

**Extract of the recruitment rules for the Doctoral School of
the Wrocław University of Science and Technology for the academic year 2026/2027**

Recruitment rules for discipline: physical sciences

NOTE: The document contains an excerpt of the rules of recruitment to the Doctoral School of the Wrocław University of Science and Technology for the academic year 2026/2027 specific for one discipline. The full text is available at:

<https://szd.pwr.edu.pl/en/for-candidates>.

§ 1

1. The Wrocław University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "University") has one doctoral school, hereinafter referred to as the "Doctoral School", in the following educational disciplines, in which the university is authorized to award the academic degree of doctor:

- 1) architecture and urban planning,
- 2) automation, electronic, electrical engineering and space technologies,
- 3) information and communication technology,
- 4) biomedical engineering,
- 5) chemical engineering,
- 6) civil engineering, geodesy and transport,
- 7) materials engineering,
- 8) mechanical engineering,
- 9) environmental engineering, mining, and energy,
- 10) mathematics,
- 11) chemical sciences,
- 12) physical sciences,
- 13) management and quality studies.

2. Doctoral education is not be subject to fees.

§ 2

1. Recruitment to the Doctoral School takes place in educational disciplines through a competition and is based on a point system.
2. Recruitment to the Doctoral School is associated with the payment of a one-off, non-returnable recruitment fee for considering the application for admission to the Doctoral School. The amount of the recruitment fee and the rules for its payment are determined by the Rector.

§ 3

A person holding MSc. degree or an equivalent degree, or in exceptional cases, justified by the highest quality of scientific achievements, a person who completed first-cycle studies (bachelor), or who completed the third year of uniform studies (long-cycle master studies) may be admitted to the Doctoral School.

§ 4

1. Persons, including foreigners, may apply for admission to the Doctoral School if:
 - 1) has the MSc professional title (magister or magister inżynier) or an equivalent, or
 - 2) obtained the highest quality of scientific achievements and is a graduate of first-cycle studies or a student who has completed the third year of uniform master's studies, or
 - 3) have a diploma confirming completion of studies abroad (outside Poland), giving the right to apply for the PhD degree in the country in which the University that issued the diploma operates.
2. A person who does not have the qualifications described in sec. 1 on the day of submitting the recruitment documents, must obtain them and confirm them with an appropriate document until the end of the recruitment procedure specified in the recruitment procedure schedule.

§ 5

An applicant for admission to the Doctoral School must demonstrate proficiency in English at a minimum B2 level, confirmed by a relevant certificate or a diploma of completed studies. The list of certificates and diplomas accepted as proof of English proficiency at the required level is provided in Appendix No. 1.

§ 6

1. The number of places for persons who will be admitted to the Doctoral School in individual educational disciplines is set by the Rector.
2. The recruitment schedule is set by the Rector.
3. If the number of qualified candidates in the educational discipline is lower than the number of places referred to in sec. 1, the Rector, at the request of the Dean of the Doctoral School, may

consent to additional recruitment in this educational discipline in accordance with the schedule referred to in sec. 2.

§ 7

The detailed rules considering the conditions and procedure of recruitment to the Doctoral School based on the point system are set out in § 22-26.

§ 8

1. Before registering in the recruitment system, a candidate for the Doctoral School is obliged to:

- 1) select a potential supervisor employed in Wrocław University of Science and Technology from the list of supervisors for a discipline available on the website of the Doctoral School: <https://szd.pwr.edu.pl/>;
- 2) have a conversation with the potential supervisor and potential assistant supervisor regarding the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation;
- 3) get the consent of the potential supervisor to undertake the supervision, together with the declaration of the person in charge of an organizational unit of the faculty (head of a department or director of an institute), where the doctoral dissertation would be conducted on the provision of required research resources for the duration of the doctoral dissertation in the event of admission to the Doctoral School.

2. In justified cases, with the consent of the Dean of the Doctoral School, a candidate to the Doctoral School may, instead of a potential supervisor, appoint a potential assistant supervisor from among the University's employees. The provisions of sec. 1 points 2-3 shall apply accordingly.

3. Subject to the provisions of § 17 sec. 9 of the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, a University employee may consent to undertake doctoral supervision for a maximum of three candidates as part of the recruitment to the Doctoral School for a given academic year.

