

# Procedure for awarding the doctoral degree and system of benefits

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# Procedure for awarding the doctoral degree

# ACT of 20 July 2018 The Law on Higher Education and Science

- <https://konstytucjadlanauki.gov.pl/content/uploads/2020/06/act-of-20-july-2018-the-law-on-higher-education-and-science.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2Qar8BDNkmKgXPhHHXXAeJjR5NJqVD1VhUqdBX1uTGZjlX9fk0wmu8Ry0>
- Chapter 2 Degree of doktor Art. 185 – 197

# Procedure for opening the doctoral dissertation

Old rules before 2019:

- PhD students who opened the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree by the old rules
- Extramural PhD students who opened the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree by the old rules

New rules after 2019:

- PhD students form doctoral schools
- PhD students form doctoral studies who opened the procedure by the new rules
- Extramural PhD students who opened the procedure by the new rules

# Warning!

People who opened the procedure according to the old rules must hurry to defend their doctoral dissertations. As of today, you must defend yourself by December 31, 2022 (KRD is working on an one more year extension).

# Doctoral education

Art. 197. The preparation of a doctoral dissertation shall be conducted by means of:

- doctoral education
- extramural mode

# What entity can award a doctoral degree?

The right to award the doctoral degree in the discipline has:

- a university,
- a Polish Academy of Science,
- a research institute or an international institute with scientific category A+, A or B+ in a discipline.



# What happens if university loses the right to award a doctoral degree?

In the event of the loss of the right to award a degree of doktor in a given discipline or field, the entity awarding a degree of doktor shall ensure that the proceedings may be continued in another entity which is authorised to award a degree of doktor in that discipline or field. Should it not be possible to ensure the continuation of the proceedings in another entity, the Council of Scientific Excellence shall designate such entity.

# Conditions for awarding a doctoral degree

Art. 186. 1. A degree of doktor shall be awarded to an individual who:

- holds a magister or a magister inżynier degree or an equivalent degree, or has the diploma referred to in Art. 326 sec. 2 point 2 or Art. 327 sec. 2, entitling them to apply for the award of a degree of doktor in the country in the education system of which the higher education institution which issued it operates;

- achieved the learning outcomes for qualifications at level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework, where the learning outcomes in terms of the knowledge of a modern foreign language are confirmed by a certificate or diploma confirming the knowledge of that language at B2 level or higher;

Each of us has it, because it was a necessary condition to start PhD studies!

# Academic achievements

Individual who has at least:

- 1 scientific article published in a scientific journal or in conference proceedings which, in the year of publication of the article in its final form, were included in a ministerial list,

or has...

- 1 scientific monograph issued by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form, was included on a list drawn up in accordance with the regulations, or a chapter in such a monograph, or
- a work of art of considerable importance;

also:

- presented and defended a doctoral dissertation;
- met other requirements set by the entity awarding a degree of doktor.

# What is a doctoral dissertation?

Art. 187.

1. The doctoral dissertation demonstrates the candidate's general theoretical knowledge in a discipline (or disciplines) and the ability to conduct research or artistic work independently.

# What are the requirements?

2. The subject matter of the doctoral dissertation shall be an original solution to a scientific problem or in terms of the application of results of own scientific research in the economic or social sphere, or an original artistic achievement.



3. The doctoral dissertation may be a written dissertation, including a scientific monograph; a collection of published and thematically related scientific articles; design, construction, technological, implementation or artistic work; as well as an independent and separate part of a collective work.

4. The doctoral dissertation shall include an abstract in English, whereas a doctoral dissertation prepared in a foreign language – an abstract in Polish. In the case when the dissertation is not in written form, its description in Polish and English shall be attached.

# Before the defence

## Art. 189.

The proceedings for the award of a degree of doktor shall be initiated at the request of a person who satisfies the requirements set out in Art. 186 sec. 1 points 1-3 or sec. 2. The application shall be accompanied by a doctoral dissertation with a positive opinion of the supervisor or supervisors.

The scientific supervision of the preparation of a doctoral dissertation shall be exercised by the supervisor or supervisors or by the supervisor and assistant supervisor.

- 3 reviewers who are not employees of the entity awarding a degree of doktor in which the person applying for the degree of doktor is employed.
- Reviewers shall review the doctoral dissertation within 2 months of its provision.

- A supervisor and reviewer may be a person holding a degree of doktor habilitowany or the title of profesor, and an assistant supervisor may be a person holding a degree of doktor.

