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on the Regulations of the Joint Doctoral School

Pursuant to Article 205 section (2) of the Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text, Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), in connection with § 18 section (1) point (13) of the Statute of the Silesian University of Technology (Legal Monitor of the Silesian University of Technology of 2020, item 339, as amended), the Senate of the Silesian University of Technology resolves as follows:

§ 1

The Regulations of the Joint Doctoral School, constituting an Attachment to the present resolution, are hereby adopted.

§ 2

Resolution No. 58/2019 of the Senate of the Silesian University of Technology dated 24 June 2019 on the Regulations of the Joint Doctoral School (Legal Monitor of the SUT] of 2019, item 161, as amended) shall be repealed.

§ 3

The resolution comes into force on 1 October 2026.

Rector of the SUT: *M. Pawełczyk*

to Resolution No. 82/2025 of the Senate of the Silesian University of Technology
dated 15 December 2025



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REGULATIONS OF THE JOINT DOCTORAL SCHOOL

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Chapter I
General provisions

§ 1

1. The present Regulations of the Joint Doctoral School, hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations” define the organisation of doctoral students' education and their rights and obligations related to undertaking education at the Joint Doctoral School, hereinafter also referred to as the doctoral school.
2. Whenever the Regulations refer to:
 - 1) Providing Institutions – they are to be understood as:
 - a) Silesian University of Technology,
 - b) Central Mining Institute - National Research Institute,
 - c) Institute of Theoretical and Applied Informatics, Polish Academy of Sciences,
 - d) Institute of Fundamentals of Environmental Engineering, Polish Academy of Sciences,
 - e) Centre for Polymer and Carbon Materials, Polish Academy of Sciences,
 - f) Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology - National Research Institute conducting the Doctoral School together under the terms of Article 198 section (5) of the Act of 20 July 2018. - Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571, as amended);
 - 2) Coordinating Unit – this should be understood as the Silesian University of Technology;
 - 3) Head of the Coordinating Unit – this should be understood as the Rector of the Silesian University of Technology;
 - 4) Collegial Bodies of the Providing Institutions - this should be understood as the Senate of the Silesian University of Technology and the Academic Boards of the other Providing Institutions;
 - 5) doctoral student – this should be understood as a person undergoing education at a doctoral school;
 - 6) implementation doctoral student – this should be understood as a person undergoing education at a doctoral school as part of the ‘Implementation Doctorate’ programme;
 - 7) the Act - this should be understood to mean the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), hereinafter referred to as “PSWN”;
 - 8) doctoral scholarship – this should be understood as the doctoral scholarship referred to in Article 209 of the PSWN;
 - 9) committee – this should be understood as the committee for the mid-term evaluation of doctoral students within the meaning of Article 202 section (4) of the PSWN;
 - 10) mid-term evaluation – this should be understood as an evaluation within the meaning of Article 202 sections (2) and (3) of the PSWN;
 - 11) individual research plan – this should be understood as a plan for the implementation of the education programme developed in consultation with the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor, containing in particular the schedule for the preparation of the doctoral dissertation referred to in Article 202 section (1) of the PSWN;
 - 12) team of experts – this should be understood as an advisory body appointed by the head of the Coordinating Unit to review the individual research plans of doctoral students and to formulate assessments;
 - 13) education programme – this should be understood as a document within the meaning of Article 201 of the PSWN;
 - 14) the ‘Implementation Doctorate’ programme – this should be understood as the programme announced on the basis of Article 376 sections (1) and (2) point (1) of the PSWN and the announcement by the minister responsible for higher education and science on the establishment of the programme and the call for applications. The announcement is separate for each edition of the programme;
 - 15) tripartite agreement – this should be understood as an agreement specifying the terms of cooperation between the entity competent to sign the agreement, the doctoral student participating in the ‘Implementation Doctorate’ programme and an entrepreneur or another entity from the socio-economic environment interested in implementing the results of the doctoral student's scientific activity within the framework of the above-mentioned programme;
 - 16) Joint Doctoral School – this should be understood as a doctoral school conducted jointly by the Providing Institutions referred to in point 1, on the terms specified in Article 198 section (5) of the PSWN;

- 17) Doctoral School - this should be understood as a formal university unit conducting a doctoral school and educating doctoral students on the basis of the PSWN;
- 18) OSF system – this should be understood as the Funding Stream Support System, an Integrated Service System for Science, which is used to register and process applications for funding for R&D projects and research awarded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the National Science Centre and the National Centre for Research and Development.

§ 2

The Doctoral School is conducted on the basis of the applicable legislation, in particular:

- 1) The Act of 20 July 2018. - Law on Higher Education and Science,
- 2) Statutes of the Providing Institutions,
- 3) Regulations of the Joint Doctoral School,
- 4) Agreement of 30 May 2019 to establish and operate a Doctoral School called “Joint Doctoral School”.

§ 3

1. Education at the doctoral school is conducted on the basis of an education programme established by the collegial bodies of the Providing Institutions and an individual research plan.
2. The education of a doctoral student at the doctoral school may take place in cooperation with other entities, on terms specified in a separate agreement.
3. Education at the doctoral school takes place in the following modes:
 - 1) basic mode;
 - 2) implementation mode, as part of the ‘Implementation Doctorate’ programme;
 - 3) mode of implementation of research projects financed by the National Science Centre, the Medical Research Agency or other external sources, in which the doctoral student is a member of the project team.
4. In the case of doctoral student education under the ‘Implementation Doctorate’ programme, the scope of cooperation between the unit competent to sign the agreement, the doctoral student and the cooperating entity is specified in a tripartite agreement concluded under the programme after receiving information from the ministry responsible for higher education and science about the acceptance of the topic for funding. The tripartite agreement shall be valid subject to the signing of the funding agreement.

