

# **REGULATIONS OF AWARDING ACADEMIC DEGREES AT WROCŁAW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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# Glossary

The terms used in these Regulations shall be understood as follows:

- · BIP PWr Public Information Bulletin;
- · JSA Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System;
- the Candidate an applicant for the award of a doctoral degree (doktor), irrespective of the way of preparing of a doctoral thesis; an applicant for the award of a degree of doktor habilitowany;
- KPA Act of 14 June 1960 Code of Administrative Procedure (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2023, item 775, as amended);
- · PWr Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- PAN Polish Academy of Sciences;
- · RDN Council of Scientific Excellence;
- the Regulations these Regulations;
- the Senate the Senate of Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- · SJO PWr the Department of Foreign Languages;
- the Statute the Statute of Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- the Doctoral School Doctoral School of Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- the POL-on System- Integrated Information System on Higher Education and Science;
- the University Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- the Act Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742, as amended);
- 8 PQF 8 Polish Qualifications Framework.

# **Chapter I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# § 1

- 1. These Regulations establish the procedure for awarding the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany based on the provisions of the Act;
- 2. The University is authorised to confer the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany in the following scientific fields and disciplines:
  - 1) field of engineering and technology, disciplines:
    - a) architecture and urban planning;
    - b) automation, electronics, electrical engineering and space technologies;
    - c) information and communication technology;
    - d) biomedical engineering;
    - e) chemical engineering;
    - f) civil engineering, geodesy and transport;
    - g) mechanical engineering;
    - h) materials engineering;
    - i) environmental engineering; mining and energy;
  - 2) field of natural sciences, disciplines:
    - a) mathematics;
    - b) chemical sciences;
    - c) physical sciences;
  - 3) field of social sciences, discipline:
    - a) management and quality studies.
- 3. Scientific discipline councils are the bodies of the University competent to confer the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany in a specific scientific discipline, whereas the degree of doktor in a scientific field is conferred by the Senate.

- 4. If the University does not have a council relevant to the discipline in question, the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany shall be conferred by the Senate.
- 5. The provisions of the Regulations of awarding academic degrees by the scientific discipline councils shall apply, respectively, to awarding academic degrees by the Senate.
- 6. A scientific discipline council shall confer or refuse to confer a degree of doktor or doktor habilitowany by means of an administrative decision. The decision shall be signed by the chairperson of the scientific discipline council.
- 7. People entitled to vote on resolutions in matters referred to in these Regulations are members of the scientific discipline councils who are professors and professors of the university. Resolutions shall be taken by secret ballot and shall be passed by an absolute majority of the votes cast in the presence of at least half of the members of the body or council entitled to vote, unless separate provisions of law or the provisions of the Regulations provide otherwise.
- 8. Prior to each vote, the chairperson of the scientific discipline council shall inform the members of the body of the voting rules, including the content of the resolution, and, after the vote, of the result of the vote.
- 9. Under the provisions of the Act of 22 December 2015 on the Integrated Qualification System (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2020, item 226 as amended), the award of the degree of doktor is the award of a full qualification at the level 8 of the Polish Qualification Framework.
- 10. Where a doctoral dissertation covers scientific issues within more than one discipline, the discipline in which the doctoral degree is awarded shall be indicated.
- 11. In proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor, resolutions concerning the appointment of a supervisor, supervisors or an assistant supervisor shall be adopted separately for each candidate for this position, and in the case of reviewers, the appointment may be concluded by one resolution for all of them.
- 12. Resolutions concerning the appointment of doctoral committees, doctoral examination committees and habilitation committees shall be adopted for the whole of their composition unless a formal request is made to vote separately for each member of the committee (except for the members of the habilitation committee appointed by the RDN) and is supported by the relevant scientific discipline council by an absolute majority in an open vote.
- 13. An academic teacher or researcher may not refrain from acting as a supervisor, assistant supervisor or reviewer without due cause.
- 14. Meetings of the scientific discipline councils may be conducted by means of electronic communication providing, in particular:
  - 1) real-time transmission of the meeting between its participants;
  - 2) real-time multilateral communication where participants may express themselves during the meeting;

- respecting the necessary security rules.

