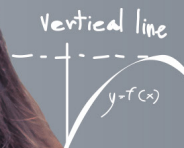
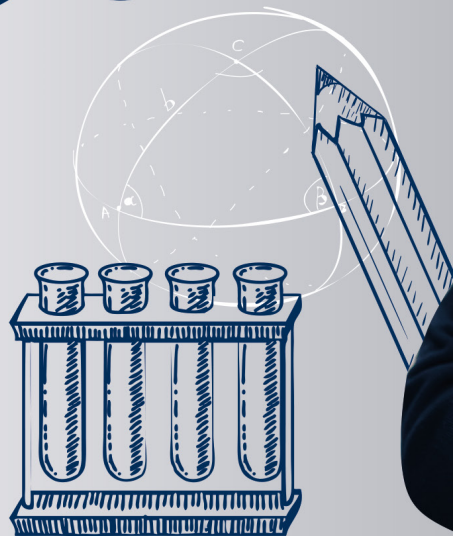
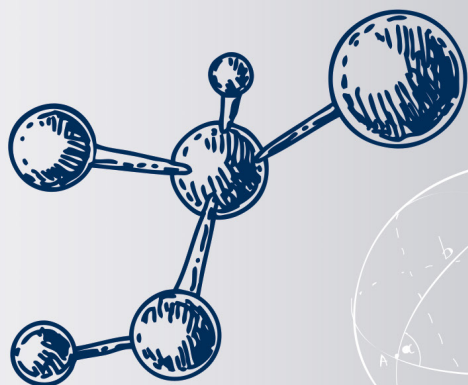
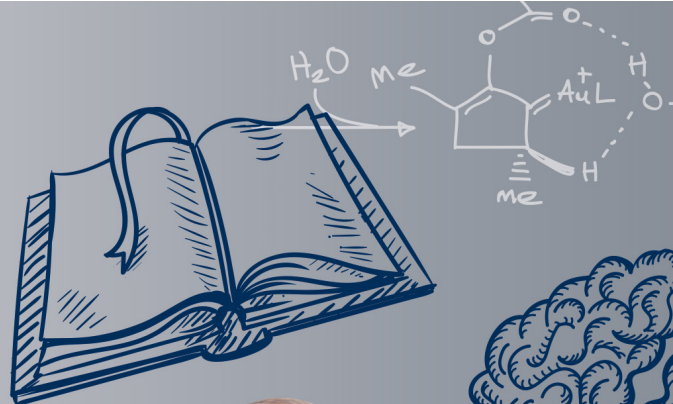
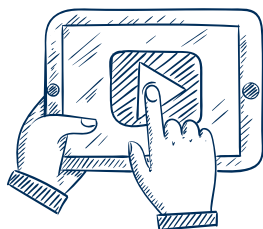




UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA
DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Becoming a researcher





**We look forward to meeting you
at the new Doctoral School of the University of Silesia!**

Prof. Ryszard Koziółek,
Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice

Becoming a researcher

Education at our Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice has one primary goal, i.e., to help a doctoral student to become an independent and agile researcher with wide horizons to be able to prepare a very good dissertation.

By joining the Doctoral School, a doctoral student starts their scientific career and becomes a member of a research team that conducts research at an international level. They develop their competence in scientific practice and gain experience. Each doctoral student receives a scholarship.

At the same time, at the Doctoral School, we support a doctoral student at the most important stages of their development and give them tools to work efficiently as a researcher, academic and knowledge manager.

At the Doctoral School, we create an international environment and enable a doctoral student to be mobile since we believe that an open exchange of thoughts and experiences is the best ground from which science successfully grows.



Dean of the Doctoral School

prof. Alina Świecicka-Fast



Deputy Dean of the Doctoral School

prof. Michał Baczyski

Research **at the University of Silesia**

University of Silesia is one of the largest and best Polish universities.



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faculties

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**research
institutes**

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**interdisciplinary
research centres**

Natural science



88

specialized
labs

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The university confers doctoral degrees in 22 scientific and artistic disciplines.

Each of them is related to different methods and research issues.

