

K. Education programme in *Biology* in the discipline of biological sciences with English as a medium of instruction

Application requirements

The *Biology* programme at the Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences welcomes applicants holding a Master's degree, a Master of Engineering degree or an equivalent degree received in the field of exact and natural sciences.

Applicants who hold a Master's degree, a Master of Engineering or an equivalent degree in a field other than exact and natural sciences may also apply for admission to the programme. In such cases, the applicant submits 1. an opinion from a senior academic staff member (a staff member with a postdoctoral degree) confirming the applicant's achievements and competencies necessary to pursue education within the Biophysics programme, and 2. other documents confirming these achievements, e.g. participation in a project, conferences, courses.

In exceptional cases and taking into account scientific achievements of high quality, a person referred to in Article 186(2) of the Act, who does not hold a Master's degree and who is a graduate of the first-cycle study programme or a student who has completed the third year of the long-cycle study programme but who has a student status in a field from among those indicated above, or who has completed such studies, may also apply for admission to this programme.

In order to verify whether the condition referred to in Article 186(2) of the Act is met, the applicant is required to submit two opinions confirming high-quality research and the degree of progress to date of their research. These opinions are issued by scientific advisors holding a postdoctoral degree, or who are employees of a foreign university or scientific institution and who have outstanding achievements related to the programme in question.

The Director, in consultation with the chairperson of the admission committee, shall decide whether an applicant meets the condition referred to in Article 186(2) of the Act.

Admission criteria

The order of applicants on the ranking list is determined by their final admission result based on their interview score (0-100 points).

Admission procedure

Applicants for the programme in *Biology* indicate the research topics of their interest while registering in the University system. Research topics are posted on the website of the Doctoral School minimum two weeks before the date of the admission launch.

The interview is conducted in English. During the interview, the applicant delivers a short (oral) presentation on the research plans for the doctoral project, together with the explanation of the choice of the research subject. Next, the applicant answers questions from the admissions committee regarding their doctoral research proposal and the related issues. In the final part of the interview, the applicant is given a summary of the paper, which they are asked to read and discuss. The knowledge of the planned research area and the ability to communicate in English are assessed.

The applicant's admission score from the entire admission procedure is expressed in the number of points received during the interview.

Calculating admission score

The final admission result W is a number determined for all the applicants as the number of points received during the interview.