



Wrocław University
of Science and Technology



Doctoral
School

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WROCLAW TECH

Wrocław University of Science and Technology (Wrocław Tech) is one of the leading scientific and educational centers in Poland, ranking fourth among technical universities in the country and first in Lower Silesia. Over 20,000 students and 750 PhD students pursue their education at Wrocław Tech. The university offers exchange programs through Erasmus+ and has over 400 partner universities. Every year, numerous original technical solutions, patents, inventions, and technologies developed by Wrocław Tech scientists receive patent protection and find practical applications in industry. Graduates of Wrocław Tech are ranked third in Poland in terms of earnings.

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WROCLAW TECH DOCTORAL SCHOOL

The main goal of the Wrocław Tech Doctoral School is to equip PhD students with the skills and competencies needed to conduct advanced research in academic institutions, research centers, and industry.

The Wrocław Tech Doctoral School offers a four-year program, culminating in the award of a PhD degree. During this period, PhD students work on their doctoral dissertation—a research project that addresses a well-defined scientific problem with an innovative and research-oriented solution. Each PhD student selects a supervisor or supervisors from the list of Wrocław Tech professors. The supervisor provides guidance and support, helping the student develop their scientific profile.

The doctoral curriculum offers comprehensive research training and teaching preparation. The program includes 285 hours of coursework and 90 hours of teaching practice for participants. All doctoral training is conducted in English, ensuring an international and accessible environment.

After two years, every PhD student undergoes a mid-term evaluation conducted by a committee that includes at least one external evaluator. The primary objective of the mid-term





evaluation is to assess the doctoral student's progress during the first two years and review their plans for the remaining two years. A positive outcome of the mid-term evaluation is required for the PhD student to continue their studies at the Doctoral School.

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DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Wrocław Tech Doctoral School offers the following doctoral programs, corresponding to the scientific disciplines defined in Poland:

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Automation, Electronic, Electrical Engineering and Space Technologies
- Information and Communication Technology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Transport
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering, Mining, and Energy
- Mathematics
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Management and Quality Studies



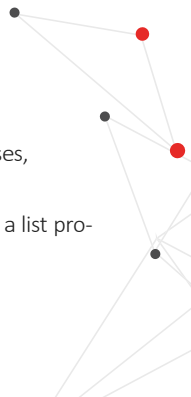
TRAINING COURSES

The curriculum includes the following training courses:

- Recent Research Trends in the Scientific Discipline (30 hours)
- Research Skills (30 hours)
- Ethical and Legal Aspects of Scientific Activity (15 hours)
- Teaching Skills (15 hours)
- Personal Development (15 hours)
- Seminars (60 hours, 4 sessions of 15 hours each)
- Academic English (60 hours, 2 sessions of 30 hours each)
- Elective Courses: A total of 60 hours, which may include basic science courses, specialized courses, or humanities courses.

All courses are conducted in English. PhD students select elective courses from a list provided by the Doctoral School.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES

As of January 1, 2025, the doctoral scholarship at the Wrocław Tech Doctoral School is as follows:

- 1st and 2nd year: PLN 4,400 gross (PLN 3,905 net).
- 3rd and 4th year: PLN 5,490 gross (PLN 4,872 net).

The amount of the doctoral scholarship is subject to national regulations and may be adjusted during the course of the studies.

Additionally, the top 30% of PhD students in their 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years are eligible for an increased scholarship of PLN 1,405 gross (PLN 1,247 net) per month. Furthermore, PhD students can apply for additional scholarships and grants at both university, national and international levels.

The Wrocław Tech Doctoral School is **tuition-free for all doctoral students**, regardless of their country of origin.

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ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Access to doctoral programs is open to candidates who meet the following conditions:

- Holders of the Polish master of science degree or equivalent.
- Holders of 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.

A candidate holding a diploma or other document confirming the completion of studies outside Poland must submit a copy of the diploma, which qualifies them to apply for admission to the Doctoral School, along with an apostille or legalization, certified by Wrocław Tech.

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FIVE STEPS TO WROCŁAW TECH DOCTORAL SCHOOL

1. Find a supervisor

To be considered for admission to the Doctoral School, candidates must first contact a potential supervisor to obtain their consent to supervise the doctoral research. At least one of the supervisors must be an employee of Wrocław Tech. We encourage candidates to use our supervisors' database to identify suitable supervisors. Additionally, candidates may contact the Doctoral School for guidance.

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2. Develop a PhD project

The PhD project (description of the initial concept of the doctoral dissertation) is a critical component of the recruitment process. Candidates must collaborate with their potential supervisor to develop a high-quality PhD project. This requires:



- Conducting a review of scientific literature on the planned research topic.
- Analyzing research methods applicable to the doctoral dissertation.

The PhD project is assessed during the recruitment process.