The field of humanities, theology and the arts:

philosophy • history • linguistics • literary studies • culture and religion studies • theology • film and theatre • fine arts and art conservation

The field of natural sciences, engineering and technology:

information and communication technology • materials engineering • mathematics • biological sciences • chemical sciences • physical sciences • earth and related environmental sciences

The field of social sciences:

communication and media studies • political science and public administration • law • sociology • education • psychology • social and economic geography and spatial management



A person in a white lab coat is looking through a microscope in a laboratory setting. The background is a dark blue overlay with a white border. The text "Education at the Doctoral School" is overlaid on the image.

Education **at the** **Doctoral School**

Curriculum of key competence of a young researcher

Common curriculum for all doctoral students is designed in such a way so that you receive the best support at the subsequent stages of your development.

Stage I:

research planning - preparing tools - fundraising

Supportive classes: research methodology, ethics in research, scientific career planning, research project preparation and implementation

Stage II:

writing research papers, speeches at conferences

Supportive classes: academic English, preparing scientific texts, workshops on research presentation

Stage III:

dissemination of research results

Supportive classes: intellectual property law, self-presentation and popularization of knowledge



Specialised development

Specialised classes for doctoral students are conducted by the best researchers from the University of Silesia and invited scientists. You can choose workshops which develop specific skills and seminars devoted to important issues of contemporary science.

You will gain the most important competence in practice in your research team. You will work in a laboratory or library, participating in research projects. You will also conduct independent research and prepare scientific publications in co-operation with others.



Individual education

The most important aim of a doctoral student is to conduct their own research and write their dissertation. All other activities are subordinated to this aim.

You can depend on the support of your supervisor and auxiliary supervisor. Additionally, each doctoral student has up to three tutors at their disposal (specialists from the University of Silesia or from another research centre). These experts will help you develop your research, especially in the area where interdisciplinary or specialized support is needed.



Work of an academic

Doctoral students are also beginner academics. You will conduct a small number of classes with students each year. To prepare you to conduct these classes, we have planned a special course in academic teaching in the first year, and later you can count on supervision from specialists and support of your supervisor.

Mobility

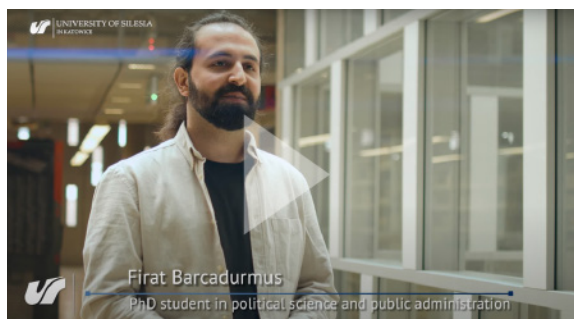
The exchange of thoughts is the basis of development. Conducting specialized research is sometimes also related to a stay in another research centre. Therefore, we pay a lot of attention to mobility at the Doctoral School. As a doctoral student, you should plan at least one foreign internship or a scientific conference. Due to our partners from the T4E consortium, you can also participate in an international education programme or even find the second supervisor and do a double doctorate.



A group of five students, three women and two men, are gathered around a table in a library, looking at a book together. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The image is overlaid with a dark blue filter.

International environment

Over the period of two years, we have increased the number of foreign doctoral students from 3% to 13%. We try to obtain additional scholarships and accommodation support for individuals who will be interested in coming to us. All classes are conducted bilingually - you choose whether you study in English or in Polish. Most of our research teams work in the same manner.



A stylized, low-poly map of Europe is centered in the background. It is rendered in a dark blue color that matches the overall background. Numerous small, dark blue location pins are scattered across the map, indicating various points of interest or data locations.

Transform for Europe (T4E)

We transform European science with our partners in the T4E project. When you join the Doctoral School, you simultaneously become a member of a consortium of seven European universities that will jointly design new curricula for doctoral students and will create a joint doctoral school in the future.

Cooperation within T4E is also a very good opportunity to enter into the collaboration with researchers from those universities and prepare a joint doctoral dissertation.

