

Recruitment for the Doctoral School Poznan University of Physical Education for the academic year 2024/25 A short guide

For whom is the Doctoral School in the discipline of Physical Culture Sciences?

For enthusiasts who want to devote a couple of years of their life to studying the determinants and consequences of human physical activity in the context of physical fitness, physical development, body aesthetics, quality of life and health. For those who want to co-create basic and applied scientific knowledge related to physical education, sport, physical recreation or tourism, useful in the practice of such professions as teacher, sports of fitness coach, physical activity promoter, tourism specialist, specialist of adapted physical activity, sport manager, sport analyst and other related.

Who can be admitted to the Doctoral School?

The basic prerequisites are: possession of a Master's degree equivalent with Polish one (see recruitment resolution), consent of the proposed supervisor to take over the scientific supervision, satisfactory English skills, previous scientific experience and achievements (publications), and preparation of a sound scientific project.

How to find a supervisor?

You can find the list of recommended supervisors employed in our University in a separate file on the Doctoral School's website. You can also find there their place of employment (faculty, department) and e-mail addresses. Contact the selected professor as soon as possible and consult the possibility of starting together your own scientific project. If you get approval, ask for official written approval on a special form.

What documents need to be submitted?

First of all, it is the application itself and the accompanying attachments: a copy of the master's diploma, personal questionnaire, curriculum vitae, consent of the proposed supervisor, description of the research project and scientific publications if you have any.

When and where can I submit my documents?

Documents can be submitted **from July 1 - to September 10, 2024** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Application for admission to the School of Doctoral along with the required attachments should be submitted to the secretariat: 27/39 Królowej Jadwigi Street, the new didactic building, first floor, room 120 or 121.

Is there a recruitment fee?

Yes, its exact amount will be announced soon (about PLN 150-200). The payment should be made on our bank account:

Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego im. Eugeniusza Piaseckiego w Poznaniu
Poznan University of Physical Education in Poznan
27/39 Królowej Jadwigi St., 61-871 Poznań
Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności Bank Polski S.A. O/Poznań
account no: 86 1020 4027 0000 1902 1271 4947
Transfer title: Doctoral School - Recruitment 2023
Please attach the money transfer confirmation to the submitted documentation.

When and where does the recruitment process take place?

Interviews of the selection committee with candidates will take place **from 16 to 20 September 2024**. The recruitment procedure is conducted at the University's headquarter. Candidates will be informed of the exact time and place/room in separate individual messages.

Is the recruitment procedure friendly to persons with disabilities?

Candidates with declared and documented disabilities are generally subject to the same recruitment procedure as other candidates. If you need any assistance, please include a note in your application. We will adapt the conditions to your needs.

How does the recruitment process work?

If the submitted documentation meets the formal requirements, the candidate is invited to an interview before the selection board.

1) For Polish citizens, the selection board first listens to the candidate's oral presentation delivered in English on the proposed research project. The time of the speech is about 5 minutes and cannot be supported by a multimedia presentation, text reading or other external sources of information. Board members then ask questions in English, to which the candidate answers. "Unsatisfactory", in the opinion of the board members, level of English means that the candidate is not admitted to further stages of the recruitment procedure. Candidates who are not Polish citizens go straight to part 2), with the same rules for assessing English language skills.

2) In the second part, the candidate presents the scientific problem he/she intends to solve (speaking time of about 10 minutes), and the evaluation is based on:

- a) compatibility of the problem with the discipline of physical culture sciences (definition attached to the recruitment resolution),
- b) originality of the planned scientific project,
- c) scientific and practical value,
- d) advancement/maturity of the research concept,
- e) the feasibility of implementing and completing the project within the period of training at the doctoral school (including research costs).

Members of the selection board ask questions related to the presented research project and the candidate's scientific interests, for additional information. Candidates whose assumptions of the planned scientific problem are considered by the board members to be outside the discipline of physical culture sciences will not be admitted to further stages of the recruitment process.

3) In the third part (without the participation of the candidate), the selection board evaluates candidate's scientific project and achievements and summarizes the scores.

Who will be admitted to the Doctoral School?

The admissions process is competitive, and the results of the interview and documented publication achievements are scored (see the recruitment resolution for details). Candidates who:

- 1) meet the formal requirements indicated in the recruitment resolution,
- 2) obtain the approval of the potential supervisor,
- 3) will present a satisfactory level of English,
- 4) will present a scientific project that falls within the discipline of physical culture sciences,
- 5) obtain a sufficiently high evaluation of the scientific project and obtain the highest number of points in the entire procedure,
- 6) obtain the approval of the Rector, who takes into account the recommendation of the selection committee and the financial, organizational and infrastructural capabilities of the University to ensure proper education and implementation of scientific projects by doctoral students.

A maximum of 100 points can be earned in the course of the recruitment, including up to 80 points for the scientific project (the required minimum is 53 points) and up to 20 points for co-authorship of scientific publications.

When and how are the recruitment results announced?

The list of accepted candidates will be announced **no later than September 27, 2024**. Admission to the Doctoral School is denied by an administrative decision.

When does the education at the Doctoral School start?

A person admitted to the Doctoral School starts the education and acquires the rights of a doctoral student upon taking the oath. This is the inauguration day of the academic year, by default **October 1, 2024**.