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3. Prepare application documents

Candidates must prepare the required application documents as outlined on our website:

szd.pwr.edu.pl/en/for-candidates

4. Register in the recruitment online system and submit documents

Application documents must be submitted via the online recruitment system.

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5. Attend the interview

The interview is the most significant criterion for assessing candidates. It is conducted by recruitment committees consisting of representatives from the scientific discipline (doctoral program) to which the candidate is applying. Interviews can also be conducted online. In addition to the interview, the recruitment committees assess the candidate's scientific activity (e.g., publications, conferences, projects, patents, internships), proficiency in English, and the proposed PhD project.

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ADMISSION

The admission process typically begins in early May, with the final deadline in early June. Detailed dates are available on our website: szd.pwr.edu.pl/en/for-candidates/deadlines.

Training at the Doctoral School may commence on the first day of either the winter semester or the summer semester of the academic year for which the recruitment applies, in accordance with Wrocław Tech's academic calendar. The calendar is available at:

pwr.edu.pl/en/students/academic-calendar





ACCOMMODATION

Wrocław Tech offers accommodation in dormitories for international PhD students

crm.pwr.edu.pl/en/international-students/exchange-erasmus/incoming/practical-information/dormitories-faqs



MEDICAL INSURANCE

EU PhD students

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is the only valid health insurance document within the European Union when it comes to free medical care. EU students should apply for this insurance card before arriving in Poland.

International PhD students from outside the European Union

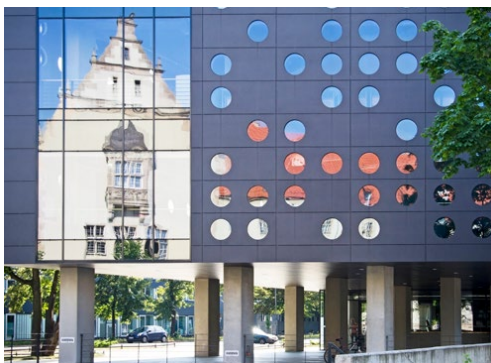
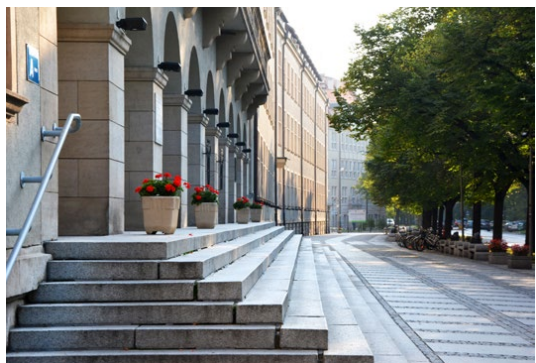
International PhD students from non-European countries must have private insurance, which is required to submit a visa application. However, this insurance covers only accidents in most cases and does not cover consultations with a general practitioner. It is best to apply for general medical insurance at the NFZ (National Health Fund) branch in Poland.



WROCLAW

Wrocław, with the 700K population, is the best choice if you are looking for a place to study. A great atmosphere, a large job market, academic staff, rich cultural and entertainment offer of the city that meets students' needs – all this contributes to the strength of Wrocław. Wrocław is a city with beautiful architecture and plentiful green areas situated on the Odra river on 12 islands connected by over 100 bridges. Wrocław, today the administrative, educational, business and cultural capital of the Lower Silesia region, is a city with a rich history. The city is situated close to the borders with Germany and the Czech Republic.





POLAND

Poland, located in the heart of Europe, is a country rich in history, culture, and diversity. From its medieval roots to the vibrant modern cities, Poland has played a crucial role in shaping European history. Known for its resilient spirit, Poland offers a unique blend of tradition and innovation. The country's central location makes it an ideal starting point for exploring both Western and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, in Poland you can visit many fascinating cities, such as Cracow, Gdansk, Zakopane and Warsaw – the capital city. With a diverse population and a welcoming atmosphere, Poland is a great destination for international students seeking a safe, affordable, and enriching experience.



VISAS

For most of the non-EU citizens a visa is required to enter Poland. It is recommended to submit your visa application well in advance, as processing times may vary and sometimes take longer. Start with locating a Polish Consulate or the consular section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland responsible for your area.

www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/polands-missions-abroad

There are different types of visas available but most of the international students come with type 'D' Visa which is a long-term national visa valid for up to one year, permitting travel within the Schengen Area for up to 90 days in a 180-day period. This visa can only be extended in exceptional circumstances. If you need to stay in Poland longer than allowed by your visa, you should apply for a temporary residence permit.

You can find practical information about the documents required to enter and study in Poland on the government website (**www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas**) and the university website (**crm.pwr.edu.pl/en/international-students/students-support/legalization-of-stay/**).





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