§ 9

The condition for considering the application for admission to the doctoral school is:

- 1) prior contact with a potential supervisor in order to obtain the documents referred to in § 8 sec. 1 point 3;
- 2) registering in the recruitment system;
- 3) filling in the candidate's card in the university's recruitment system;
- 4) delivering a set of documents referred to in § 11 within the time limit stated in the recruitment schedule and making the recruitment fee referred to in § 2 sec. 2.

§ 10

1. Candidates with special needs are provided - upon their request - with support to equalize opportunities in the recruitment process according to their individual needs.
2. The application referred to in sec. 1 should be submitted to the Dean of the Doctoral School no later than on the last day of accepting documents from candidates for the Doctoral School specified in the recruitment procedure schedule.
3. If a special need arises after the deadline referred to in sec. 2, the candidate may submit to the Dean of the Doctoral School the application referred to in sec. 1, and support to equalize opportunities will be provided if possible.

§ 11

1. The candidate for the Doctoral School submits the following documents by the date specified in the recruitment procedure:
 - 1) candidate's card for the Doctoral School referred to in § 21;
 - 2) CV- Curriculum Vitae - professional resume";
 - 3) diploma confirming obtaining the professional title of master, master engineer or an equivalent, and in the case of persons referred to in § 4 sec. 2, the candidate's declaration confirmed by the dean's office about completing the second-cycle study program and the planned date of graduation before the announced date completion of recruitment. However, in the case of people who show the highest quality of scientific achievements, a document confirming the completion of first-cycle studies or a document confirming that the candidate is a student who has completed the third year of uniform long-cycle master studies;
 - 4) a diploma supplement in first and second cycle studies or uniform studies;
 - 5) CGPA (Culmulative Grade Point Average) for first and second cycle studies or for long-cycle master studies (transcript of records). In the case of the last semester of studies not yet completed, the grades from all semesters of studies, excluding the last semester, are included in the average result. In the absence of a certificate of the obtained a CGPA, issued by the university, the candidate shall submit a signed declaration with CGPA calculated by himself/herself. Candidates who completed their studies outside Poland, along with the obtained CGPA, should also attach the grading scale applicable in the country in which they graduated. The document is required only for the following disciplines of education that use the result of completed studies referred to in § 23 to assess candidates:
 - a. automation, electronic, electrical engineering and space technologies,
 - b. materials engineering,
 - c. mathematics,
 - d. chemical sciences,
 - e. management and quality studies.

- 6) photo (electronic version);
- 7) a synthetic presentation of achievements regarding the candidate's scientific activity or research and development activities in accordance with the template specified for the selected educational discipline available on the website of the Doctoral School: <https://szd.pwr.edu.pl/>;
- 8) statement of the potential supervisor on undertaking the supervision, together with the declaration of the person in charge of an organizational unit of the faculty (head of a department or director of an institute), in which the doctoral dissertation would be carried out on the provision of a required research resources for the duration of the doctoral dissertation with admission to the Doctoral School;
- 9) description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation under § 24 approved and signed by the potential supervisor (no longer than 3 A4 pages);
- 10) document confirming the command of the English language at B2 level (diploma supplement or certificate of the grade obtained from the language course at B2 level, language certificate or other document compliant with Appendix 1).

2. A candidate with a diploma or other document confirming completion of studies outside Poland shall submit a copy of the diploma entitling to apply for admission to the Doctoral School containing an apostille or legalization certified by the Wrocław University of Science and Technology (for certification, the original of the relevant diploma must be submitted for inspection).

§ 12

1. The recruitment procedure, including interviews to the Doctoral School, is conducted by recruitment committees for the educational discipline appointed by the Dean of the Doctoral School.
2. If one member of the recruitment committee is a potential supervisor previously indicated by the candidate, she or he will not take part in the evaluation of that candidate.
3. A representative of doctoral students, designated by the appropriate body of the doctoral student government, may participate in the meetings of the recruitment committee as an observer. An observer is not a member of the recruitment committee and does not take an active part in its work. He or she does not have the right to vote. An observer may report to the Dean of the Doctoral School any violations of the recruitment rules by committee members.
4. Information on recruitment, including the number of places for people who will be admitted to the Doctoral School in individual educational disciplines, the recruitment schedule, place of submission of documents and the date of the interview are published on the website of the Doctoral School: <https://szd.pwr.edu.pl/en/>.
5. The ranking list is determined separately for each educational discipline on the basis of the recruitment points obtained by individual candidates, awarded under the rules set out in § 22-26.

