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-3 (2022-2026)
- 2022-2025** - The NISPAcee – partnership with the NISPAcee - The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe Journal of Public Administration and Policy
- 2022** – March-December - Whistleblower Practice in Civil Service of Georgia, Civil Service Hub, Embassy of Netherlands in Georgia.
- 2019-2022** - project leader at GIPA – EU - “Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units”, ERASMUS+ Programme, 598207-EPP-1- 2018-1-GEEPPKA2-CBHE-SP
- 2019-2020** – Project Leader, senior researcher, Research Project - UNDP, Political Independence of Public Servants and the Role of Senior Public Savant, Supporting Public Administration Reform in Georgia.
- 2015-2017** - Researcher, project leader at TSU, HORIZON 2020 – EU Whole-of-Society Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding (EU-WOSCAP), 653866 – WOSCAP –H2020-BES-2014-2015/H2020-BES-2014, Local Expert, Project Coordinator at Tbilisi State University.
- 2015-2016** – researcher, Research Beyond the Ivory Tower: Policy and Communications Training for University Teams programme, ‘NUPI - Norwegian Institute of International Affairs fellowship for research - SOS Tbilisi: Does Environmental Civic Participation Enable Deliberative Democracy in Georgia?
- 2014-2016** – Glosarry for Public Policy and Administration under the Social Science Glossary, Center for Social Sciences, Rustaveli National Scientific Agency.
- 2013-2015** – local expert – V-Democracy Institute, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg (Sweden). <https://v-dem.net/DemoComp/en/data/analysis>.
- 2013-2014** - project leader, USA embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia – W.Dunn, Public Policy Analysis, USA authors book translation program.
- 2012-2014** – project leader and researcher, The ACADEMIC SWISS CAUCASUS NET (ASCN). Outside Policy actor’s engagement in Public policy Making.

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Education

- 2010 - Ak. Tsereteli Kutaisi State University - Doctor's degree in Philology (English Literature)
- 2010 - Management Academy - Certificate of Completion
- Project Management/Monitoring and Evaluation
- 2005-2007 – Georgian Institute of Public Affairs - Certificate of Completion
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- Columbia Missouri University
- 2005-2007 - Master's degree in International Politics
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- 1992-1997 - Ak.Tsereteli Kutaisi State University - Master's degree in English Language and Literature
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- 2021 _ Chapter 9 "Does mining industry in Georgia affect public health?" Public Policy and Politics in Georgia: Lessons from Post-Soviet Transition (Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society), ibidem Press, v. 228.ISSN 1614-3515
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- 2019_ Translator; Book translation program in Georgia funded by US Embassy; A textbook: "Operations Management: Processes and Supply Chains (What's New in Operations Management ", Authors: Lee Krajewski (Author), Manoj Malhotra (Author), Larry Ritzman (Author) Pearson 2018.
- 2018_ Translator; Book translation program in Georgia funded by US Embassy; A textbook_ "Entrepreneurship: Successfully Launching New Ventures (What's New in Management)"; Authors: Bruce Barringer (Author), R Ireland (Author) Pearson 2018.
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Annex N3 – Information about human resources of the program

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1.	Nana Matcharashvili	Professor, Doctor of Political Science	Affiliate	Supervisor	Research Design and Publishing; The leading theoretical and research aspects of Public Policy and Public Government; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration; Doctoral Seminar
2.	Bakur Kvashilava	Professor, Doctor of Social Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Qualitative Research Methods
3.	Natia Gorgadze	Associate professor, Doctor of Education	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Modern Learning/Teaching Methods and Strategies; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration
4.	Nikoloz Esitashvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Political Science	Affiliate	Supervisor	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistical Analysis of Quantitative Data; Doctoral Seminar
5.	Tamar Zurabishvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Sociology	Affiliate	-	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistical Analysis of Quantitative Data; Research Management and Fundraising; Doctoral Seminar
6.	Mamuka Makhataдзе	Associate Professor, Doctor of Medicine	Affiliate	-	Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration; Doctoral Seminar
7.	Gvantsa Beselia	Assistant Professor, Doctor of Public Administration	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
8.	Shalva Lazariashvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Public Administration	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
9.	Shalva (Lasha) Gogidze	Associate Professor, Doctor of Public Administration	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
10.	Nino Tsukhishvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Laws	Affiliate	-	Doctoral Seminar
11.	Natia Iakobidze	Associate Professor, Doctor of Philological Sciences	Affiliate	-	Research Design and Publishing
12.	Konstantine Eristavi	Professor, Doctor of Human Rights Theory	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
13.	Aleksandre Svanishvili	Professor, Doctor of Social Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration;
14.	Gogita Todradze	Associate professor, Doctor of Economics	Affiliate	-	Doctoral Seminar
15.	David Kirvalidze	Professor, Doctor of Agricultural Science	Affiliate	-	Doctoral Seminar
16.	Vano Tsertsvadze	Professor, Doctor of Social Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
17.	Khatuna Gigauri	Associate Professor, Doctor of Life Science	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
18.	Kakha Artsivadze	Professor, Doctor of Biological Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration;
19.	Ia Eradze	Associate Professor, Doctor of Social and Economic	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
20.	Nino Gelashvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Chemical Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar

21.	Nino Abzianidze	Associate Professor, Doctor of Political Science	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
22.	Tornike Sharashenidze	Professor, Doctor of Social Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration;
23.	Natia Kutivadze	Professor, Doctor of Economics	Affiliate	-	Doctoral Seminar
24.	Merab Kakulia	Professor, Doctor of Economics	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
25.	David Jandieri	Professor, Doctor of Laws	Affiliate	-	Doctoral Seminar
26.	Vladimer Naphetvaridze	Associate Professor, Doctor of Political Science	Non-Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
27.	Ketevan Goginashvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Health Sciences	Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar; Sectoral Dimensions of Public Administration;
28.	Mikheil Tokmazishvili	Associate Professor, Doctor of Economic Sciences	Non-Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar
29.	Shalva Tabatadze	Invited lecturer, Doctor of Education	-	-	Research Management and Fundraising
30.	Rap Sangeeta	Associate Professor; PhD.	Non-Affiliate	Supervisor	Doctoral Seminar