



Szkoła Doktorska Nauk Humanistycznych UJ

1. **How intensive is the program in the first year? Is it possible to reconcile the implementation of the Doctoral School program with work?**
 - The first year is crucial in creating a research project, so it is necessarily time-consuming. It all depends on your job. Basically, a PhD at the Doctoral School is a very time-consuming job and difficult to reconcile with regular work. It is worth remembering that every PhD Candidate receives a scholarship of approx. PLN 2,200 net per month. Many of our PhD Candidates, however, reconciles education and work without major obstacles, because the schedule is largely arranged individually and allows you to adjust courses to working hours. It should be borne in mind, however, that some classes take place irregularly, and in addition that preparing a project often requires study trips, queries, etc.
2. **Is it necessary to indicate the supervisor of this project and the exact research unit within the Faculty of Humanities of the Jagiellonian University where the project will be implemented during the recruitment process in stage 1 when submitting research project proposals?**
 - The application contains the part in which the Candidate enters the justification for the selection of the Jagiellonian University unit in which he will implement the project. So this is an indispensable element. There is no need to indicate a Supervisor, but this is welcome. The opinion of an independent researcher who can look after a PhD Candidate is necessary. The opinion does not have to be from a person who is an employee of the Jagiellonian University.
3. **Is the form of doctoral studies in extramural mode still allowed?**
 - This is not possible.
4. **What is the recruitment to a doctoral school of people who graduated from a university other than the Jagiellonian University? Is something different?**
 - No, the recruitment of people from outside the Jagiellonian University follows the same rules.
5. **Is knowledge of English required or could it be a different language?**
 - English is one of the two main languages we use at school. The education process takes place in Polish and English.
6. **Is it possible to choose a research project Supervisor? At what stage of recruitment should you talk to him?**
 - It is good to do some research before starting the recruitment process to make sure that there is a person who is competent to take care of a PhD Candidate. The target place where the Supervisors work are Departments - information can be found on the School's website. You choose the Supervisor yourself - it's best to talk to him before recruiting.
7. **Does creating a research project and preparing applications take a long time?**
 - It depends on the person preparing the application. It is worth spending about a month to thoroughly prepare the application.
8. **Can I participate in recruitment before defending my master's thesis?**
 - You can proceed before defending your master's thesis. You do not need to have a diploma, but you should read the rules of recruitment for people in this situation.
9. **Are there requirements for the language in which the text confirming research competence should be written? Should this text be a typical scientific article, or is a form of e.g. translation review acceptable?**
 - Only in Polish or English. The sample text is intended to confirm research competences. It can be an article, it only has to fit in the limit (it can be part of an article).
10. **Should the foreign candidate also know Polish or is English sufficient?**
 - English is sufficient.
11. **Can the doctoral dissertation be presented in a language other than Polish or English?**

- By all means, for example some of our PhD Candidates, who are graduates of neophilology, prepare dissertations in their own lecture languages.
- 12. Is it possible to attach a Master's degree diploma if the defense takes place in September?**
- Yes, it is possible. A diploma is only needed in registration.
- 13. Does the essay attached to the application have to be related to the topic of doctorate, or can it undertake another (close) topic?**
- It does not have to. An essay or dissertation is possible. It can also be part of an MA thesis. There is a character limit (18,000 with spaces) that candidates must stick to. It is important that the document confirms research competences.
- 14. If the Faculty of Polish Studies offers 3 scholarships as part of the Sciences of religion and culture, it is already determined how many of them relate to the Department of Anthropology of Literature and Cultural Research, and how many the Department of Performatics, whether it will depend on the number of candidates who successfully pass the recruitment and what will their projects be about?**
- Scholarships are funded by the Faculty, without any assignment to specific Departments.
- 15. If I would like to conduct research using a foreign language (other than English), do I have to demonstrate fluency in the interview? Should I know it at some specific level and present a certificate?**
- A certificate or other confirmation is advisable and will show the Commission that this project can be implemented. This will be the subject of evaluation of the Candidate and his research competence.
- 16. What is the procedure for choosing a research project supervisor in the case of people who graduate from a Master's degree at a university other than the Jagiellonian University?**
- Everything looks the same. The choice of a supervisor is an individual decision and must take place within 3 months of admission to the School.
- 17. Are Tutor and Supervisor different people?**
- The Tutor is an independent researcher. It can be any person who is entitled to conduct doctoral students. His opinion is needed to be able to apply for a place at the Doctoral School. During education at School, there is only a Supervisor, who is appointed up to 3 months after coming to school.
- 18. I would like to have two Supervisors - one would be an employee of the Jagiellonian University, and the other would be an employee of a foreign university, and therefore I would like to write a doctoral dissertation in English. In the regulations available on the website I found information that the appointment of the Supervisor / Supervisors takes place only within 3 months from the date of commencement of education. Should I somehow mark my plans during the recruitment process and provide two opinions from both potential promoters?**
- There's no need.
- 19. Should the documents in the recruitment process be in the language in which I plan to write my doctorate?**
- Only in Polish or in English.
- 20. Can illustrations be attached to the project description and the author's text?**
- Of course, they can be posted, provided they form an integral part of the article.
- 21. Is obtaining a certificate of defense (if it would take place shortly before closing recruitment) enough to obtain points for the recruitment of points for the completion of 2 masters studies, or is it necessary to collect the finished diploma in advance?**
- To obtain points for completing two MA programs, a defense certificate is sufficient, no diploma is needed.
- 22. Is it possible to take a Supervisor from another faculty (e.g. historical), e.g. from the faculty of Polish studies?**
- It is possible, but a co-supervisor or auxiliary Supervisor from the Faculty of Polish Studies will probably be required.
- 23. Is passing the exam at the Jagiellonian University Language Centre some form of confirmation of language proficiency?**
- Each examination or certificate of proficiency in the language is a sufficient confirmation of knowledge of the language.
- 24. To what extent are previous scientific achievements (active participation in conferences, articles) important in the recruitment process and can they determine admission to the School? If so, how are they scored?**

