



**Poznan University of Technology Senate Resolution
No. 21/2024-2028
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on admission rules to the Doctoral School of Poznan University of Technology

Based on art. 200 item 2 of the Act of Law dated July 20, 2018, on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text, Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571) the Senate of Poznan University of Technology **resolves** as follows.

§ 1

General provisions

1. The candidate for Poznan University of Technology Doctoral School (hereinafter referred to as the Doctoral School) is admitted based on a competition with a view of exploring a research topic proposed for a given scientific discipline.
2. A candidate can choose only one research topic.
3. Any given research topic can be worked on by one person only.
4. Admission limits within scientific disciplines in the Doctoral School in the given academic year are set by the Rector.
5. Candidates to the Doctoral School submit required documents by means of the admission system or by email. The appropriate method will be specified in the recruitment announcement.
6. Recruitment to the Doctoral School is associated with the payment of a one-off, non-returnable enrollment fee. The fee must be paid upon the candidate submitting the documents referred to in § 4. The amount of the enrollment fee is determined by the Rector.
7. The decision on a candidate's admission to the Doctoral School is made by the Rector.
8. A person not admitted may appeal for reconsideration of their application.
9. The activities under the competition procedure are carried out by Competition Commissions appointed by the Rector for a given academic year, within given scientific disciplines.

§ 2

Requirements for admission to the Doctoral School

1. To be admitted to the Doctoral School a candidate must:
 - a) hold master's degree (MA or MSc) or an equivalent degree or
 - b) demonstrate highest quality of scientific achievements and be a graduate of 1st cycle program or a student who completed the third year of long-cycle program.
2. A person who does not hold the qualifications, described in sec. 1 point a, may take part in the competition procedure, however, they must confirm them before the lists of admitted candidates to the Doctoral School are announced with:
 - a diploma of graduation with the supplement or
 - a certificate of completion of studies in the Republic of Poland.

Failure to deliver any of the above documents to the Doctoral School Office by the date specified in the schedule recruitment results in refusal to admit the candidate to the Doctoral School, regardless of the results of the procedure competition.

§ 3

Recruitment announcement

1. The admission rules and the Curriculum of the Doctoral School are publicized by posting on the website of the Doctoral School and in the Public Information Bulletin of Poznan University of Technology no later than 5 months before the start of recruitment.
2. The recruitment announcement is posted on the website of the Doctoral School and contains in particular:
 - a) schedule of recruitment,
 - b) information on the recruitment process and application method
 - c) list of required documents,
 - d) information on the limit of admissions available within individual disciplines,

- e) list of research topics.

§ 4

Required documents

1. A candidate for the Doctoral School submits the required documents, following the method specified in the recruitment announcement, at the documents must be filled in completely and submitted correctly and on time:
 - a) an application for admission to the Doctoral School,
 - b) a document confirming their qualifications described in § 2 sec. 1:
 - 1) a diploma of graduation with the supplement (or with the grade report from course of education (not required if this information is included in the supplement) together with an official grading scale (if the grade report does not contain it) confirmed by the University from which a candidate graduated), or
 - 2) in case the diploma has not yet been issued, a certificate of completion of studies in the Republic of Poland, with the grade report from the course of education together with the official grading scale (if the grade report does not contain it) confirmed by the University from which a candidate graduated, or
 - 3) a statement on the planned date of defending the master's thesis in the Republic of Poland (only in the absence of a diploma and certificate of completion of studies in the Republic of Poland) with the grade report from the course of education together with the official grading scale (if the grade report does not contain it) confirmed by the University from which a candidate graduated.
 - c) *Curriculum vitae* containing personal data and the course of previous education and/or employment,
 - d) a covering letter containing a short description of the candidate's interests and reasons for undertaking education at the Doctoral School, a list of achievements (including publications, patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, scientific scholarships), awards and distinctions concerning scientific research or student activity or other scientific achievements; information about participation in scientific conferences, workshops, research and commercial projects as well as trainings and internships, international mobility and work experience, as well as scientific clubs membership (together with relevant documentation confirming all or any of the above),
 - e) a declaration of choosing a research topic from the available list together with a declaration from a potential PhD thesis supervisor (Annex 1),
 - f) description of a proposed individual research plan demonstrating feasibility of the implementation of chosen research topic (Annex 2),
 - g) a certificate confirming the knowledge of the English language at a level of at least B2 (list of accepted certificates - Annex 3) or a declaration of the knowledge of the English language at a level of at least B2 (Annex 4),
 - h) photograph of a candidate.
2. If all required documents are not presented by the date specified in the schedule, the recruitment procedure for a given candidate will not proceed further.
3. Documents submitted by a candidate must be prepared in Polish or English or translated into Polish or English by a sworn or equivalent translator in the country of issue.
4. A candidate who obtained a diploma outside the Republic of Poland in order to undertake further education in Poland may be requested to additionally submit an opinion on the recognition of the diploma issued by the National Agency for Academic Exchange. Failure to deliver the above-mentioned opinion to the Doctoral School Office by the due date from the recruitment schedule results in the candidate being refused admission to the Doctoral School, regardless of the results of the procedure competition.
5. The diploma of graduation from university obtained abroad needs to be confirmed with an *apostille* if the country issuing the document is covered by the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization of Foreign Public Documents, drawn up in The Hague on October 5, 1961 (Journal of Laws of 2005, No. 112, item 938) or legalized in any other case. Legalization is carried out by a Polish consular post in the country of issuing the diploma.
6. Additionally, in case of foreigners, when submitting original documents, they are required to present:
 - a valid, current document entitling them to stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
 - a valid health insurance policy effective on the territory of the Republic of Poland.

