

**J. The PhD study programme named *Biology* in the discipline of Biological Sciences conducted in Polish**

**Formal requirements for entering the admission procedure**

Persons holding the professional title of Master of Science, Master of Science Eng., or an equivalent degree in the field of exact and natural sciences may be admitted to the programme named *Biology* at the Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences.

As an exception, taking into account the best quality of scientific achievements, a person referred to in art. 186 paragraph 2 of the Act, who does not have a master's degree, who is a graduate of the first-cycle studies or a student who has completed the third year of long-cycle studies, but who still has the status of a student in the field of study mentioned above or who has completed such a course, may apply for the programme.

In order to confirm the fulfillment of the condition referred to in Art. 186 paragraph 2 of the Act, the candidate is required to submit:

1. two opinions confirming the best quality of their research work and the high level of advancement of such work, issued by a research fellow holding at least the academic degree of habilitated doctor or being an employee of a foreign higher education institution or a research institution, who has significant achievements in academic issues related to the curriculum, or
2. a certificate of being a beneficiary of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education "Diamentowy Grant" programme.

The director in consultation with the chairman of the committee shall resolve if the candidate fulfills the conditions referred to in Art. 186 para. 2 of the Act.

**Qualification criteria**

The order of candidates on the ranking list shall be determined by the numerical sum of points obtained as a result of the conducted qualification, determined on the basis of the following three stages:

1. Oral presentation of the research project done by the candidate, assessed on a scale of 0–30 points;
2. An interview assessing the knowledge on the research topic of the presented project, assessed on a scale of 0-50 points;
3. English language exam, assessed on a scale of 0-20 points.

**Admission procedure**

Separate ranking lists of candidates applying for admission to the *Biology* PhD study programme shall be created, respectively for: (1) Institute of Zoology and Biomedical Research, (2) Institute of Botany and (3) Institute of Environmental Sciences.

A research project thematically related to the planned doctoral thesis shall include: topic, short introduction, research objectives, methodology, expected results. The project consists of a maximum of 3-4 A4 pages.

The candidate shall give a 5-minute oral presentation about the submitted research project, followed by an interview about the field of knowledge covering the research spectrum of the candidate's project.

Both the presentation of the project and the interview shall be conducted in Polish.

The English language exam shall be conducted by the examination team. The candidate shall be assessed according to four categories:

1. Vocabulary + pronunciation;
2. Grammar;
3. Fluency;
4. Interaction.

In each one of these categories, the candidate may receive from 0 to 5 points.

**Final result calculation**

The final result of the qualification procedure shall be the sum of the points from the three stages mentioned above and is a number between 0 and 100.