6. Candidates are qualified depending on their position on the ranking list, up to the number of places awarded for a given educational discipline, referred to in § 6 sec. 1, however, it is required to get the minimum recruitment score specified in § 22 sec. 6.

7. In the event of circumstances referred to in § 27 sec. 1, the recruitment process is conducted in two stages, in accordance with the provisions of § 27.

§ 13

1. A person may be admitted to the Doctoral School except for the number of places referred to in § 6 sec. 1, if he or she has funding granted from other sources outside the University (including research projects, grants or other programs) financing of the doctoral scholarship in the amount of at least the amount referred to in art. 209 paragraph 4 of the Law on Higher Education and Science, and social security contributions paid by the University.

2. A person may be admitted to the Doctoral School beyond the established number of places referred to in § 6 section. 1, if education at the doctoral school is associated with the obligation of employment at the University referred to in Art. 209 section 1a of the Law on Higher Education and Science.

3. The financing referred to in sec. 1 and 2 should be provided for a period of at least 24 months. If the granted financing does not cover the costs of the doctoral scholarship or the costs of remuneration for employment in the research project for a period of 48 months, it is necessary to obtain the consent of the Dean of the Doctoral School.

4. The condition for admission to the Doctoral School of the candidate referred to in sec. 1 is to meet the requirements related to the financing of the doctoral scholarship from other sources outside the University and to obtain the minimum recruitment point result specified in § 22 sec. 6.

5. The condition for admission to the Doctoral School is the candidate referred to in sec. 2 is to meet the requirements on which the financing of remuneration for employment at the University depends and to obtain the minimum recruitment score specified in § 22 sec. 6.

6. The candidates referred to in sec. 1 and 2 of the provisions of § 12 sec. 5 and 6 do not apply.

§ 14

The results of the recruitment procedure competition are public. After being handed over to the Rector, the competition results are announced on the website of the Doctoral School.

§ 15

Based on of the recruitment results, admission to the doctoral school is conducted by way of entry in the register of doctoral students.

§ 16

Refusal of admission to the Doctoral School takes place by an administrative decision of the Rector. The person who is refused admission to the Doctoral School based on the recruitment results, is served with the Rector's decision.

§ 17

From the Rector's decision not to admit to the Doctoral School, a person dissatisfied with the decision is entitled to an application for reconsideration submitted to the Rector through the Dean of the Doctoral School, within 14 days from the date of delivery of the decision.

§ 18

Representatives of the Doctoral Students Self-Government may take part in the recruitment procedure as observers, on the terms specified by the Dean of the Doctoral School.

§ 19

1. A person admitted to the Doctoral School begins education and gains the rights of a doctoral student upon taking the oath and signing the oath.
2. A doctoral student at the Doctoral School of Wrocław University of Science and Technology cannot be a doctoral student at another doctoral school at the same time.
3. Training at the Doctoral School may begin from the first day of the winter semester or the first day of the summer semester of the academic year to which recruitment applies, in accordance with the academic calendar of Wrocław University of Science and Technology.
4. In justified cases, with the consent of the Dean of the Doctoral School, a candidate for the Doctoral School referred to in § 13 sec. 2, may begin education during the winter semester or summer semester of the academic year to which the recruitment applies.

§ 20

The Rector provides compulsory training on safe and hygienic conditions of education, not less than 4 hours, for doctoral students starting their education at the Doctoral School, considering the specificity of education and the type of technical equipment used in the education process.

§ 21

The specimen of the candidate's card for the Doctoral School is determined by the Dean of the Doctoral School after obtaining the opinion of the Doctoral School Council.

§ 22

1. Candidates are assessed against three criteria:

- 1) Description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation (detailed rules are specified in § 24).
 - 2) Scientific activity, research and development activity or other activity (detailed rules are specified in § 25).
 - 3) Interview (detailed rules are set out in § 26).
2. The recruitment score is determined according to the formula $WRS = \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i p_i$, where k_i is the weight of the i -th recruitment criterion and p_i is the number of points obtained in the i -th criterion.
3. The weights of the individual evaluation criteria k_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) are:
- 1) $k_2 = 1$ (criterion: description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation).
 - 2) $k_3 = 4$ (criterion: Scientific activity, research and development activity or other activity).
 - 3) $k_4 = 5$ (criterion: interview).
4. Points p_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) for each of the evaluation criteria are awarded by the recruitment committee on a scale from 0 to 10.
5. The recruitment result is negative when the candidate gets $p_i = 0$ points for one or more evaluation criteria.
6. The condition for admission to the Doctoral School is getting a recruitment point score of at least 50 points out of 100 possible.
7. The evaluation of candidates may include the criterion of grades obtained in the course of higher education studies, determined in accordance with the principles set out in § 23.

