**Program of study in the discipline of Biological Sciences, named *PhD Programme in Biology*, conducted in English**

1. **Formal requirements for entering the admission procedure**

Candidates eligible for admission to the *Phd Programme in Biology* at the Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences are the holders of *Magister*, *Magister inżynier*, or equivalent professional title awarded in the field of natural and exact sciences.

In exceptional cases, given the outstanding quality of candidate's academic achievements, a person who does not hold a *Magister* title, who has completed the undergraduate (first-cycle) program, or who has completed the third year of long-cycle graduate program but holds the status of student of a program in the field indicated above or has graduated from a program in that field, may also apply for admission to the program.

1. **Qualification criteria**

Candidates are placed on the ranking list in order determined by their final result calculated on the basis of the interview result (0–100 points).

1. **Admission procedure**

Upon registration in the OAS, candidates for this doctoral school program choose no more than two research topics which they would like to pursue, assigning priorities reflecting order of preference. Research topics are published on the doctoral school website at least a week before the admission procedure begins.

The interview is conducted in English and assessed on a scale from 0 to 100. During the interview, candidates will be asked to shortly present in speech their doctoral research project, including the reasoning for choosing the research topics. Next, they will answer committee's questions regarding the doctoral thesis subject and related problems. Then, they will be presented with a summary of a paper and they will be asked to discuss the text. Assessment will focus on candidate's knowledge in the area of planned research and on their English language proficiency.

Final result from the whole admission procedure equals the number of points awarded as the interview result.

Candidates are assigned to pursue the research topics in accordance with the priorities declared in the OAS, following the procedure outlined below:

1. candidate placed first on the ranking list pursues the research topic to which they have assigned the first (highest) priority;
2. candidate placed second on the ranking lists pursues the research topic to which they have assigned the first (highest) priority, unless the topic has been chosen by a candidate placed above them on the ranking list; in this case, they pursue the research topic to which they have assigned second priority, etc.
3. **Final result calculation**

The final admission procedure result *W* is expressed as a number on a scale from 0 do 100, calculated for all candidates as a number of points awarded during the interview.