§ 4

Education at the Doctoral School creates the conditions for doctoral students to:

- 1) implement the training programme,
- 2) implement an individual research plan and to conduct independent research, including outside the Providing Institutions,
- 3) scientific cooperation within interdisciplinary research teams, including international ones,
- 4) prepare a publication or issue of at least:
 - a) one scientific article in a scientific journal or in the peer-reviewed proceedings of an international conference, which in the year of publication of the article in its final form is included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267 section (2) point (2) let. (b) of the PSWN, or
 - b) one scientific monograph published by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form is included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267 sections (2) point (2) let. (a) of the PSWN, or a chapter in such a monograph,
- 5) prepare the doctoral dissertation,
- 6) prepare for the defence of the doctoral dissertation,
- 7) scientific and personal development of doctoral students,
- 8) participate in the life of the scientific community at home and abroad.

Chapter II Head of Doctoral School

§ 5

1. The doctoral school is managed by the Head appointed jointly, by a simple majority of votes, but the heads of Providing Institutions upon the request of the Head of the Coordinating Unit. A given person may be the head of a doctoral school for a maximum of two consecutive 4-year terms.
2. The head of the Doctoral School may be an academic teacher employed at the Coordinating Unit as their primary place of work, holding at least habilitation degree or a professorial title in a discipline covered by the doctoral school's curriculum, with significant scientific achievements and experience in educating and supervising young academic staff. In particular, the head of a doctoral school may be the Director of the Doctoral School.
3. The duties of the head of the Doctoral School include tasks related to the organisation and supervision of the doctoral education process, in particular:
 - 1) supervision of the implementation of the education programme,
 - 2) supervision of the implementation individual research plans,
 - 3) supervision of the process of evaluating the implementation of the education programme,
 - 4) making decisions on the completion of subsequent assessment periods;
 - 5) making decisions on the transfer of completed courses;
 - 6) making decisions on repeating failed courses;
 - 7) making decisions on extending the deadline for submitting a doctoral dissertation;
 - 8) making decisions on the use of rest breaks,
 - 9) making decisions on the period of suspension of education,
 - 10) making decisions on granting consent for foreign internships and industrial placements,
 - 11) making decisions on other individual matters as defined in the Regulations,
 - 12) submitting applications for the appointment of supervisors to the head of the Coordinating Unit.
4. The decision of the head of the Doctoral School accepting the doctoral student's application in its entirety may be communicated to the doctoral student by electronic means, in particular by e-mail to the e-mail address provided by the doctoral student. The content and date of the decision should be recorded by the head of the doctoral school in the doctoral student's personal file.
5. The decision of the head of the doctoral school in matters referred to in section (3) points (5-11), which does not accept the doctoral student's application in its entirety, shall be made in writing and delivered to the doctoral student by electronic means of communication or against confirmation of receipt by the relevant employees of the Providing Institution or by a postal operator within the meaning of the Act of 23 November 2012 – Postal Law (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2025, item 366, as amended) within one month from the date of submission of the application, and in matters requiring special analysis, especially when additional evidence or opinions need to be collected, the deadline may be extended to two months.
6. The doctoral student may appeal against the decision of the head of the Doctoral School referred to in section (5) to the head of the Coordinating Unit. The appeal shall be lodged within 14 days of the date of delivery of the decision.
7. The doctoral student's appeal shall be considered within 30 days of its receipt by the head of the Coordinating Unit. The decision of the Head of the Coordinating Unit shall be final.
8. The decision of the head of the doctoral school shall not apply to matters regulated by separate provisions or agreements.

Chapter III Recruitment to the Doctoral School

§ 6

1. Admission to the doctoral school is conducted in accordance with the rules set out in the PSWN and in the relevant resolution on the rules of admission to the doctoral school. Admission is divided into basic recruitment, which takes place on the dates and according to the rules stipulated in the admission schedule, and additional recruitment, intended for candidates who have been awarded a doctoral scholarship under external projects and programmes, including the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme, or in other cases, upon the consent of the head of the Coordinating Unit.
2. Recruitment to the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme is based on the rules specified in the announcement of the minister responsible for higher education and science, which regulates in detail the recruitment procedure, conditions of participation and the programme schedule. The selection of topics

submitted by the University during the recruitment process takes place after positive approval by the relevant discipline council or scientific council, in cooperation with the Doctoral School.

Chapter IV
Academic supervision of doctoral students and individual research plan

§ 7

1. Academic supervision of the preparation of a doctoral dissertation is provided by a supervisor or supervisors, or by a supervisor and an assistant supervisor.
2. In the case of preparing a doctoral dissertation as part of the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme, progress is also monitored by an assistant supervisor appointed by the cooperating entity.
3. An assistant supervisor from the cooperating entity may be a person who meets the conditions specified in the announcement of the minister responsible for higher education and science on the establishment of the programme and the call for applications for a given edition of the programme.
4. The supervisor, assistant supervisor and assistant advisor may not be married to the doctoral student, related to them by blood or affinity up to and including the second degree, or related to them by adoption, guardianship or custody.
5. Until a doctoral student is assigned a supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, academic supervision shall be provided by the head of the doctoral school.
6. The supervisor may be a person holding a postdoctoral degree or the title of professor in the field or a related field in which the doctoral dissertation is being prepared, and who has significant academic achievements published in the last five years.
7. A supervisor may be a person who does not meet the conditions specified in section 6, who is an employee of a foreign university or scientific institution, if the collegial body of the Providing Institution to which the doctoral student has been assigned as a result of recruitment considers that this person has significant achievements in the field of scientific issues covered by the doctoral dissertation.
8. A supervisor may not be a person who:
 - 1) has been convicted of an intentional crime by a final judgment;
 - 2) has been a supervisor of four doctoral students in the last five years who have been removed from the list of doctoral students due to a negative mid-term evaluation, or
 - 3) who, in the last 5 years, has supervised the preparation of dissertations by at least 2 doctoral candidates who did not receive positive reviews from at least 2 reviewers.