Saarland University - The University of Alicante - The University of Trieste - Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski - Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas - The Estonian Academy of Arts - University of Silesia in Katowice



A photograph of two women in a library, overlaid with a dark blue filter. The woman on the right, with curly hair and wearing a dark sleeveless top, is holding a book and looking at it intently. The woman on the left, with straight hair and glasses, is also looking at the book. They are standing in front of tall white bookshelves filled with books. The word "Scholarship" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font in the lower-left corner of the image.

Scholarship

Each doctoral student* at the Doctoral School is guaranteed a doctoral scholarship of approximately EUR 500 for the first two years and EUR 800 for the following two years after successful evaluation. Doctoral students working in grant projects and outstanding doctoral students who publish in top scientific journals receive additional scholarships.

Doctoral students are also entitled to social insurance. By working as a researcher, you also start saving money for your retirement. Free health care is provided to the citizens of the European Union and people with the Pole's Card (Polish Charter). We help other foreigners with independent health insurance.



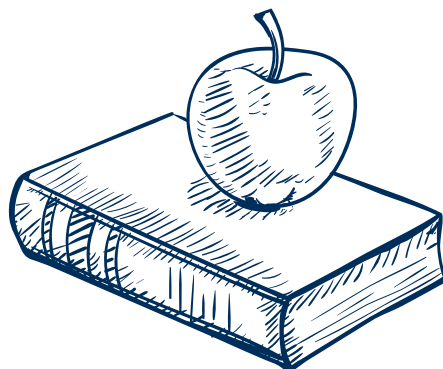
*only doctoral students who already have a doctoral degree do not receive a scholarship



Support

University of Silesia has a wide network of student residence halls for students and doctoral students. The University of Silesia is accessible to people with disabilities. At the University of Silesia, we pay special attention to equal opportunities for all people with different needs who want to develop scientifically. Facilities for parents of small children and special relaxation rooms are available in each building. We provide psychological support to doctoral students. Student and PhD Student Ombudsperson works very efficiently.

Being a doctoral student at the University of Silesia is related to the access to Microsoft Office 365 and to the licenses for many different specialized types of software, databases and virtual libraries.



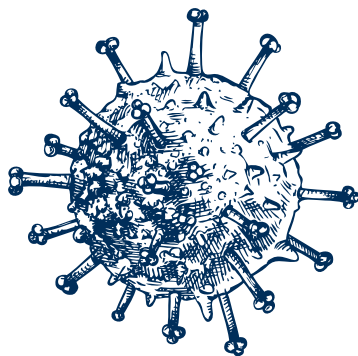
A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a white lab coat and a white face mask, is focused on using a pipette in a laboratory setting. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent rectangle, which serves as the background for the text.

University at the time of the pandemic

During the pandemic, the University of Silesia implemented an intensive security measures. Despite that, we did not interrupt education even for a single day. Throughout the whole academic year of 2020-2021, doctoral students have participated in online classes and used the university's expanding virtual resources. We vaccinated all doctoral students and academics who wished to be vaccinated as early as in March 2021.

During this challenging year, we have gained many important experiences how to work and educate students online. We have learnt how to efficiently serve doctoral students from a distance. Many of these experiences will stay with us for a long time, and some classes will continue to be taught online to allow doctoral students to participate in them during their mobility period and those who cannot come to the lecture room for various reasons.

