

K. Education programme 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 exact and natural 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:

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 programme.

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

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

When registering in the system, the candidates for the programme at the doctoral school shall indicate a research topic of interest to them. 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. 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.

Final result calculation

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