§ 8

1. Immediately after commencing their education, the doctoral student shall apply to the head of the doctoral school for the appointment of their dissertation supervisor(s) or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor.
2. The application referred to in section (1) must include:
 - 1) the topic of the doctoral dissertation, indicating the discipline in which the doctoral student will prepare the doctoral dissertation;
 - 2) the name of the person or persons selected to act as supervisor or supervisors, or supervisor and assistant supervisor, who meet the conditions referred to in § 7 section (6) and who, during the recruitment process, submitted a statement agreeing to provide academic supervision for the doctoral student's dissertation.
3. Within 3 months of the date on which the doctoral student commences their studies, the head of the Coordinating Unit shall appoint a dissertation supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, for the doctoral student. The head of the Coordinating Unit may consult the relevant discipline council or scientific council in this regard.

§ 9

1. A supervisor may provide academic supervision for the preparation of doctoral dissertations by no more than four doctoral students at a time, excluding doctoral students whose doctoral scholarships were financed from a project. The above restriction may be waived by the head of the Coordinating Unit in justified cases. The restriction does not apply to supervisors from abroad. The period of academic supervision is the period from the date of appointment of the supervisor to the date of submission of the doctoral dissertation by the doctoral student or the date of their valid removal from the list of doctoral students.
2. The thesis supervisor's responsibilities include, in particular:

- 1) supporting the doctoral student in the development of an individual research plan;
- 2) providing substantive and methodological support to doctoral student in their scientific work and in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation and scientific publications;
- 3) holding consultations with the doctoral student;
- 4) ongoing monitoring the progress of the doctoral dissertation,
- 5) assessing the doctoral student's academic development and the progress of the doctoral dissertation at least once per academic year, and submitting an opinion in this regard to the head of the doctoral school;
- 6) issuing opinions on the doctoral student's applications in cases referred to in the Regulations,
- 7) involving the doctoral student in ongoing scientific activities, in particular related to the topic of the doctoral dissertation,
- 8) methodological support of the doctoral student in the implementation of professional practices consisting in conducting classes or participating in their conduct, if the education programme provides for this;
- 9) monitoring doctoral students' activities in terms of scientific integrity and reporting any irregularities to the head of the doctoral school.

§ 10

1. The Head of the Coordinating Unit shall change the dissertation supervisor in the event of:
 - 1) the supervisor losing the right to perform the duties of a supervisor,
 - 2) the supervisor's temporary incapacity to provide scientific supervision due to illness, if this could delay the date of submission of the doctoral dissertation,
 - 3) death of the dissertation supervisor.
2. The Head of the Coordinating Unit may also change the thesis supervisor in justified cases:
 - 1) at the request of the doctoral student with the opinion of the supervisor,
 - 2) at the request of the supervisor,
 - 3) in the event of termination of employment between the Conducting Unit and the supervisor.
3. The request referred to in section (2) require a written, substantive justification.
4. The application referred to in section (2) point (1) shall be accompanied by a proposal for a person selected to take over the function of the supervisor who meets the conditions referred to in §7 sections (4), (6) and (8), who will provide academic supervision of the preparation of the doctoral dissertation, taking into account the restriction referred to in § 9 section (1), together with a statement by that person agreeing to provide academic supervision of the preparation of the doctoral dissertation by the doctoral student.
5. The reasons justifying a change of a dissertation supervisor are, in particular:
 - 1) a significant change of the topic or scope of the dissertation,
 - 2) failure of the supervisor to fulfil the obligations referred to in § 9 section (2).
6. In the event that the reason justifying the change of supervisor is the failure of the supervisor to fulfil their duties as referred to in §9 section (2), the doctoral student shall apply to the head of the Doctoral School for a change of supervisor, who shall request the supervisor to take a position on the matter.
7. In the event of a change of a dissertation supervisor, the provisions of § 7 sections (4) and (6-8) shall apply.

§ 11

1. The doctoral student, in consultation with their supervisor(s), shall develop an individual research plan and submit it to the head of the Doctoral School within 12 months of the commencement of education. If an assistant supervisor is appointed, the individual research plan is submitted after review by that supervisor. Supervisors are responsible for providing access to the infrastructure necessary to conduct the research included in the individual research plan, in particular for prior arrangements with the head of the relevant unit at the Providing Institution and the persons responsible for the infrastructure.
2. The individual research plan includes, in particular:
 - 1) the topic and scope of the doctoral dissertation;
 - 2) a schedule for the completion of research tasks and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
 - 3) information on the resources and research infrastructure necessary to carry out the research;
 - 4) the date of submission of the doctoral dissertation.

3. The individual research plan shall be approved by the head of the doctoral school within one month of its submission. Prior to approving the individual research plan, the head of the doctoral school may consult a team of experts.
4. In the event of a negative opinion from the team of experts, the head of the doctoral school may ask the doctoral student to revise the individual research plan in consultation with the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor. The revised individual research plan shall be submitted by the doctoral student for approval within one month of the date of submission of the recommendations for its revision.
5. If the doctoral student wishes to change the topic of their doctoral dissertation, they are required to inform the head of the doctoral school of the planned change in cooperation with their supervisor or supervisors or their supervisor and assistant supervisor. The decision on whether to accept the change of topic or scope of the doctoral dissertation is made by the head of the doctoral school, subject to the approval of the relevant disciplinary council or scientific council.
6. If a doctoral student wishes to change the topic of their doctoral dissertation prepared as part of the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme, they are required to inform the head of the doctoral school of the planned change in cooperation with their supervisor or supervisors and assistant supervisor. The decision on whether to accept the change of topic or scope of the doctoral dissertation is made by the head of the doctoral school, subject to the approval of the relevant disciplinary council or scientific council. A positive decision entitles the supervisor to submit a request for a change of topic in the Funding Stream Support system.

