

J. The PhD study programme named PhD Programme in Biology in the discipline of Biological Sciences conducted in English

Formal requirements for entering the admission procedure

Persons holding the professional title of Master of Science, Master of Science, or an equivalent degree in the field of exact and natural sciences may be admitted to the programme named *PhD Programme in 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 "Diamontowy 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 the candidates on the ranking list shall be determined by their final numerical result of the qualification based on the result of the interview (0-100 points).

Admission procedure

During registration in the system, the candidates for the doctoral school programme shall present up to two research topics of interest to them, which assigns them priority. Research topics shall be posted on the doctoral school website at least two weeks before the start of enrolment.

The interview shall be conducted in English and assessed on a scale from 0 to 100

100. During the interview, candidates shall give a short oral presentation of research plans for their doctoral thesis, together with the reasons for the selection of the topics. Then they shall answer enrolment committee questions on the topic of the doctoral thesis and related issues. In the next part of the interview, they shall be given a summary of the publication to read and will have to discuss it. The knowledge of the planned research scope and the ability to use English shall be primarily assessed.

The candidate's qualification result for the entire qualification procedure shall be the number of points obtained during the interview.

Candidates carry out research topics according to the priorities declared at the registration stage in the system, in accordance with the following principle:

1. the candidate at the first place on the ranking list carries out the topic which he/she assigned as the first priority;
2. the candidate at the second place on the ranking list carries out the topic which he/she assigned as the first priority, unless the topic has already been selected by the candidate higher on the list; then he/she chooses the topic which he/she gave the second priority, etc.

Final result calculation

The final result of the enrolment procedure W shall be a number from 0 to 100 determined for all candidates as the number of points obtained during the interview.