

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY
of prof. Desislava Stoyanova Atanasova, PhD



- 04.11.1966** - Born in Ruse
- 1984** - Graduated “Baba Tonka” High School of Mathematics in Ruse
- 1989** - Graduated University of Ruse “Angel Kanchev”, Engineer in Electronics and Automation, specialization Information Technology
- 1990** - Started academic career as assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science in University of Ruse “Angel Kanchev”
- 2008** - PhD awarded by the High Attestation Commission at the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria, thesis topic Information-expert system for electric arc welding of steels
- 2010** - Diploma for Associate Professor awarded by the High Attestation Commission at the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 2026** - Elected as a professor in the professional field 4.6. Informatics and Computer Science
- since 2008 г.** - Member of the Expert Council of professional field Informatics and Computer Science
- 2012 - 2015 г.** - Vice Dean in Education, Accreditation and Quality of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Education
- since 2018 г.** - Member of the Study and Methodology Committee for the creation of bachelor degree in Software Engineering at the University of Ruse
- 2016 – 2019 г.** - Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Education
- 2020 – 2023 г.** - Vice Rector in Internationalization and Communication Policy of the University of Ruse
- 2024 – 2025 г.** - Vice Rector in Research of the University of Ruse
- since 2025 г.** - Rector of the University of Ruse
- Member of the General Assembly of the University of Ruse
 - Member of the Academic Council of the University of Ruse for the third term
 - Member of the University Commission in Quality of Education; Internal auditor of the Educational Quality System at the University of Ruse;
 - Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Education

Specializations at foreign universities

Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK;
Bremen University, Bremen, Germany;
Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany

Foreign language competences

English – spoken and written level C1/B2
Russian – spoken and written level C1/B2
German – spoken and written level B2/B1

Membership in professional organizations:

Bulgarian Union of Scientists, Ruse branch;
Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians;
Academic Community in Computer Systems and Information Technology
Member of organizing committees of international conferences

Areas of professional interest

Non-procedural Programming
Artificial Intelligence
Human-Machine Interface
STEAM, Project-Based Learning and Gamification in Education

Research

Leader/Coordinator of 7 projects with European and national funding
Participant in over 10 research and educational projects with European and national funding
Author of over 100 articles and reports, 1 monograph, 4 textbooks, editor of 1 book

Awards:

RUSE Prize of the Municipality of Ruse in the field of Higher Education – 2018 г.
Certificate of Honor and Plaque of the Municipality of Vidin for high professionalism and active contribution to the development and establishment of the Vidin Branch of the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" – 2021 г.
Golden Badge of the University of Ruse
Diploma and a Badge of Honor of the Union of Scientists – Ruse, 2013 г.
Annual award of the Union of Scientists – Ruse for Scientific Excellence in the field of Natural Sciences 2012 г.