Chapter V

Rights and obligations of doctoral students

§ 12

The doctoral student has the right to:

- 1) use of the infrastructure of the Providing Institutions, including: teaching facilities, IT infrastructure and scientific and research equipment, subject to the provisions of § 11 section (1);
- 2) support in the process of obtaining funds for scientific activities;
- 3) assistance from the employees of the Providing Institutions and their bodies;
- 4) membership in doctoral student organisations and research clubs on the terms provided for in the PSWN and in the statutes of the Providing Institutions;
- 5) conducting additional scientific research not resulting from the education programme and individual research plan, in particular as part of the activities of research clubs;
- 6) conducting scientific research as part of externally funded research projects and receiving remuneration from the budgets of these projects on the basis of guidelines and regulations that are part of the programme documentation;
- 7) free use of the library resources of the Providing Institutions on the terms specified in separate regulations;
- 8) expressing opinions on matters relevant to doctoral students and the Providing Institutions, either directly or through the Doctoral Student Council;
- 9) submitting complaints and requests concerning the organisation of the doctoral school;
- 10) receiving awards and distinctions specified in separate regulations;
- 11) suspending education for a period corresponding to the duration of maternity leave, supplementary maternity leave, leave on the terms of maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave, as specified in the Act of 26 June 1974 – Labour Code (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2025, item 277, as amended).

§ 13

1. A doctoral student is entitled to a rest break not exceeding 8 weeks per year.
2. A doctoral student in the year in which they commenced their education at the doctoral school, shall be entitled to rest breaks in proportion to the period of education in that year.
3. In the year in which the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation expires, the doctoral student shall be entitled to rest breaks in proportion to the period of training remaining until the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation.
4. In determining the length of rest breaks pursuant to sections (2) and (3), the calendar month of training shall correspond to 1/12 of the length of rest breaks pursuant to section (1). An incomplete calendar month of training shall be rounded up to the nearest whole month.

5. In determining the length of rest breaks under sections (2) and (3), an incomplete week of rest breaks shall be rounded up to the nearest whole week. The length of rest breaks in a given year may not exceed that resulting from section (1).
6. The provisions of sections (2) to (5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to a doctoral student returning after a period of suspension.
7. The doctoral student should make use of rest breaks during the period free from classes.
8. A doctoral student may be granted permission to use rest breaks during the period of the course, as long as this does not affect the correct completion date of the doctoral student's education.
9. A doctoral student undergoing practical training in the form of teaching may obtain the consent referred to in section (8), only if this does not interfere with the doctoral programme of study.
10. Periods of rest breaks shall be counted as part of the period of training at the doctoral school.
11. A doctoral student shall submit an application for a break to the head of the doctoral school, attaching the opinion of the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor regarding the proposed date. In the event of a negative opinion from the supervisor, a written justification of their position is required. The head of the doctoral school may refuse to grant a break if it conflicts with the doctoral student's teaching, research or programme obligations. Any change in the date of the break requires re-consultation with the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor and the submission of an updated application, referred to in the first sentence, no later than 7 days before the planned change. The doctoral student shall also attach the opinion of the supervisor or supervisors in the cases referred to in sections (8) and (9). The doctoral school shall keep individual records of the doctoral student's rest breaks. The head of the doctoral school shall make these records available to the doctoral student at their request.
12. Under the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme, a doctoral student who is an employee of a cooperating entity shall have the right to apply to their employer for unpaid leave, pursuant to Article 174 § 1 of the Labour Code. The Doctoral School shall be immediately notified of any unpaid leave. The letter informing about the unpaid leave should confirm that taking such leave does not affect the implementation of the project, the timely completion of participation in the programme, or the implementation of the doctoral dissertation results.
13. . In the case of research projects financed by the National Science Centre, the Medical Research Agency or other external sources, in which the doctoral student is a member of the project team, the doctoral student's holiday period is 26 days (in accordance with the provisions of the Labour Code). Detailed rules regarding the length, dates and procedure for granting leave are defined in the agreement concluded with the research project sponsor or in the internal regulations of the entity employing the doctoral student.

§ 14

In order to participate in the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme, doctoral students must meet the conditions specified in the announcement of the minister responsible for higher education and science on the establishment of the programme and the call for applications. A separate announcement is issued for each edition of the programme.

§15

1. A doctoral student may apply for transfer from another doctoral school or another entity providing doctoral education, including a foreign institution, if they have fulfilled all the obligations resulting from the rules in force at the institution from which they are transferring.
2. A doctoral student shall submit an application for the transfer to the head of the Coordinating Unit via the head of the Doctoral School. The doctoral student shall attach to the application their previous educational records.
3. The Head of the Coordinating Unit shall decide on the transfer of a doctoral student on the basis of the opinion of the head of the Doctoral School.
4. At the request of a doctoral student, the head of the doctoral school may decide to credit learning outcomes achieved outside the doctoral school. The request should be accompanied by:
 - 1) proof of completion and the grade obtained, certified by the university;
 - 2) the substantive scope of the content taught as part of the completed course, based on the course syllabus, certified by the university where the course was taught;
 - 3) an indication of the period during which the course was taught,

- 4) documentation allowing for the award of ECTS credits for other national or international activities regulated by relevant regulations or agreements – in the case of activities other than those carried out during doctoral school education.
5. In justified cases, at the request of a doctoral student, the head of the doctoral school may allow for the individual organisation of education.
6. In the decision referred to in section (4), the head of the doctoral school shall specify the scope, conditions, method and deadline for making up for any deficits in training resulting from differences in study programmes, and shall indicate the reference grading period from which the doctoral student will commence their training after the transfer.
7. After the mid-term evaluation, the doctoral student shall not be entitled to transfer.

