

## **Annex N1 - possible research topics of the program:**

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

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

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

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

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Good governance, accountability, parliamentary supervision and its challenges

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Environmental protection and biodiversity management, natural resources management

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Environmental protection and sustainable development, environmental security policy management

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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.

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Economic and Monetary Policy Management, Fiscal Policy and State Bank Management, Economic Benefits of Labor Migration, Foreign Trade, Debt and Investment Management

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

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

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

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

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Human social rights and its regulation, crime and punishment management

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Drug Policy Management, Anti-Tobacco Policy Management, Psychiatric Disease Control and Management, Education Policy Management

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**Research problematic 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, are determined by the following list:**

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 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, etc.) 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.