



STANDPOINT

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BFU

Competition for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor"

Field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences

Professional field: 1.2. Pedagogy (Preschool and primary school pedagogy,
Media literacy) at BFU

1. Ascertainment and assessment of the tender procedure:

In connection with Order No. LS/53 of 02.12.2022 of the Rector of Burgas Free University, promulgated in SG, no. 82/14.10.2022, based on Art. 51, para. 1 pursuant to Art. 44 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at BFU, as well as Art. 67, para. 1, item 1 of the CT, in accordance with a decision to admit the candidate for the academic position "Associate Professor" pending assessment, according to the fulfillment of the conditions under Art. 50, Art. 58, para. 3 and in accordance with the results of the inquiries under Art. 62, para. 3, items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Regulations for the conditions is the procedure for filling academic positions at BFU, a competition for the filling of the academic position "Associate Professor" has been announced. Only one candidate appears at the competition in the person of Assist. Prof. Zlatina Georgieva Dimitrova, PhD. After reviewing the documents required under the LDASRB and the Rules for the LDASRB, as well as the internal rules of BFU regarding the LDASRB on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions, it was found that her documents correspond to Art. 58 of the RDAS of the BFU, and also they are in accordance with the minimum national requirements and with the requirements under the LDASRB (the candidate has an acquired educational and scientific degree "PhD"; a published monographic work that does not repeat those submitted for the acquisition of the educational and scientific



degree "PhD"; original scientific works and publications and scientific-applied developments have been presented; meets the minimum national requirements defined under the RDASRB in the relevant scientific field and professional direction) the same is allowed to participate. The procedure for conducting the competition has been followed and is in accordance with all legal documents.

No violations were found, the procedure is in progress, the competition is legitimate.

2. Data on the professional and academic profile of the candidate:

Assist. Prof. Zlatina Dimitrova, PhD, within the meaning of Art. 29 of ZRASRB has the right to participate, as it fully meets the criteria: Possesses a master's degree in Theology, additional qualification "Journalism" - associate in radio and press", Master's degree in "Preschool and primary school pedagogy". Since 2018, she has been working as a part-time teacher in the Teaching Methodology of Bulgarian language and literature in the I - IV grade stage at "St. Cyril and Methodius" University of Veliko Tarnovo, and from 2022 she is an Assistant Professor in Pedagogy at Burgas Free University.

In 2021, she acquired the educational and scientific degree "PhD of Teaching Methodology in Bulgarian Language and Literature (I - IV Grade)" (Diploma No. BT-21 40026 dated May 25th, 2021) with a defended dissertation on the topic "Formation of media literacy of 4th grade students through extracurricular forms of work". She has many skills and competences, develops educational activities, participates in project activities, in national and international appearances, in practices, in media and others, etc., etc., all this is evident from her creative CV (creative autobiography).

3. Conformity assessment of scientific production according to the requirements of LDASRB:

The candidate participates in the competition with scientific production presented and compared in fulfillment of the minimum national requirements under Art.



2b, para. 2 and 3 of LDASRB, as follows:

Indicator group A: 1. Dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "PhD" → **50 points.**

Indicator group B: Habilitation thesis (monograph) → = **100 points.**

Indicator group C: total number 230 points.

Indicator group D: 70 points.

The comparable minimum number of points required by groups of indicators, for the academic position of Associate professor, summarized by indicators from A to D is a total of 450 points, with a minimum number of 400.

From the information presented, it is clear that the candidate not only fulfills, but also in some parts exceeds the minimum scientometric indicators required for holding the academic position of "Associate professor".

4. Content and evaluation of scientific contributions:

In her report Assist. Prof. Zlatina Dimitrova, PhD, has derived, summarized and presented the scientific novelties (contributions) in the practical-content side of her publications, proposed for participation in the competition. She has systematized them according to the scientific-problem aspects, scientific interests and directions of the modern development of her academic competences, grouped and presented for participation in the current competition, concentrated in several interrelated scientific areas, corresponding to the topic of the announced competition for associate professor in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Preschool and primary school pedagogy, Media literacy) in the following fields:

- Publications related to theoretical and applied aspects of digital competence in kindergarten and primary school - The Monograph "Digital Transformation - Competence and Creativity in Kindergarten and School".
- Publications related to theoretical and applied aspects of the digital competence in kindergarten and primary school - No. 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13.
- Publications related to theoretical and applied aspects of media pedagogy - No.



2, 9, 11, 12.

- Publications related to the methodology of teaching Bulgarian language and literature at primary school age - No. 5, 9, 11.
- Publications related to primary education and modern educational technologies - No. 5, 8, 11.
- Publications related to higher education pedagogy - No. 4, 6, 7, 12.
- Publications related to non-formal education - No. 6.
- Publications related to improving student-teacher interpersonal relationships - No. 3.
- Publications in the field of media communication - No. 10.

The colleague has exhibited original contributions, with which I fully consolidate. The quality of her scientific work is at a high professional level, judging by the references from other authors. Referring to the thoroughness, innovation, relevance and eruditeness of the academic production, I assume, probably and certainly, that the citations are much more, the so-called "spotted".

5. Assessment of the teaching, academic and expert activity of the candidate:

Her classroom and extra-auditory employment are indisputable. From the report presented for the academic year 2021-2022, she spent 157 hours, and for 2022-2023, the hours are 418 or a total of 575 hours, with a mission for innovations in teaching methods, providing activities in a practical environment outside the higher school, in the scientific organization, etc. From electronic courses in the MOODLE system, BFU conducts a total of 14 trainings in various disciplines, for bachelor's and master's programs, as well as a course on project-based learning, developed together with Prof. PhD Maria Aleksieva at the Distance Learning Center, Department of Qualification, retraining and PCS, as well as the "Mission Teacher" student club. Her experience as a media organizer, lecturer and public speaker is proven and a model for both personal development and improvement, as well as for motivating young people, her student trainees, to strive to reach and surpass their teacher.



6. Criticisms, suggestions and recommendations:

I have no critical notes. Usually, the proposals have a recommendatory nature and are related to the scientific achievements and teaching attitudes in the many years of growth and confirmation of the candidate. In this regard, it would be good for it to expand its dissemination activity and activity beyond the borders of Bulgaria, so that research, knowledge, skills, competences, such as these, can be heard and seen by the international academic community.

7. Conclusion:

Based on the above, in a categorical, justified and unambiguous manner, I give my positive assessment and suggest to my colleagues from the respected scientific jury, as well as to the members of the Faculty Council, to vote positively for borrowing from the ch. Assistant Professor Zlatina Georgieva Dimitrova, PhD, to the academic position of "Associate Professor" on the basis of Art. 62, para. 3, items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Regulations for the terms and conditions for occupying academic positions at BFU, pursuant to Art. 44 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of BFU, under Art. 67, para. 1 item 1 of CT in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Preschool and primary school pedagogy, Media literacy) for the needs of Burgas Free University.

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