- The form in the IRK has a box where you must enter published articles. This will be the subject of an interview and evaluation by the Commission. However, participation is not decisive. First of all, what counts is a great idea for a doctorate described in the project. Conferences are not included.
- 25. When choosing a program (e.g. Culture and Religion), should you immediately indicate the research unit in detail? (e.g. not only the Faculty of Polish Studies, but the Department of Anthropology of Literature and Cultural Research at that Faculty?)**
- A detailed justification for the choice of research unit should be provided, so you should know where the research will be conducted.
- 26. If I have all my publications in the form, during the recruitment interview the Commission will ask me about it and will there be time to tell about it? In the recruitment regulations there is information that achievements will be evaluated, but I was wondering what the conversation would look like.**
- Yes. You can also include information on publications in your own project summary at the beginning of the conversation, if they are related to the project. The report itself should be short, about 5-7 minutes. The candidate then answers questions from committee members.
- 27. Is any minimum language level required (except for English)?**
- The minimum level of knowledge of a main foreign language is B2, which is obligatory for graduate students. As for the other languages, there are no such restrictions.
- 28. Is the doctoral dissertation project presented in the recruitment process binding?**
- A doctoral project is what the Commission assesses and determines the legitimacy of admitting a Candidate. Changes are, of course, admissible, at the latest for mid-term evaluation (the end of the second year). However, a radical change must be very well justified and consulted with the Head of the Programme and earlier the Supervisor.
- 29. I have my MA exam probably in September and I know that this question has already been asked, but in the recruitment information it is said that it is necessary to specify the date of the defense - only that I will probably not have this date until August. What does this look like exactly with recruiting before defense?**
- It's about the planned defense date, not the exact date. Appropriate certification is needed from the research unit where the second-cycle studies are carried out.
- 30. Are all specializations, in the first stage of recruitment, considered together within the Doctoral School of Humanities? Does each of the specializations have a separate recruitment commission?**
- Każdy z programów (dyscyplinowych) ma odrębną komisję rekrutacyjną oraz pulę stypendiów. Each of the doctoral programmes has a separate recruitment committee and a pool of scholarships.
- 31. Can I apply for a linguistic program with real hope of admission with a master's degree in cognitive science?**
- Of course! The school is interdisciplinary, so previous education is not so important in this respect. However, it is important that the project corresponds to the discipline in which it is to be implemented.
- 32. Given that most humanities are somewhat interdisciplinary, I wonder what makes the "Interdisciplinary doctoral program" stand out? What is its assumption?**
- The assumption is as follows: there are projects which, due to the nature of research, use many different methods and need the support of many specialists from outside one program and one discipline, then the interdisciplinary program is the best solution. This is a program that promotes interdisciplinary research from the very beginning and in the implementation phase. It is also a good solution for PhD Candidates who would like to conduct research on the border of humanities and social sciences. Currently, the interdisciplinary program is educating two PhD students-participants of the ERC BIOUNCERTAINTY grant by Tomasz Żuradzki (<https://incet.uj.edu.pl>). I would like to mention that this year the interdisciplinary program will be associated with the HERITAGE section of the Initiative of Excellence - University program research. Recruitment for this program will take place at a slightly later date than regular recruitment.
- 33. If my project combined religious studies, Buddhism and knowledge about Japan, would it be interdisciplinary? Institutes and Departments dealing with these topics are all part of the "Doctoral Program: Sciences about culture and religion".**
- The cultural and religious studies program is interdisciplinary by nature, so there is no need to recruit for an interdisciplinary program. Here, one should first consider what the nature of the project is and whether it requires cooperation with researchers from outside the programme and science discipline

about culture and religion, i.e. whether, for example, you need help or apply the methods of social sciences.