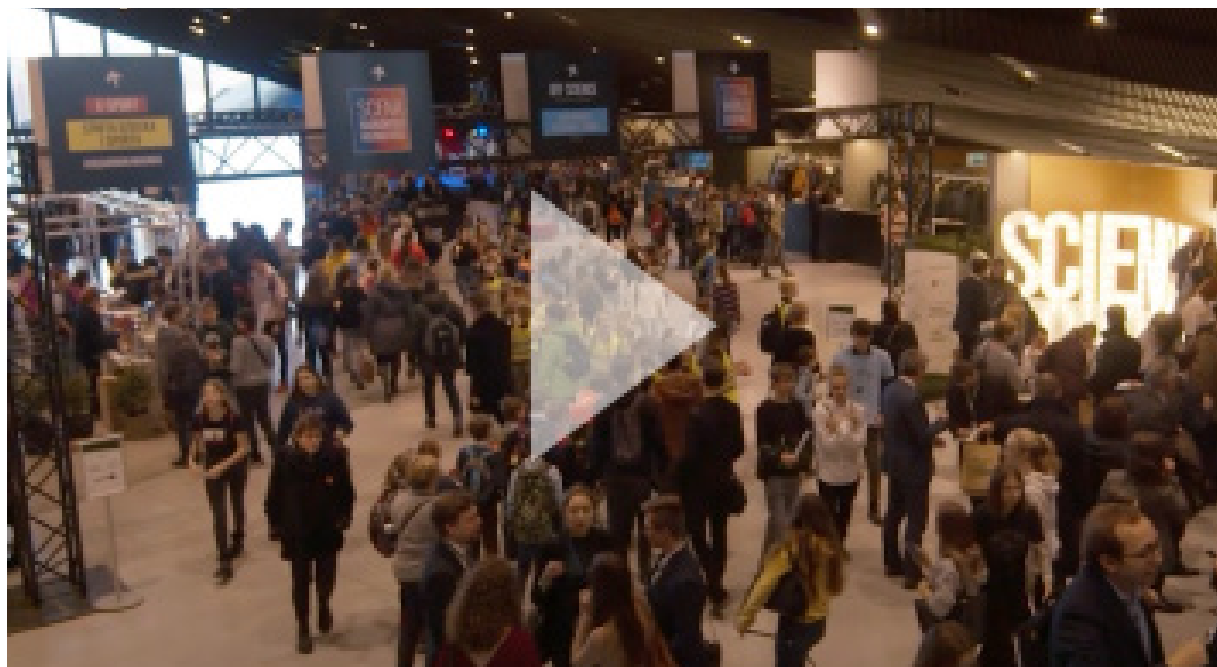
However, we wish to start the academic year of 2021-2022 together again.



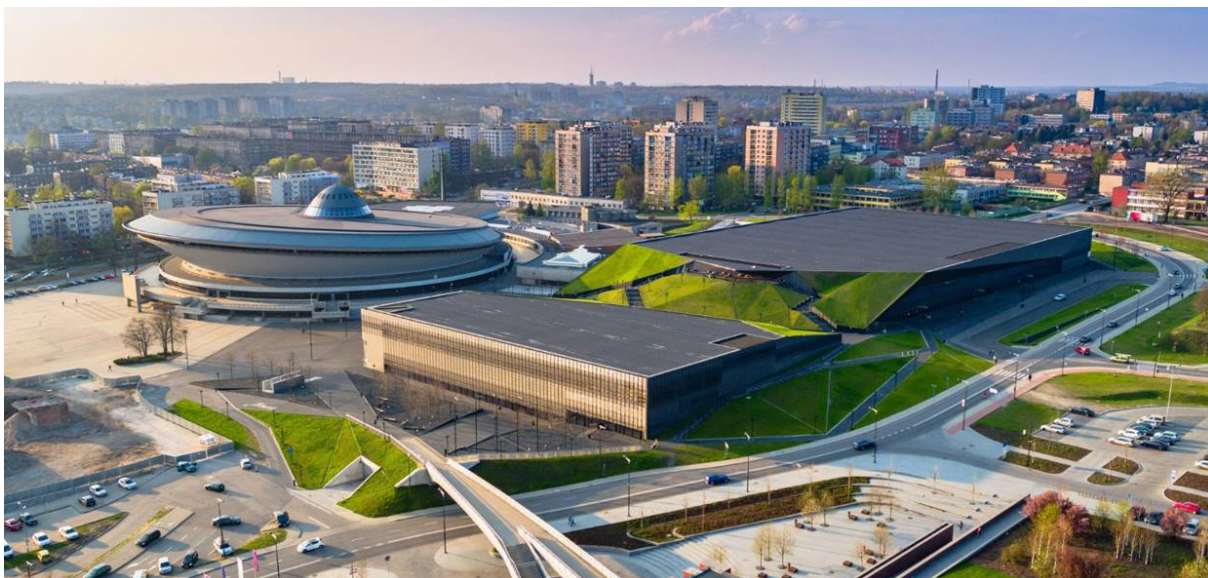
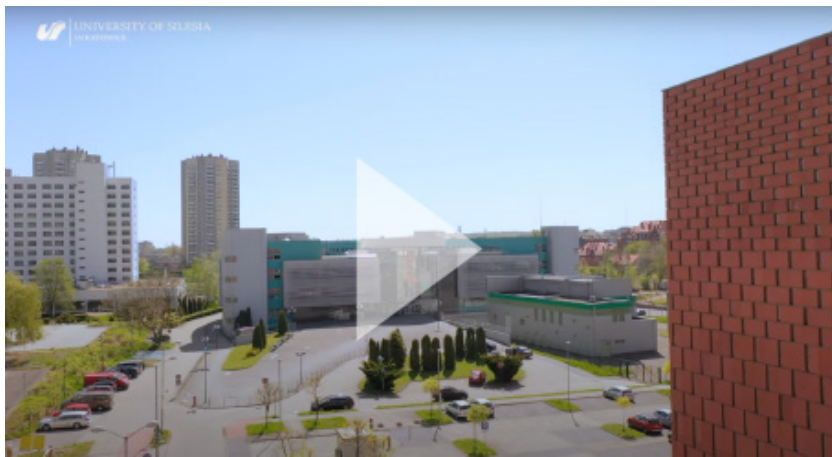
Autumn 2021 will start with the Silesian Science Festival in Katowice. We will all meet again during the great festival of science by the Rawa River in the very heart of the city. We hope that you will be there with us.



