**Doctoral studies in the heart of Europe for international students in the Czech Republic**

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**The Department of Educational Sciences at the Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic offers a four-year doctoral degree programme in Education, taught in English. Doctoral studies may be carried out on a full-time or part-time basis. The programme includes comprehensive preparation for independent academic research. The dissertation must make a contribution to knowledge in a specific area, meet rigorous academic standards and show evidence of originality.**

*“Students in the programme will receive advanced training in research methods, participate in regular seminars where academic staff provide support for the thesis in chosen area of specialization and individual supervision and consultation with student´s supervisors,”* describes Prof. Milan Pol, the Programme leader.

Other integral parts of the doctoral study programme include lectures from leading scholars in educational research, presentations from staff and a forum for discussion between students and scholars.

The Diploma Supplement model, which forms part of the Diploma, was developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES.

“*In cases deserving special attention, a scholarship up to the amount of a one-year school fee may be awarded to the applicant*,” Milan Pol adds.

The topic of a dissertation may be associated with current research being carried out by a selected research team at the department , or the student may choose a topic close to his/her professional interests in disciplines that include philosophy of education , sociology of education, evaluation in education, andragogy, social education and counselling, and others.

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***Brno*** *is located in the heart of Europe, only 100 km from Vienna and 200 km from Prague. One-fifth of all the city’s residents are students.*

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