§ 16

1. A doctoral student may be granted permission to undertake an industrial placement as long as this does not affect the correct date for the completion of their doctoral training.
2. The total duration of an industrial placement during training cannot exceed 6 months.
3. In duly justified cases, a doctoral student may be granted permission to undertake an industrial placement exceeding the duration referred to in section (2), in particular if the doctoral training is conducted in cooperation with an entrepreneur.
4. Periods of industrial placement shall be counted as part of the period of training at the doctoral school.
5. The decision on the industrial placement shall be taken by the head of the doctoral school in consultation with the with the supervisor(s).

§ 17

1. Doctoral students may be sent abroad for scientific, teaching or industrial internships, to participate in conferences or to participate in joint scientific research conducted with a foreign entity.
2. The period for which a doctoral student has been sent abroad for the purposes referred to in section (1) shall be included in the period of education at the doctoral school.
3. The conditions and procedures for the foreign referral are defined by separate regulations or concluded agreements.

§ 18

1. The principles, detailed procedure and method of payment of the doctoral scholarship are defined by the PSWN and separate regulations.
2. The rules, detailed procedure and method of payment of scholarships other than doctoral scholarships, including in particular scholarships paid for conducting research work within the framework of projects specified in § 12 point (6), shall be specified in an agreement concluded with the doctoral student.
3. The payment of scholarships under the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme shall also be specified in a tripartite agreement and a scholarship award agreement (from the 2025 edition on).

§ 19

1. The Doctoral School provides conditions for doctoral students with disabilities to participate fully in their education and in the conduct of their scientific activities.
2. Doctoral students with disabilities may apply to the Office for Persons with Disabilities to have the organisation and implementation of the education process adapted to their individual needs.
3. The adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 may include, in particular:
 - 1) providing support from a sign language interpreter or teaching assistant;
 - 2) providing specialised equipment to assist the doctoral student;
 - 3) adapting teaching materials to the needs arising from the disability;
 - 4) adapting the form of examinations and assessments to the needs resulting from the disability;
 - 5) enabling, in consultation with the lecturer, the taking of notes from classes for personal use, using technical means appropriate to the doctoral student's disability, with particular emphasis on sound or image recording devices.
4. The scope of the adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 shall be determined by the head of the doctoral school in consultation with the representative of the head of the Coordinating Unit for Persons with Disabilities.

5. A doctoral student who has a disability certificate, a degree of disability certificate or a certificate referred to in Articles 5 and 62 of the Act of 27 August 1997 on vocational and social rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2025, item 913, as amended), shall receive a doctoral scholarship increased by 30% of the amount specified in Article 209 section (4) points (1) and (2) of the PSWN.

§ 20

A doctoral student may apply for additional benefits under the terms of the PSWN.

§ 21

1. A doctoral student is obliged to:
 - 1) conduct themselves in accordance with their oath and the provisions of the Regulations,
 - 2) comply with the regulations in force in the Providing Institutions,
 - 3) implement the educational programme and individual research plan,
 - 4) actively participate in the scientific activities and life of the Providing Institutions,
 - 5) safeguard the welfare and prestige of the Providing Institutions,
 - 6) comply with the principles of scientific integrity,
 - 7) document the course of their scientific work and submit its results to their supervisor
 - 8) participate in seminars conducted at the institution where the doctoral student conducts their scientific research, and present at least once per academic year a paper on the research conducted as part of their doctoral studies,
 - 9) comply with the rules for completing a doctoral degree under the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme (applies to implementation doctoral students),
 - 10) undergo initial and preventive medical examinations and participate in training courses organised by the Coordinating Unit on safe and hygienic conditions of education.
2. Doctoral students are required to immediately notify the head of the doctoral school of any changes to their personal details, in particular changes to their surname, correspondence address, e-mail address and contact telephone number.
3. The doctoral student is obliged to inform the supervisor or supervisors, or the supervisor and assistant supervisor, of any planned additional professional, scientific or other activity that could affect the implementation of the individual research plan. This information should be provided at least 7 days in advance to allow for an assessment of the potential impact of the planned activity on the course of the research. In the event of a justified risk of a conflict of interest or a threat to the implementation of the research, the supervisor may submit objections in writing, together with their justification.

§ 22

1. A doctoral student is removed from the list of doctoral students in the case of:
 - 1) negative result of the mid-term evaluation;
 - 2) failure to submit the dissertation by the deadline specified in the individual research plan;
 - 3) written resignation from education;
 - 4) failure to undertake education;
 - 5) violation of the prohibition referred to in Article 200 section (7) of the PSWN;
 - 6) disciplinary punishment of expulsion from the doctoral school;
 - 7) failure to meet the conditions for participation in the 'Implementation Doctorate' programme specified in the relevant communication from the minister responsible for higher education and science (applies to implementation doctoral students);
 - 8) death of the doctoral student.
2. A doctoral student may be removed from the list of doctoral students in the case of:
 - 1) failure to submit an individual research plan within the required deadline or failure to have the individual research plan approved by the head of the doctoral school;
 - 2) unsatisfactory progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
 - 3) unsatisfactory progress in conducting research work;

- 4) failure to comply with the obligations referred to in § 21.
3. An implementation doctoral student may also be removed from the list of doctoral students in the following cases:
 - 1) receiving a negative assessment of the annual report by the ministry responsible for higher education and science;
 - 2) receiving a positive assessment of the annual report by the ministry responsible for higher education and science, but not being recommended for further funding;
 - 3) termination of employment with the cooperating entity – a prerequisite for completing an implementation doctoral programme;
 - 4) the emergence of circumstances indicating non-compliance with the conditions for participation in the programme specified in the communication from the minister responsible for higher education and science.
4. Removal from the list of doctoral students shall be effected by an administrative decision of the head of the Coordinating Unit. The decision may be subject to an application for reconsideration of the case.
5. Transfer of a doctoral student to another entity conducting a doctoral school shall be tantamount to resignation from education at the Joint Doctoral School.
6. In particularly justified cases, at the request of a doctoral student, positively assessed by the Head of the Coordinating Unit, it is possible to change the mode of education from an implementation-oriented doctoral programme to a basic doctoral programme. This change may also take place in the situations specified in section (3).