- 15. The resolutions and the minutes of the meeting of the scientific discipline council shall be signed by the chairperson of the council, and in his absence by the deputy chairperson of the scientific discipline council, with the exception of the decision referred to in section 6.
- 16. Meetings of the doctoral committee, the doctoral dissertation defense, the proceedings of the habilitation committee, and the habilitation colloquium, when appointed, may be conducted using electronic means of communication, ensuring, in particular:
  - 1) real-time transmission of the meeting between its participants;
  - 2) real-time multilateral communication where participants may express themselves during the meeting;

- respecting the necessary security rules.

17. Upon the consent of all the members of the scientific discipline council or of the committees conducting the degree-awarding activity, present at the meeting, its proceedings may be recorded

using audio or video and sound recording equipment.

18. Resolutions adopted during the meeting of:

1) the doctoral committee, along the minutes, shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee, and in the case of his/her absence - deputy chairperson of the doctoral committee;

2) the habilitation committee, along the minutes shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee.

19. The provisions of the KPA shall be applicable to proceedings for awarding the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany in matters not governed by the Act.

# Chapter II THE PRINCIPLES FOR CONDUCTING PROCEEDINGS FOR AWARDING OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE JOINTLY WITH OTHER ENTITIES

## § 2

- 1. The doctoral degree can also be granted jointly by entities in a discipline in which each of them has the scientific category A+, A or B+ or the right given in the mode specified in Article 226a(1) of the Act. The doctoral degree can also be awarded together with foreign entities having the right to award a doctoral degree in the same discipline.
- 2. In proceedings carried out jointly with entities referred to in section 1, a written agreement shall be concluded specifying the principles of cooperation, indicating in particular the entity responsible for entering data into the POL-on system and the entity/entities issuing a doctoral diploma.
- 3. In the case of signing the agreement in accordance with section 2, the parties shall establish a joint committee, which includes academic teachers or researchers representing all entities who are parties to the agreement.

# Chapter III PROCEEDINGS FOR AWARDING A DOCTORAL DEGREE TO GRADUATES OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

# § 3 Requirements for candidates for the award of the doctoral degree

- 1. The degree of doktor shall be awarded to a person who:
  - holds a professional title of master, master engineer or equivalent, or holds a diploma referred to in Article 326(2)(2) or Article 327(2) of the Act, granting the right to apply for the award of a doctoral degree in the country in whose higher education system the awarding institution operates;
  - 2) obtained the learning outcomes for the qualification at the level 8 of PQF, while the effects of learning of a modern foreign language are confirmed by a certificate or diploma of graduation, confirming knowledge of this language at the proficiency level of at least B2. In the absence of a certificate or diploma of graduation, the scientific discipline counsil may appoint an examination committee to conduct a doctoral examination, confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 language proficiency level, composed of at least three people, of whom at least one teaches this language in a university, and the others have at least a doctoral degree;
  - 3) has in his/her output at least:
    - a) one scientific article published in a scientific journal or in the peer-reviewed proceedings of an international conference, which in the year of publication of the article in its final form was included in the list drawn in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, or
    - b) one scientific monograph published by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form, was included in the list drawn up in accordance with the

regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, or a chapter in such a monograph, or

- c) an artistic work of significant importance;
- 4) has presented and defended a doctoral dissertation.
- 2. In exceptional cases, justified by the highest quality of scientific achievements, the degree of doktor may be conferred on a person who does not fulfil the requirements laid down in section 1 point 1, and who is a first-degree graduate or a student who has completed the third year of a uniform master's degree programme. The fulfilment of this requirement shall be confirmed by the scientific discipline council by way of a resolution based on written opinions of at least two academic teachers employed at the University as professors or associate professors.

#### § 4 Appointment of supervisor

- 1. The appointment of a supervisor or supervisors or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, as well as their change or dismissal, shall be made in accordance with the procedure laid down in the regulations of the Doctoral School of Wrocław University of Science and Technology.
- 2. In justified cases, the scientific discipline council has the right to:
  - 1) appoint, change, or dismiss a supervisor,
  - 2) appoint, change, or dismiss an assistant supervisor,

including upon a written request of the candidate or the supervisor/assistant supervisor. The application shall include a justification.