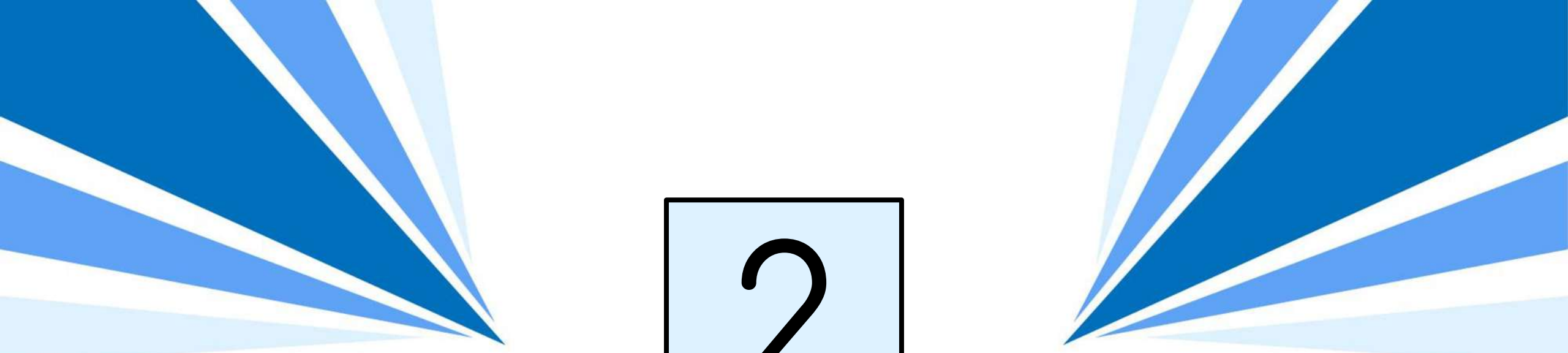
In order to be allowed to defend a doctoral dissertation, a person must receive positive reviews from **at least two** reviewers and meet the requirements.

# What if I was refused to award the degree of doktor?

## Art. 193.

- The decision on the refusal to award the degree of doktor may be appealed to the Council of Scientific Excellence.
- The time limit for lodging the appeal shall be 30 days of service of that decision.
- The body referred to in Art. 178 sec. 1 shall forward the appeal, along with its opinion and a case file, to the Council of Scientific Excellence within 3 months from the date of lodging the appeal.

- After consideration of the appeal, within a period no longer than 6 months, the Council of Scientific Excellence shall either uphold the contested decision or repeal it and refer the case for re-examination to the body referred to in Art. 178 sec. 1 of the same or another entity awarding a degree of doktor.
- If a doctoral dissertation is not accepted for defence or if it is refused to award the degree of doktor, the same dissertation may not be the basis for reapplying for the award of the degree of doktor.



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# Scholarship

## Doctoral School:

- Statutory scholarships for each doctoral school participant
- 37% of the professor's salary before the mid-term evaluation
- 57% of the the professor's salary after the mid-term evaluation
- Tax free but with social insurance contribution (that could be an advantage)

## Doctoral Studies:

- Scholarship is not provided. Each PhD student have to get it themselves according to their results. It is a minimum of 1470 PLN
- Pro-quality scholarship
- Scholarship for the best PhD students
- Social scholarship
- Allowance
- Local scholarships, e.g. the scholarships of the marshal, the president
- Tax free. Without social insurance contribution



# Social scholarships

Intended for doctoral studies.

The conditions for both Polish and foreign PhD students have to be met.

The monthly income per capita in the family of a student applying for a maintenance grant shall be determined pursuant to the rules laid down in the Act of 28 November 2003 on family benefits.

- other conditions that shall take into account
- other conditions that shall not take into account

All information in Art. 88.

# Grants

There are three places where you can get grants:

- National Science Center (NCN <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/>)
- The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr>)
- Polish National Agency For Academic Exchange (NAWA <https://nawa.gov.pl/en/>)

# Student loan

## Basic information:

- Granted and available all year
- Income per person in the family doesn't exceed 3000 PLN in the year of application
- The student will be given the loan for the entire period of study
- Monthly between 400-1000 PLN
- Payoff 2 years after finishing studies
- Bank will pay 50% of the loan if you are in the group of 10% of the best PhD students

<https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja-i-nauka/kredyty-studenckie>

You can apply for a student loan regardless of other scholarship benefits you receive - it is enough that the income per person in the family does not exceed PLN 3,000 in the year of applying for the loan.

The student himself decides how much money he wants to receive from the bank while studying. You can choose an amount from PLN 400 to PLN 1,000 per month. In the course of taking the loan, the student may change the amount of funds received, adjusting them to the current needs.

# Repayment

- 2 years after graduation
- Bank will pay 50% of the loan if you are in the group of 10% of the best PhD students
- The loan is repaid on very favorable financial terms - the interest amounts to only half of the NBP bills of exchange rediscount rate, and the repayment period is spread over the period of two times the loan is drawn, so the graduate repays half of what he received monthly during his studies! For example, a student receiving PLN 800 a month, two years after graduation, will pay back about PLN 400 a month.

# Where to submit the application?

Currently, the application can be submitted to the following institutions:

- PKO Bank Polski S.A.,
- Bank PEKAO S.A.,
- Bank Polskiej Spółdzielczości S.A. (together with associated cooperative banks),
- SGB-Bank S.A. (together with associated cooperative banks).

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attention!