Chapter VI

Crediting of grading periods

§ 23

1. The grading period in the Doctoral School is the period indicated in the training programme.
2. The credit for the grading period is conditional on the completion of the coursework and other obligations provided for in the programme of study.
3. A doctoral student is not entitled to repeat a grading period.
4. A doctoral student who has not obtained credit for courses resulting from the education programme has the right to repeat those courses or take a related course instead, provided that this does not affect the correct date for the completion of the doctoral programme.
5. The decision to repeat failed courses or take a related course instead shall be taken by the head of the doctoral school at the doctoral student's request.

§ 24

1. At doctoral school, courses may be completed with a pass/credit (with or without a grade), in the case or grades the following grading scale applies:

very good	5.0	A
good plus	4.5	B
good	4.0	C
sufficient plus	3.5	D
sufficient	3.0	E
inadequate	2.0	F.
2. A failing grade means that the course has not been passed.
3. Grades and final results from the course are entered into the doctoral student's periodic achievement record.
4. The course instructor is required to inform doctoral students during the first class or at an organisational meeting about the methods of verification and assessment of learning outcomes achieved in the course.

Chapter VII

Mid-term evaluation

§ 25

1. The implementation of the doctoral student's individual research plan shall be subject to a mid-term evaluation in accordance with the rules defined in the PSWN.
2. The composition of the mid-term evaluation committee, including the chairperson, shall be appointed by the head of the Coordinating Unit.

§ 26

1. The mid-term evaluation shall be conducted according to the following criteria:
 - 1) progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation and its compliance with the individual research plan;
 - 2) the manner in which the doctoral student conducts their scientific research within the scope specified in the individual research plan;
 - 3) the degree of implementation of the individual research plan.
2. The committee conducts a mid-term evaluation on the basis of:
 - 1) a report on the implementation of the individual research plan presented by the doctoral student and approved by the supervisor;
 - 2) the documentation presented by the doctoral student confirming the implementation of the individual research plan;
 - 3) the opinion of the supervisor or supervisors, or the supervisor and assistant supervisor and assistant advisor in the case of an implementation doctorate;
 - 4) evaluation interview with the doctoral student.

§ 27

1. The exact date of the mid-term evaluation is determined by the head of the doctoral school. The doctoral school informs doctoral students about the need to submit documentation and the date of the evaluation at least two weeks in advance, as well as about the consequences of failing to submit documentation or take part in the evaluation. The assessments of all doctoral students are carried out in a single, specified month – in September for doctoral students studying in the implementation mode, and in October for doctoral students studying in the basic mode and in the research project mode. In special cases, at the written request of the doctoral student, the assessment may be conducted at a different time, and the final decision in this matter is made by the head of the doctoral school.
2. A report of the course of the mid-term evaluation is prepared and signed by the chairperson of the committee conducting the assessment.
3. The mid-term evaluation shall result in a positive or negative outcome. The outcome of the assessment, together with the justification, shall be made public.
4. The result of the mid-term evaluation shall be determined in a closed session, without the participation of the doctoral student. Decisions of the committee shall be taken by a simple majority of votes.
5. The result of the evaluation with justification shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee conducting the mid-term evaluation.
6. The justification for the mid-term evaluation should include a duly substantiated rationale for the committee's decision, in particular indicating how each criterion was assessed.
7. In the case of a positive evaluation, the committee conducting the mid-term evaluation may also make recommendations regarding the manner in which the doctoral student should conduct their research, prepare their doctoral dissertation and the further academic supervision provided by their supervisor.
8. The result of the assessment is negative if:
 - a) the doctoral student has not submitted the documentation necessary for the assessment within the specified time limit;
 - b) the documentation submitted by the doctoral student is incomplete and has not been supplemented within 5 working days of the doctoral student being informed of the deficiencies;
 - c) the doctoral student did not participate in the evaluation interview (except in the case of fortuitous events, in which case the committee considers each case individually);
 - d) the evaluation committee has given a negative assessment of the doctoral student's progress in implementing their individual research plan.
9. In the case of a negative assessment, within 7 days of receiving such information, the doctoral student has the right to submit a duly justified request for reconsideration to the head of the doctoral school. The decision of the committee re-examining the case is final.

Chapter VIII

Doctoral dissertation

§ 28

1. Doctoral training culminates in the submission of a doctoral dissertation.
2. The individual research plan specifies the date of submission of the doctoral dissertation. In the event of suspension of education, the individual research plan shall be modified accordingly, including, in particular, the date of submission of the doctoral dissertation, subject to section (6).
3. The date of submission of the doctoral dissertation may not be later than the duration of education specified in the education programme, subject to the provisions of sections (5)-(8).
4. The date of submission of the dissertation may not be earlier than the date of commencement of the doctoral student's education at the doctoral school.
5. The head of the doctoral school may, at the request of the doctoral student, extend the deadline for submission of the dissertation.
6. The deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation may be extended by a total of no more than 2 years.
7. The deadline for submission of the doctoral dissertation may be extended in the case of:
 - 1) the need to conduct long-term scientific research related to the doctoral dissertation;
 - 2) the student having a disability certificate.
8. The deadline for submission of the dissertation may be extended, but by no more than one year, also in the following cases:
 - 1) temporary inability to implement the education programme due to the doctoral student's illness;
 - 2) the doctoral student's need to personally care for a sick family member;
 - 3) the doctoral student's need to personally care for a child under 4 years of age or a child with a disability certificate.
9. The application for an extension of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation must include a justification. The doctoral student shall attach to the application the opinion of the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor, as well as a document justifying the extension of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation, together with an updated individual research plan.
10. In the case referred to in section (6), point (2), the document justifying the extension of the deadline for submission of the doctoral dissertation shall be the opinion of the representative of the head of the Coordinating Unit for persons with disabilities.
11. At the request of the doctoral student, education may be suspended by the head of the doctoral school:
 - 1) for a period corresponding to the duration of maternity leave, supplementary maternity leave, leave on the terms of maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave specified in the Act of 26 June 1974 - Labour Code;
 - 2) in the event of a long-term illness certified by a medical certificate, a difficult family situation resulting from personal care for a sick family member, a child under 4 years of age or a child with a certified disability, or other circumstances caused by force majeure. The doctoral student's request must be approved by the supervisor. In such cases, the period of interruption in education may not exceed one year. The request for suspension of training shall indicate the date from which the training is to be suspended.
12. The application for suspension of education must include the dates on which education is to be suspended.
13. The application referred to in section 11 point (1) shall be accompanied by an abridged copy of the birth certificate(s) of the child(ren) or a foreign birth certificate(s) of the child(ren) or copies of these documents, and in the case of a request for suspension of education before the expected date of birth – a copy of a medical certificate issued on a standard form, specifying the expected date of delivery.
14. Extension of the deadline for submitting a doctoral dissertation does not entail the award of a doctoral scholarship, except in situations regulated by separate regulations or agreements.

