



STATEMENT



Regarding the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor"

Field of Higher Education: 1. Pedagogical Sciences

Professional Field: 1.2. Pedagogy (Art Pedagogy – Fine Arts and Constructive-Technological Activities in Kindergarten and Primary School)

Candidate: Senior Assistant Professor, PhD Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova

Author of the Statement: Prof. Dr Rumyana Papancheva, University “Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov”, Burgas. (According order No. RD-238 dated 15.07.2024 of the Rector of "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University)

1. Description of the Competition Procedure

The announced competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Art Pedagogy – Fine Arts and Constructive-Technological Activities in Kindergarten and Primary School), for the needs of the Department of “Pedagogy and Methods of teaching and learning”, published in the Official Journal of Republic of Bulgaria, issue 43 of May 17, 2024, has one applicant: Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova.

The documents submitted by Dr. Avramova-Todorova for participation in the competition indicate that the procedure for its initiation and announcement has been followed, and they comply with the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation, as well as the Rules for the Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas..

2. Scientometric Indicators

According to the Rules for the Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas, the scientometric indicators of the candidate, Dr. Gergana Avramova-Todorova, for the academic position of “Associate Professor” are as follows:

- Indicator from Group “A”: 50 points (fulfilled)
- Indicator from Group “B” is not required for this position.
- Indicator from Group “C” – Monograph presented as a habilitation work: 100 points (fulfilled)
- Total points for Indicator “D”: 438, with a required minimum of 400 points.



- Total points for Indicator “E”: 210, with a required minimum of 100 points.
- Total points for Indicator “F”: 100, with a required minimum of 50 points.

The scientific production presented by Dr. Gergana Avramova-Todorova corresponds to the scientometric criteria outlined in the Rules for the Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas.

3. Main Directions in the Candidate's Research Work and Most Important Scientific Contributions

The candidate's research work is clearly focused on the study of emotional intelligence in children and students. The candidate develops methodological models for the formation of emotional intelligence at an early age through fine arts and constructive-technical means. The candidate's scientific interests lie at the intersection of two disciplines – Arts and Technologies and Entrepreneurship, and implement original and effective working models.

The candidate has presented a monograph titled “Happiness for Children”, which describes and defends a pedagogical model for forming emotional skills in primary school children through creative activities. The monograph explores the possibilities of influencing children through fine arts and constructive-technological means, with the aim of stimulating the feeling of happiness. The feeling of happiness is an emotional construct, part of the emotional intelligence of the personality.

A model for the formation of emotional intelligence, “Happy Children” is proposed. The model presents an impact on children through selected creative means (arts and constructive-technological). Five main themes are examined: choosing to be oneself, kind gestures, the joy of everyday small “good things” in life, and curiosity. The monograph presents results from an experiment conducted with primary school children in the form of a training session. The described experiment includes a diagnostic stage, a formative stage, and a concluding stage. A pilot study was conducted with 83 respondents, followed by a main study involving 184 respondents. The results are illustrated with diagrams, conclusions are formulated, and analyses are made.

The candidate has presented a book based on a major dissertation work, a part of a collective monograph, as well as over 30 publications in refereed and indexed journals, 6 of which are in internationally recognized databases. In her teaching activities to date, the candidate teaches compulsory and elective courses within the framework of the announced competition.

Since 2006, the candidate has held the academic positions of “Assistant” and “Chief Assistant”. She has gained undeniable pedagogical experience and is respected by the students in the pedagogical specialties at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas.



4. Critical Remarks, Recommendations, Questions

The formatting of the monograph should be more precise. When presenting results, it would be beneficial to include comparative diagrams between the initial and final diagnostics to more clearly show the described trends and dependencies. In the conclusion, findings are provided, but there is no in-depth analysis of the causes leading to the respective minimum and maximum values of the individual indicators.

5. Conclusion

Based on the materials presented in the competition, I consider that the candidate, Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova, meets the criteria for holding the academic position of “Associate Professor” as defined by the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and its Implementation Rules, as well as the Rules for the Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas. I recommend that the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury vote positively and propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences at “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” University, Burgas, to elect Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova to the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Art Pedagogy - Fine Arts and Constructive-Technological Activities in Kindergarten and Primary School).

Date: 1.09.2024

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Member of the Scientific Jury:

/ Prof. Dr. Romyana Papancheva /