

ADMISSION CRITERIA

(2020/2021 academic year)

Formal preliminary requirements for participation in the admission procedure

A person with a master's degree, master's degree in science or equivalent obtained in any field as well as a person referred to in Article 186(2) of the Act (candidates without master degree) may apply for admission to the school.

For those obtaining a master's degree, master's degree in science or equivalent in the year of the admission procedure, the fulfilment of this requirement shall be verified after qualifying for admission to the school. Prior to being accepted for substantive evaluation as part of the first stage of the admission process, candidates must enclose a certificate confirming the planned date of their master's exam – confirmed by their thesis supervisor and the entity where the thesis is being written.

For people taking advantage of the extraordinary procedure laid out in Article 186(2) of the Act (candidates without master degree), verification takes place prior to being accepted for substantive evaluation as part of the first stage of the admission process and is based on:

1. two opinions confirming a high quality of research work and a high degree of its completion, issued by research supervisors who hold at least the academic degree of doktor habilitowany, or are employed by a foreign higher education or research institution and have significant achievements in scientific issues related to the curriculum;
2. certificate of being a beneficiary of the Diamond Grant program of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

Language of the admission procedure

The proceedings shall be conducted in Polish or English.

The admission procedure

The procedure consists of two stages.

During the first stage, the commission evaluates the following documents submitted by the Candidate:

1. summary of the planned research project (hereinafter: 'the project') in the form of an abstract, in English – (approx. 1,800 characters, including whitespaces) – formal requirement;
2. detailed justification for the choice of the academic entity (Faculty / Institute / Department) where research is going to be carried out – max. 900 characters, including whitespaces) – formal requirement;

3. opinion of a researcher holding at least a doctoral degree and the right to supervise doctoral students as the main supervisor about the Candidate's research potential – formal requirement;

4. project description, in Polish or English, 7,200-8,000 characters with whitespaces (references do not count against the character count), which includes:

1) a description of the project's academic purpose, including a formulation of its research problems/hypotheses;

2) a presentation of the current state of knowledge about the issues under consideration;

3) a justification for taking up research in the context of the chosen field of study, including its importance for the development of this field of study;

4) research methodology;

5) bibliography (max. 20 items including primary and secondary sources used in the project).

Total number of points to be obtained: 60 pts;

5. an example single-authored text proving the Candidate's research competence (e.g. essay or publication), max. 18,000 characters with whitespaces.

Total number of points to be obtained: 30 pts;

6. additional achievements:

1) Minister's scholarships for outstanding second-cycle student – 2 pts;

2) Diamond Grant – 4 pts;

3) acquisition of financing from external sources for own research project through a competition – 4 pts;

4) graduating in at least two fields of study at MA level – 4 pts.

Total number of points to be obtained: 10 pts;

The second stage (interview) is open to candidates who have obtained **a minimum of 60 points** from the first stage. The result of the preliminary evaluation is used to select candidates for the second stage and is not included in the Candidate's final result. Candidates who fail to qualify to the second stage are listed on the ranking list with 0 (zero) points.

During the second stage, the commission interviews the Candidate in order to evaluate them in accordance with the following criteria:

1. presentation of doctoral project (max. 10 minutes);

2. interview with Members of the Commission

Evaluation criteria and qualification result

Candidates' results shall be determined on the basis of the interview (0–100 pts) with the following elements taken into consideration:

1. ability to formulate a research project, research hypotheses, and academic discourse – max. 30 pts;

2. academic value of planned research – max. 20 pts;
3. Candidate's readiness for the implementation of the project, including the knowledge of foreign languages necessary to carry out the planned research – max. 30 pts;
4. research achievements and the ability to present one's scientific interests – max. 20 pts.

The qualification score is a number from 0 to 100 given to two decimal places and is defined for all candidates as the number of points obtained during the interview. Failure to enter the second stage shall result in a score of 0 (zero) points for the second stage.