Chapter IX

Documentation of the course of training

§ 29

1. The doctoral student is assigned a consecutive album number within the Coordinating Unit.

2. The album number shall mark the personal file folder of the doctoral student.

§ 30

1. In the doctoral student's personal file folder shall be kept:
 - 1) documents required from the candidate in the doctoral school recruitment process;
 - 2) documents constituting the basis for admission to the doctoral school;
 - 3) the oath signed by the doctoral student;
 - 4) decisions concerning the course of education;
 - 5) individual research plan;
 - 6) mid-term evaluation report;
 - 7) mid-term evaluation result with justification;
 - 8) doctoral dissertation;
 - 9) tripartite agreement (in the case of implementation doctoral students) or double or joint doctoral agreement.
2. The retention period for documents relating to an implementation doctoral programme is specified in the provisions of the grant agreement (separate for each edition).
3. The personal file of a doctoral student shall contain the documents referred to in section (1), point (5) in the form of their hard copies.
4. The decisions referred to in section 1 point (4) shall be prepared in paper form.
5. During a doctoral student's education at the doctoral school, the personal file folder is stored at the Doctoral School. After completion of the education, the doctoral student's personal file folder, with the exception of the documents referred to in section (1), point 1(a) and points (1)-(3), shall be kept in the archives of the Coordinating Unit for a period of 50 years. The documents covered by this exception shall be destroyed

§ 31

1. In the case of a doctoral student transferring to another doctoral training institution, the documents from the personal file folder referred to in § 30, section (1), points (1), (2) and (4) shall be sent to the entity to which the doctoral student has transferred, at the request of that entity.
2. A copy of the cover letter and a list of the documents sent shall be retained by the Coordinating Unit.

§ 32

1. Periodic achievement sheets for doctoral students shall be made in paper and/or electronic form.
2. The doctoral student's periodic achievement sheets shall include:
 - 1) the name and surname of the doctoral student,
 - 2) album number,
 - 3) the names of the classes, including professional placements, in a given grading period,
 - 4) specification of the form of verification of the doctoral student's achievements obtained as part of the classes in a given accounting period;
 - 5) the grade obtained;
 - 6) the date of obtaining the grade;
 - 7) the date confirming the verification of the doctoral student's achievements.
3. Printouts of the periodic achievement sheets of a doctoral student shall be issued at the request of the person to whom they relate. Printouts shall be issued in so far as they relate to the applicant.
4. Completion of education shall be recorded in the doctoral student's album.

§ 33

1. The Coordinating Unit, upon doctoral student's request, shall issue the doctoral student with a doctoral student identity card. The template of the doctoral student card shall be defined in a regulation of the Minister responsible for higher education and science.
2. The validity of a doctoral student's card shall be confirmed once a year by updating the data in the electronic system and affixing a hologram in the consecutively marked fields of the card, designed in accordance with the description specified in the regulation of the minister responsible for higher education and science.

3. The hologram is a pre-numbered document.
4. A doctoral student's ID card shall be valid no longer than until the date of completion of training at a Doctoral School, suspension or removal from the list of doctoral students.
5. In the event of destruction or loss of the doctoral student's ID card, the doctoral student is obliged to immediately notify the Coordinating Unit of the fact.
6. A duplicate of a doctoral student's identity card shall be issued at the doctoral student's request, on the basis of the documents contained in the doctoral student's personal file. A duplicate of a doctoral student's identity card shall be issued with a current photograph.
7. A fee shall be charged for the issuance of a duplicate ID card.

§ 34

1. The Coordinating Unit may make corrections to the doctoral student's record at the request of the doctoral student, the person who has completed their training at the doctoral school, or ex officio.
2. The rectification shall be made on the basis of the document containing the correct data by crossing out the incorrect data and writing the correct data over it. The place where the correction was entered shall be marked with a note of it, the signature and name stamp of the person who entered the correct data, the date of rectification and the official stamp of the Coordinating Unit. In the case of a correction in an electronic file, the correction, its date and the person who entered it shall be retained in the file.
3. Only the person authorised to issue the document may make a correction.
4. Information about the correction made shall be placed in the doctoral student's personal file folder.
5. A doctoral student card containing errors or mistakes shall be replaced.

§ 35

1. Changes to a doctoral student's forename or surname shall be made on the basis of:
 - 1) a marriage certificate,
 - 2) an administrative decision,
 - 3) a court decision.
2. In the case of a change of the forename or surname of a person who has completed their education at the doctoral school, made on the basis referred to in section (1), points (2) and (3), the Coordinating Unit shall change this personal data to the new forename or surname, upon presentation of an administrative decision or court ruling.