§ 23

1. Let S_1 denote the CGPA obtained during the first cycle studies, S_2 denote the CPGA got during the second cycle studies and S denote the CPGA obtained during the uniform studies (long-cycle master studies). The result of completed studies W is calculated as follows:
 - 1) With completed two-cycle studies, the first and second cycle grades $W = 0,5 \times (S_1 + S_2)$ are considered.
 - 2) With completed uniform studies $W = S$.
 - 3) With the not yet completed last semester of second-cycle studies, grades from all semesters of the second-cycle studies, excluding the last semester and are included in the S_2 indicator, and $W = 0,5 \times (S_1 + S_2)$.
 - 4) With unfinished uniform studies, grades from all semesters of studies, excluding the last semester are included in S and $W = S$.
2. When calculating the result of completed studies W with candidates who obtained a diploma abroad, the grading scale used at Wrocław University of Science and Technology is considered. Therefore, the grading scale used at the university that issued the foreign diploma is converted accordingly.

§ 24

1. The description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation cannot be longer than 3 A4 pages and should contain:

- 1) Name and surname of the candidate.
- 2) The discipline in which the doctoral dissertation will be prepared.
- 3) Thematic scope of the doctoral dissertation, including the initial definition of the research problem, research hypothesis and expected results.
- 4) Preliminary plan of research to be carried out.
- 5) Justification for the selection of the thematic scope of the doctoral dissertation.
- 6) Demonstration of the alignment of the doctoral research topic with the scientific discipline.
- 7) Information on the planned collaboration with researchers from abroad during the implementation of the doctoral dissertation.

2. The description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation should be prepared in Polish or in English. Recommended text formatting: top and bottom margins of at least 1.5 cm, side margins of at least 2 cm, Times New Roman or a similar font, minimum font size of 11 points, single line spacing.

3. The description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation should be approved and signed by the potential supervisor.

4. When assigning the number of points p_2 in the criterion description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation referred to in § 22, the following procedure is used:

- 1) Each member of the recruitment committee assigns points on a scale from 0 to 10.
- 2) The final result is the arithmetic mean of the points awarded, however, if more than 3 committee members participate in the evaluation, the lowest and highest score are not included in the calculation of the average.
- 3) If a member of the recruitment committee is a potential supervisor or assistant supervisor indicated by the candidate, she or he does not participate in the assigning of points.

§ 25

1. The number of points p_2 in the criterion of Scientific activity, research and development activity or other activity referred to in § 22 is assigned according to separate rules for individual disciplines as described below.

Discipline: physical sciences

The assessment covers:

- a) scientific publications (scientific monographs or their editors, chapters in scientific monographs, scientific articles), citations and scripts,
- b) participation in conferences, seminars, trainings, workshops and research clubs,

- c) obtained patents,
- d) grants and research projects,
- e) scholarships obtained through competition and other awards in competitions,
- f) domestic or foreign internships and apprenticeships,
- g) additional university studies, postgraduate studies, acquired rights, completed specialist courses,
- h) participation in the work of a research club.

If at a given stage of the assessment in this category the sum of points reaches **$p_2 = 10$** points, this value is considered final. All presented and documented (confirmed) scientific achievements of the candidate are subject to evaluation based on the following scoring system:

Type of activity	Points
Article / publication in a journal / book of international scope	5
Article / publication in a national journal / book	1
Individual presentation at an international conference in the form of an oral presentation	4
Individual presentation at a national conference in the form of an oral presentation	2
Individual presentation at an international conference in the form of a poster presentation	2
Individual presentation at the national conference in the form of a poster presentation	1
Individual presentation at an international student conference in the form of an oral presentation	2
Individual presentation at the student national conference in the form of an oral presentation	1
Individual presentation at an international student conference in the form of a poster presentation	1
Individual presentation at the student national conference in the form of a poster presentation	0,5
Obtained patents	3
Scholarships obtained through competition	2
International award for scientific achievement	5

National award for scientific achievements	3
Managing a research project	5
The role of the contractor in a scientific-research project	2
Long-term internship abroad (1 month or more)	5
Long-term national internship (1 month or more)	2
Short-term internship abroad (1-4 weeks)	3
Short-term national internship (1-4 weeks)	1
Additional higher education, postgraduate studies, acquired qualifications, completed specialist courses	2
Participation in the work of a research club	2

