

**Regulations for increasing scholarships
for PhD students of doctoral schools at the University of Silesia in Katowice
as part of Research Excellence Initiatives**

§ 1

Funds to increase the doctoral scholarship

1. These Rules and Regulations define principles for granting an increase in the doctoral scholarship for doctoral students of doctoral schools at the University of Silesia in Katowice.
2. The increase in the doctoral scholarship for doctoral students of doctoral schools (hereinafter referred to as the increase in the scholarship) is financed under the "Initiative for Research Excellence" from funds obtained in connection with the participation of the University of Silesia in Katowice in the "Initiative of Excellence - Research University" program and receiving from the Ministry of Education and Science 2% increase in subsidies for the period 2020-2025.
3. The budget is intended to increase the scholarship for doctoral students of the second, third and fourth years of doctoral schools at the University of Silesia in Katowice; the funds paid on the last working day of a month shall be allocated for a given academic year (for twelve months; from October to September). In the academic year of 2020/2021, the scholarship is granted from January to September.
4. The Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice is the unit that is the coordinator of the competition.
5. Social insurance contributions are deducted from the scholarship.
6. The administrative service of spending financial resources is done by the office of the Doctoral School (hereinafter referred to as SD) and the office of the International Environmental Doctoral School (hereinafter referred to as the MŚSD).



§ 2

Competition to increase the scholarship

1. The competition shall be announced by the Dean of DS, by posting information about the deadline for submission of applications on the websites of DS and MŚSD and on the Research Excellence Initiatives website.
2. Applications shall be recognized by the competition committee based on the following principles.
3. Any doctoral student of doctoral schools at the University of Silesia who receives the doctoral scholarship can participate in the competition, starting from the second year of education.
4. Completing and submitting the electronic form at an appointed term and as specified below shall be recognized as the access to the competition.
5. The doctoral student completes and sends the form in the IT system of the university (a link to the form is given in the announcement of the competition), to the following e-mail addresses: szkola.doktorska@us.edu.pl or polarknow@us.edu.pl, and submits the original to the DS and MSD Office. The date of submission of the application is the date of the doctoral student's electronic delivery of the application.

§ 3

Scholarship – competition committee

1. The competition committee shall be appointed by the Dean of the Doctoral School.
2. The committee shall be composed of:
 - 1) the Dean of MŚSD;
 - 2) the Deputy Dean of DS;
 - 3) coordinators of areas in DS;
 - 4) managers of offices in doctoral schools;
 - 5) three representatives of the Doctoral Student Community designated by the Doctoral Student Government of the University of Silesia, representing three areas of science.
3. The Dean of MŚSD and the Deputy Dean of DS hold the position of the chair every year alternately, the Dean of MŚSD being the first in the first year of granting the scholarship.





§ 4

Principles for allocating financial sources

1. The competition committee shall recognize applications based on the criteria given in Appendix No. 1 to these Rules and Regulations. The committee shall verify the basis for awarding points for each scientific achievement and shall determine the cut-off point within the area. All publication-related achievements submitted in the competition by doctoral students of DS must be affiliated to the University of Silesia and publications submitted by doctoral students of MŚSD must be affiliated to one of the units running jointly MŚSD and visible in the ORCID profile.
2. The committee shall grant the scholarship to 10% of doctoral students in the second, third and fourth years of doctoral schools; in DS maintaining a division into areas of science, proportionally to the number of doctoral students representing these areas, and for the years of education; in MŚSD, the scholarship is granted to 10% of doctoral students in the second, third and fourth years. If 10% of doctoral students in a given area or in MŚSD do not represent a full number, the committee rounds the number of scholarships up to the total number. When calculating the number of doctoral students, the status as at the first day of the academic year is considered, and as at 1st October 2020 in the first year of the competition.
3. After the competition is completed, the committee announces the results by posting a list of the persons who received the scholarship on the websites of doctoral schools and on the IDB website.
4. The doctoral student may appeal against the decision of the committee to the Dean of DS. The doctoral student submits the appeal with the substantiation to the DS office within 7 days of the publication of the results of the competition.