§ 36

1. At the request of a person who has not completed education in the doctoral school, the head of the doctoral school shall issue a certificate of the course of training.
2. The certificate referred to in section 1 shall include:
 - 1) personal details of the applicant:
 - a) name and surname,
 - b) PESEL number or, failing that, the name and number of the identity document and the name of the issuing state,
 - c) date of birth,
 - 2) data relating to the doctoral school:
 - a) the disciplines in which the training at the doctoral school was conducted,
 - b) date of commencement of training at the doctoral school,
 - c) date of leaving doctoral school.
3. The Coordinating Unit shall keep a record of the certificates issued, as referred to in section (1).

Chapter X
Disciplinary liability of doctoral students

§ 37

1. A doctoral student shall be liable to disciplinary responsibility for violation of the regulations in force at the Providing Institutions and for an act detrimental to the dignity of the doctoral student, including violations of the principles of scientific integrity.
2. A doctoral student may not be punished for the same act simultaneously by the head of the Coordinating Unit and the Disciplinary Committee.
3. Disciplinary measures are:
 - 1) admonition,
 - 2) reprimand,
 - 3) reprimand with warning,
 - 4) suspension from certain doctoral student rights for up to 1 year,
 - 5) expulsion from the Providing Institutions.
4. The procedure for the investigation and disciplinary proceedings in the case of doctoral students, as well as the manner of enforcement of disciplinary measures and their erasure, shall be defined in separate regulations.

Chapter XI
Internal evaluation of the quality of education

§ 38

1. At least once every two years, the head of the doctoral school shall submit a report on education at the doctoral school to the relevant vice-rector of the Coordinating Unit, including in particular an assessment of the progress of doctoral dissertations and scientific research, their level and compliance with the individual research plan.
2. The head of the doctoral school shall, at least once every two years, prepare a report on the effectiveness of education at the doctoral school and the scientific supervision provided by supervisors.
3. The first assessment referred to in section (2) shall be conducted two years after the date of commencement of education at the doctoral school.
4. The head of the doctoral school shall present the results of the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 to the head of the Coordinating Unit and shall submit them for the attention of the collegial bodies of the Providing Institutions.

§ 39

1. The quality of education at the Doctoral School is subject to internal evaluation.
2. Evaluation shall take place at least every 4 years according to a schedule defined by the head of the Coordinating Unit, proposed by the relevant vice-rector.
3. The evaluation is conducted by a committee consisting of:
 - 1) at least 3 academic teachers or research staff employed in the Providing Institutions as their primary place of work, holding a habilitated doctor's degree or a professorial title,
 - 2) one doctoral student designated by the competent doctoral student self-government body.
4. The head of the doctoral school being evaluated, the heads and directors of the Coordinating Unit, the heads and directors of the Providing Institutions, or academic teachers or researchers teaching at the doctoral school may not be members of the committee.
5. The composition of the committee referred to in section (3), including the chairperson, shall be appointed by the Head of the Coordinating Unit.

§ 40

The following criteria are taken into account in the evaluation:

- 1) the relevance of individual study plans to the learning outcomes for qualifications at level 8 Polish Qualifications Framework and their implementation,
- 2) the manner of verification of the learning outcomes for qualifications at level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework,

- 3) the qualifications of the academic teachers or research staff teaching in the Doctoral School,
- 4) the quality of the recruitment process,
- 5) quality of scientific supervision and support in the conduct of scientific activities,
- 6) the reliability of the mid-term evaluation,
- 7) internationalisation,
- 8) the effectiveness of doctoral training.

§ 41

1. The outcome of the internal evaluation of the quality of education is an assessment by the evaluation committee on the basis of a self-evaluation report prepared by the head of the doctoral school and an inspection.
2. The committee shall adopt a resolution on the assessment referred to in section (1).
3. The assessment resulting from the internal evaluation of the quality of education may be positive or negative.
4. The head of the doctoral school who is dissatisfied with the evaluation may raise objections to its outcome within 30 days from the date of delivery of the resolution on the evaluation.
5. Objections to the assessment shall be considered by an appeals committee composed of the persons referred to in § 39 section (3). The provision of § 39 section (5) shall apply accordingly.
6. The members of the appeal committee cannot be persons who have participated in the conduct of the evaluation.
7. After considering the objections, the appeals committee shall adopt a resolution addressing the objections and either upholding or amending the assessment.
8. The chairperson of the appeals committee shall forward the resolution referred to in section (7) to the head of the Coordinating Unit.
9. The detailed criteria for the evaluation of the quality of education in the doctoral school and the manner in which it is conducted shall be defined in separate regulations.

Chapter XII Final provisions

§ 42

The doctoral school is supervised by the relevant vice-rector of the Coordinating Unit.

§ 43

In cases concerning the order and procedure of education at the doctoral school not covered by the provisions of the present Regulations, decisions shall be taken by the head of the Coordinating Unit.

§ 44

Binding interpretations of the Regulations are made by the head of the Coordinating Unit.

§ 45

Applications submitted by doctoral students shall include the following details of the doctoral student:

- 1) Name and surname,
- 2) album number,
- 3) the name of the doctoral school,
- 4) indication of the grading period, unless a specific provision provides otherwise.

§ 46

1. In the event of a conflict between a doctoral student and their supervisor, the parties shall immediately inform the head of the doctoral school, indicating the specific circumstances of the conflict.
2. The head of the doctoral school shall attempt to resolve the conflict by:
 - 1) conducting individual discussions with the parties;
 - 2) organising mediation at the request of the parties;
 - 3) considering a written complaint submitted by the doctoral student or supervisor.

3. The process of conflict resolution may be initiated by the doctoral student, supervisor or head of the doctoral school.
4. If amicable resolution of the conflict is not possible, the head of the doctoral school may decide to change the supervisor, in accordance with the Regulations, which is tantamount to changing the doctoral student's individual research plan.
5. Proceedings in conflict cases are conducted in accordance with the principles of confidentiality and respect for the rights and dignity of the parties.

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