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Admission to the Doctoral School

The admission process to the Doctoral School takes place in the summer.

[Check the admission process schedule](#)



We have an open international admission process which is common to all disciplines.





Milestones **in the admission** **process**



Find the supervisor



Develop your project



Prepare all documents



Register and send all documents
to IRK system



Get ready for the interview





Find the supervisor

The University of Silesia in Katowice is a unique place, mainly because of the people who work here. If you have chosen it for your academic career, you should first find people to work with.

You may have already worked with a researcher from our university who now invites you to cooperation, or you are applying for a specific grant project. If this is the case, this stage is already behind you. If not, then start your search.

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Develop your project

We are open to your innovative ideas. We recruit you and your project. Determine with your future supervisor what you will be working on during your four years of education at the Doctoral School. Depending on the style of conducting research in a particular scientific discipline, it will either be part of a large project that the whole team is working on, or your own independent project. In time, you may be the one to form your research team.

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Prepare all documents

Obtaining or preparing some documents is a time-consuming activity, especially during the pandemic. Therefore, it is advisable to start as soon as possible. Also, remember that you will need scans of all these documents during the admission process.

1. Education diploma
2. Your photograph
3. Recommendations from two academics
4. Your academic achievements

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Register and send all documents to IRK (Online Application System)

You have two weeks to register, i.e. from 28th June to 10th July. The IRK system is not perfect, but it will allow you to provide us with all of your documents and information related to you. Upload scans of all the documents you prepared to IRK. Make sure you can scan them in good quality as PDF files.

Registration is divided into 3 fields. Choose the one that suits your interest:

- natural sciences, engineering and technology,
- social sciences,
- humanities, theology and the arts,

Read more...





Get ready for **the interview**

Our experts will evaluate the project you send us. If you obtain a good grade, we will invite you for the interview. This interview will ultimately determine your admission to the Doctoral School. Interviews are conducted in three interdisciplinary committees, corresponding to the three areas of education at the Doctoral School - you chose one of them during registration.

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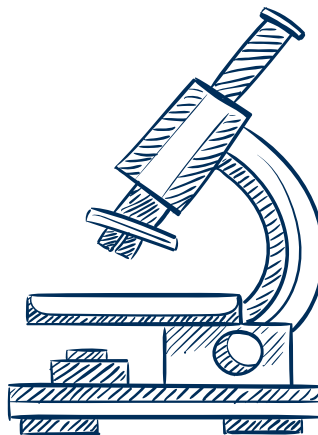
The admission process to the grant project

Separate admission process is conducted for each grant project. We announce it at our website.

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