

## **Biological Sciences: PhD Programme in Biology**

### **1) Documents required at the recruitment application stage:**

The documents should be loaded directly into the Online Application System (IRK).

- a) **statement of support from a researcher** holding the academic title of professor or the academic degree of doctor habilitated employed in the unit in which the study programme is implemented about the possibility of undertaking scientific cooperation in a specific scope in the event of the candidate being accepted for the study programme at the Doctoral School of Science and Natural Sciences;
- b) **an opinion** about the candidate issued by a researcher holding at least the academic degree of doctor habilitated or being an employee of a foreign higher education institution or research institution who has significant achievements in scientific issues related to the discipline of life sciences;
- c) **curriculum vitae (CV)** with particular emphasis on scholarly achievements;
- d) **documents confirming the academic achievements** listed in the curriculum vitae;
- e) a certified **translation** into Polish or English for each submitted document drawn up in a language other than Polish or English.

In addition, in the event of a candidate who is a graduate of a first-cycle programme or a student who has completed the third year of a long-cycle programme referred to in Article 186, section 2 of this Act:

1.1 **two opinions**, mentioned in point 1) b) confirming the high quality of research work carried out and the high level of advancement of such work,

1.2 **a certificate** of being a beneficiary of the prestigious eg. "Perły nauki" (Pearl of Science) Programme of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. (if the candidate has one)

### **2) Documents required for entry:**

- a) the original **OAS application** printed out from the system, containing the photo;
- b) a photocopy and the original for inspection of:
  - i. a diploma certifying the award of a master's degree, master's degree in engineering or an equivalent degree in the field of study, as indicated in the specific enrolment conditions, or
  - ii. a diploma confirming completion of first-cycle studies or a document confirming completion of the third year of uniform master's studies and confirming the student status in one of the courses indicated in detail in the enrolment conditions,
  - iii. a document of completion of studies abroad, giving the right to take up studies in the country of issue in order to obtain a doctoral degree or recognized as equivalent with a relevant Polish diploma giving the qualifications listed in point b) i., ii;
- c) if the candidate has not yet been awarded such a diploma by the deadline for enrolment, he/she shall submit a certificate of completion of such studies and a written undertaking to deliver the diploma of completion of higher education studies giving the right to undertake studies in order to obtain the degree of doctor by the specified deadline;
- d) a photocopy and the original for inspection of: diploma supplement or official transcript of grades, and in the absence thereof, a student record book or another document containing the names of the courses and the grades received; for inspection: identity card or passport;
- e) for inspection: identity card or passport;
- f) the originals of all other documents provided at the registration stage;
- g) a certified **translation** into Polish or English for each submitted document drawn up in a language other than Polish or English.

Candidates with a higher education degree obtained outside Poland are required to provide the following additional documents:

- h) higher education diploma obtained outside Poland with an apostille or legalized

In particularly justified cases, at the request of the Co-ordinator of the Education Programme, on the basis of a written justification submitted by the Candidate to Doctoral School, the Director of the Doctoral School may waive the requirement to submit an apostille or legalize university diplomas or other documents.

In the event of exposure to harmful, noxious or hazardous factors, the applicant will, at the time of registration, be referred for a medical examination by an occupational medicine physician. The candidate shall be obliged to deliver, within the time limit set by the Co-ordinator of the Education Programme, a medical certificate confirming the absence of contraindications.

**Insurance:**

Each doctoral student, including a foreigner, admitted to the doctoral school is obligatorily subject to health insurance if he/she is not covered by such insurance on other grounds (e.g. employment relationship, contract of mandate, business activity, insured as a family member under 26 years of age, as the spouse of an insured person). The health insurance contribution is paid by the Jagiellonian University and is financed from the State budget. In addition, a doctoral student receiving a doctoral scholarship is subject to compulsory retirement and disability insurance and accident insurance.

**IMPORTANT:**

A person admitted to the doctoral school begin education and acquire doctoral student rights upon taking the oath. The Department of Personal Affairs reports doctoral student admitted to the School to compulsory health and social insurance at the commencement of education, i.e. from 1 October at the earliest. Until that time foreign candidates are obliged to cover the costs of insurance for the time of travel, treatment, etc. individually.