

G. PhD programme of study named *PhD Programme in Biology in the discipline of Biological Sciences, conducted in English*

Formal requirements for entering the admission procedure

Candidates eligible for admission to the *PhD Programme in Biology* at the Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences are the holders of *Magister*, *Magister inżynier*, or equivalent professional title awarded in the field of natural and exact sciences.

In exceptional cases, given the outstanding quality of candidate's academic achievements, a person referred to in Article 186 of the Act who does not hold a *Magister* title, who has completed the undergraduate (first-cycle) programme, or who has completed the third year of long-cycle graduate programme but holds the status of student of a programme in the field indicated above or has graduated from a programme in that field, may also apply for admission to the programme.

In order to confirm the fulfilment of the condition referred to in Article 186, section 2 of the Act, the candidate shall be obliged to submit:

1. two opinions confirming the high quality of the research work carried out and the high level of advancement of such work, issued by academic tutors holding at least the postdoctoral degree or being employees of a foreign university or scientific institution who have significant achievements in scientific issues related to the curriculum, or
2. a certificate of being a beneficiary of the "Diamond Grant" programme of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

Whether the candidate meets the condition referred to in Article 186 section 2 of the Act shall be decided by the Director in consultation with the chair of the committee.

Qualification criteria

Candidates are placed on the ranking list in order determined by their final result calculated on the basis of the interview result (0–100 points).

Admission procedure

Upon registration in the OAS, candidates for this doctoral school programme choose no more than two research topics which they would like to pursue, assigning priorities reflecting order of preference. Research topics are published on the doctoral school website at least a week before the admission procedure begins.

The interview is conducted in English and assessed on a scale from 0 to 100. During the interview, candidates will be asked to shortly present in speech their doctoral research project, including the reasoning for choosing the research topics. Next, they will answer committee's questions regarding the doctoral thesis subject and related problems. Then, they will be presented with a summary of a paper and they will be asked to discuss the text. Assessment will focus on candidate's knowledge in the area of planned research and on their English language proficiency.

Final result from the whole admission procedure equals the number of points awarded as the interview result.

Candidates are assigned to pursue the research topics in accordance with the priorities declared in the OAS, following the procedure outlined below:

- 1) candidate placed first on the ranking list pursues the research topic to which they have assigned the first (highest) priority;

- 2) candidate placed second on the ranking lists pursues the research topic to which they have assigned the first (highest) priority, unless the topic has been chosen by a candidate placed above them on the ranking list; in this case, they pursue the research topic to which they have assigned second priority, etc.

Final result calculation

The final admission procedure result W is expressed as a number on a scale from 0 to 100, calculated for all candidates as a number of points awarded during the interview.