§ 26

1. The interview is conducted in Polish or English.
2. In justified cases, it is possible to conduct an interview remotely using electronic means of communication selected by the recruitment committee.
3. Number of points p_3 in the interview criterion, referred to in § 22 is assigned according to separate rules for individual disciplines.
4. For the interview are admitted only persons who have met all formal requirements, including the requirement to submit the documents referred to in § 11 sec. 1 by the date specified in the recruitment procedure schedule.
5. When assigning the number of points p_3 in the criterion interview referred to in § 22, the following procedure is used:
 - 1) Each member of the recruitment committee assigns points on a scale from 0 to 10.
 - 2) The final result is the arithmetic mean of the points awarded, however, if more than 3 committee members participate in the evaluation, the lowest and highest score are not included in the calculation of the average.
 - 3) If a member of the recruitment committee is a potential supervisor or assistant supervisor indicated by the candidate, she or he does not participate in the assigning of points.

Discipline: physical sciences

The assessment covers:

- a) the candidate's level of knowledge and the way of presenting the current scientific interests, e.g. the subject of the MSc thesis,
- b) initial concept of research planned as part of the doctoral dissertation,
- c) compliance of the proposed research topic with the list of research topics important for the University's development strategy,
- d) specialization exam.

§ 27

1. If, in a given educational discipline, the number of candidates who have submitted recruitment documents referred to in § 11 exceeds 150% of the number of places available for admission to the Doctoral School referred to in § 6 sec. 1, the recruitment is conducted in two stages.
2. In the first stage, the recruitment committee evaluates candidates based on the following criteria: the description of the preliminary concept of the doctoral dissertation, and Scientific activity, research and development activity or other activity. Based on the point scores obtained by individual candidates, awarded in accordance with the rules specified in § 22–25, a ranking list is established for the educational discipline for the first stage of recruitment.
3. The second stage of recruitment includes a number of candidates equal to 150% of the places allocated according to the ranking list from the first stage of recruitment. In the second stage, the recruitment committee evaluates candidates based on the criterion of the interview.
4. The final ranking list after the second stage of recruitment is established separately for each educational discipline, based on the recruitment point score obtained by individual candidates, awarded in accordance with the rules specified in secs. 2 and 3.
5. Candidates are admitted according to their position on the ranking list, up to the number of places allocated for the given field of study referred to in § 6 sec. 1, provided that they achieve the minimum recruitment point score specified in § 22 sec. 6.
6. The two-stage recruitment is conducted for the following educational disciplines:
 - 1) architecture and urban planning,
 - 2) information and communication technology,
 - 3) civil engineering, geodesy and transport,
 - 4) chemical sciences,
 - 5) management and quality studies.

Appendix 1 to the rules of recruitment to the Doctoral School of Wrocław University of Science and Technology (WUST) for the academic year 2026/2027

List of certificates and diplomas confirming English language proficiency at level B2

- 1) Wrocław University of Science and Technology Foreign Languages Centre – completion of course B2.2, C1.2, or C2.1.
- 2) Foreign language course/exam assessment at other universities – completion of a course certifying English proficiency at level B2, C1, or C2. The course should include at least 60 hours of organized classes at the university.
- 3) Cambridge English Qualifications – B2 First with at least 160 points, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency.
- 4) IELTS certificate – at least 5.5 points.
- 5) ACERT certificate – B2 level with a score of at least 3.0, or C1 level.
- 6) PTE Academic certificate – at least 59 points.
- 7) TOEFL (iBT) certificate – at least 72 points.
- 8) LanguageCert Written and Spoken certificate – B2 Communicator with at least 100 points, or C1 Expert Pass.
- 9) TELC University certificate – B2 or C1 level.
- 10) Diploma of higher education in English philology or applied linguistics.
- 11) Document confirming completion of higher education or postgraduate studies abroad or in Poland – the language of instruction is recognized as English if it was exclusively in English.
- 12) Document confirming registration as a sworn translator of English in Poland, or a document confirming the possession of sworn translator rights in another EU member state, a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – parties to the European Economic Area agreement, or in the Swiss Confederation.
- 13) International Baccalaureate Diploma – regarding the primary language.
- 14) European Baccalaureate Diploma – regarding the first (L1) or second (L2) language.
- 15) Document confirming that English is the person's native (first) language; the person is a native speaker of English.