

The procedure of recognition of diplomas – nostrification is necessary in the case of candidates recommended for employment at the University of Silesia, whose academic degrees and degrees in Fine Arts cannot be automatically recognized by the university according to Polish law or international agreements. More information:

<https://nawa.gov.pl/en/recognition/recognition-for-professional-purposes/recognition-of-scientific-degrees-and-titles>)

After nostrification of such degree by one higher education institution the degree will be automatically recognized also by other institutions in Poland.

The nostrification procedure is initiated at the written request of the candidate for recognition of the academic degree/ degree in Fine Arts as equivalent to the Polish academic degree/degree in Fine Arts submitted to the Rector. Together with the application the following documents (originals) shall be submitted:

- a) in the case of applying for recognition of a degree as equivalent to the Polish PhD degree:
 - ✓ the diploma that confirms awarding the degree;
 - ✓ documents on the basis of which the degree has been awarded,
 - ✓ the diploma of completion higher education that entitles to apply for the academic degree, which the Candidate applies to recognize;
- b) in the case of applying for recognition of a degree as equivalent to the Polish Doctor of Science:
 - ✓ the diploma that confirms awarding the degree;
 - ✓ documents that confirm achievements on the basis of which the degree was awarded;
 - ✓ the diploma that confirms awarding the degree that entitles to initiate the procedure of awarding the degree for recognition of which the candidate applies;
- c) declaration that includes information if the degree for recognition of which the candidate applies has ever been the subject of nostrification procedure in the Republic of Poland, as well as date and place of birth of the candidate;
- d) the signed GDPR clause.

In order to start the nostrification procedure the candidate shall supply the above documents in the paper form as well as in electronic form. Due to the pandemic it is allowed to send the documents in the electronic form first in order to confirm if the documentation is complete. After receiving the confirmation the candidate shall supply documents in the paper form with the possibility to compare copies with the originals.

The scientific council that conducts the nostrification procedure may require that the candidate submits the documents translated into Polish (ordinary translation).

The nostrification procedure has two stages:

1. Formal evaluation of the received documents
2. The merit-based evaluation of the documents. After completion of this stage the scientific council adopts a resolution on recognition of the academic degree/ degree in Fine Arts as equivalent to the corresponding Polish academic degree/ degree in Fine Arts.

After completion of the nostrification procedure the candidate will receive certificate from the University signed by the Rector, which can be used also in other institutions in Poland.

Nostrification costs:

Nostrification is also connected with costs. The nostrification fee amounts to a half of the monthly remuneration of the Professor. However the Rector or a Dean may exempt a candidate from the fee

in some part or in full at the written request of the candidate in cases justified by special life circumstances, in particular in terms of finance.

The above information concerns recognition of doctoral degrees. For nostrification of master degrees [click here](#) (available only in Polish).