§ 5

Competition procedure

1. The Competition Commission consists of three members. The Chairperson of the Competition Commission is a person with at least a postdoctoral degree appointed by the Director of the Doctoral School. The Commission may not include a person who proposed a research topic within the frame of a given competition.
2. The competition procedure consists of two stages: the evaluation of the documents submitted by the candidate listed in § 4, section 1 b-f (I stage) and the interview (II stage).
3. The final grade of the candidate at the individual stages of the competition procedure, rounded to the full number, is calculated as the sum of the arithmetic averages of the marks (points) proposed by each member of the

Competition Commissions for the individual criteria, listed in section 5 and 8. Upon completion of each stage of the procedure, the Competition Commission prepares a protocol.

4. The result referred to in § 6 item 1, is calculated as the sum of the points obtained at both stages of the competition procedure, based on the protocols of the relevant Competition Commissions.
5. The evaluation of documents submitted by the candidate refers to:
 - a) candidate's achievements, including learning outcomes, scientific publications, patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, scientific scholarships, awards and distinctions concerning scientific research or student activity or other scientific achievements (0-5 points),
 - b) candidate's experience, including participation in scientific conferences, workshops, research and commercial projects, as well as trainings and internships, international mobility and work experience, scientific clubs membership (0-5 points),
 - c) description of the proposed individual research plan (0-5 points).
6. The candidate who has obtained at least 8 points during the evaluation of documents qualifies for an interview.
7. The candidate receives information on the interview in the manner specified in the recruitment announcement.
8. During the interview, the following criteria are evaluated:
 - a) experience and candidate's most important achievements (0-5 points),
 - b) knowledge, skills, and competences of the candidate in the selected scientific discipline (0-5 points),
 - c) knowledge of the selected research topics and the candidate's plans related to its implementation (0-5 points).
9. A representative of doctoral students appointed by the PhD Students' Union of Poznan University of Technology can be present during the interview, without voting rights.
10. Candidates with disabilities may apply to adapt the form, dates, and duration of the interview to their legitimate needs. Before the registration is completed, the candidate submits an appropriate request to the Director of the Doctoral School, who makes decisions in the above-mentioned case within 14 days.

§ 6

Competition procedure results

1. Admission or refusal to admit a candidate to the Doctoral School is based on the results of the competition procedure.
2. The individual results of the competition procedure are communicated to the candidate in the manner specified in the recruitment announcement.
3. The minimum number of points obtained by the candidate in the competition procedure enabling them to be admitted to the Doctoral School may not be lower than 20.
4. The number of candidates admitted into the Doctoral School corresponds with admission limits in a given scientific discipline, and candidates are admitted on the basis of their position on the ranking list in accordance with the results of the competition procedure.
5. Candidates who scored at least 20 points in the competition procedure but were not admitted to the Doctoral School due to fulfillment of admission limits in a given discipline are placed on the waiting lists. The lists are created based on the ranking for each discipline.
6. The lists of persons admitted and not admitted (including those on the waiting list) to the Doctoral School are announced publicly on the website of the Doctoral School.
7. If the candidate fails to submit the original documents within the time specified in the recruitment schedule, it is considered that the candidate has resigned from education at the Doctoral School. The vacated place may be taken by the candidate from the appropriate waiting list in the order resulting from the number of points obtained.
8. Candidates who are required to apply for a visa may receive a promise of conditional entry onto the register of doctoral students, which does not entitle them to receive a scholarship.
9. Admission to the Doctoral School is done by registering entry onto the register of doctoral students.
10. A person admitted to the Doctoral School begins education and acquires doctoral student rights upon taking the oath.

§ 7

Additional recruitment

1. Additional recruitment (beyond the admission limit, referred to in § 1 sec. 4) may be conducted only in the case when the education at the Doctoral School is financed from a source other than the subsidy (including research projects, grants, other programs or remuneration for employment by Poznan University of Technology in connection with the implementation of the research project).
2. Documents other than those listed in § 4, may be required in accordance with the detailed recruitment conditions.
3. Financing from sources other than the subsidy must guarantee the candidate funds for education, i.e. doctoral scholarship in the amount of at least that specified in Art. 209 of the Act of Law on Higher Education and Science and social security contributions paid by the Poznan University of Technology for a period of at least 2 years.

4. A candidate can be admitted to the Doctoral School provided that they meet the requirements which enable their education to be financed from a source other than a subsidy.
5. The provisions concerning the required documents and the competition procedure, described in § 4 and § 5, as well as the provisions of § 1 (with the exception of sec. 4) and § 3 and § 6 (with the exception of sec. 4 and 5), shall apply accordingly.

§ 8

Custom recruitment

Candidates who do not meet the requirement, referred to in § 2 sec. 1 point a, applying for admission to the Doctoral School pursuant to Art. 186 sec. 2 of the Act of Law on Higher Education and Science, may take part in recruitment process provided that they obtain a positive opinion of the Scientific Board of the Doctoral School, indicating that they demonstrate highest quality of scientific achievements.

§ 9

Final provisions

1. The candidate is obligated to read the information provided in the recruitment system or by email on an ongoing basis. The candidate shall bear the consequences of not complying with this obligation.
2. Decisions are delivered in the manner specified in the recruitment announcement.

§ 10

Resolution No. 157/2020-2024 of the Academic Senate of the Poznan University of Technology dated on November 29, 2023 on establishing the rules of admission to the Doctoral School hereby expires.

§ 11

The resolution comes into force on the day of its adoption.

Chair of the Senate of
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