# § 5 Requirements concerning the doctoral dissertation

- 1. The doctoral dissertation presents the candidate's general theoretical knowledge in a discipline or disciplines and the ability to conduct an independent scientific or artistic work.
- 2. The subject of the doctoral dissertation is an original solution to a scientific problem, an original solution in the application of the results of one's own research in the economic or social sphere, or an original artistic achievement.
- 3. A doctoral dissertation may consist of a written work, including a scientific monograph, a collection of published and thematically related scientific articles, a design, construction, technological, implementation, or artistic work, as well as an independent and isolated part of a collective work.
- 4. A doctoral dissertation consisting of a collection of published and thematically related scientific articles should include a short substantive introduction presenting the research problem and the most important conclusions.
- 5. A doctoral dissertation may be presented in a language other than Polish, subject to section 6.
- 6. A doctoral dissertation that is a written dissertation should contain an abstract in English, and if the dissertation is prepared in a foreign language, an abstract in Polish shall additionally be attached. If the doctoral dissertation is not a written dissertation, a description in Polish and English shall be attached.

## § 6

## Initiation of proceedings to award the doctoral degree to graduates of the Doctoral School

- 1. The proceedings for awarding the doctoral degree shall be initiated upon application to the appropriate scientific discipline council.
- 2. The application to initiate proceedings shall be accompanied by:
  - 1) the doctoral dissertation,
    - a) if the doctoral dissertation is a written work:

- in 4 paper copies, including 3 bound copies for reviewers and 1 double-sided printed copy without binding intended for the archive;
- in electronic version, in PDF format, on one digital storage device;
- an abstract in English and, for a doctoral dissertation prepared in a foreign language, also an abstract in Polish;
- b) if the doctoral dissertation is not a written dissertation, the candidate shall attach to the application its description in Polish and English;
- 2) a positive opinion of the supervisor or supervisors on the doctoral dissertation;
- 3) list of the output:
  - a) one scientific article published in a scientific journal or in the peer-reviewed proceedings of an international conference, which in the year of publication of the article in its final form was included in the list drawn in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, or
  - b) one scientific monograph published by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form, was included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, or a chapter in such a monograph, or
  - c) an artistic work of significant importance;
- 4) for multiauthor publications, the candidate shall include in the application a declaration specifying his/her individual substantive (not percentage) contribution to each publication;
- 5) a document certifying that the candidate has successfully completed a doctoral training programme and holds a certificate or diploma of graduation, which certifies that he or she has acquired a modern foreign language proficiency of at least B2 level, and in the absence of a certificate or diploma of graduation, a confirmation of passing the doctoral exam in a modern foreign language, in accordance with § 3 section 1 point 2 second sentence;
- 6) a diploma or other document certifying possession of a professional title of master, master engineer, or equivalent, or a diploma referred to in Article 326(2)(2) or Article 327(2) of the Act.
- 3. If the candidate fails to meet the requirements specified in section 2 points 1, 3, 5, 6 or in § 3 section 2 or in § 6 section 2 point 2, the scientific discipline council adopts a resolution refusing to initiate proceedings for the award of a doctoral degree. The decision refusing to initiate proceedings may be appealed to RDN.
- 4. If the doctoral dissertation is a written work, then before the defense of the doctoral dissertation, but no later than before the dissertation is submitted for review, the dissertation is checked using JSA.
- 5. Should plagiarism be suspected, the relevant scientific discipline council shall submit a notification to the public prosecutor's office. If the circumstances referred to in the first sentence occur, the relevant scientific discipline council suspends the proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree according to Article 97(1)(4) of KPA.

# § 7 Appointment of reviewers and preparation of reviews

 Following the initiation of proceedings for awarding the degree of doktor, the relevant scientific discipline council shall appoint three reviewers from among at least five candidates who are not employees of the University or other entity (a university, an institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences, a research institute, an international institute, the Łukasiewicz Centre or the Łukasiewicz Network institute), whose employee is the applicant for the doctoral degree. The candidates for reviewers are proposed by the members of the scientific discipline council, excluding the supervisor or supervisors.

- 2. A reviewer in proceedings for awarding a doctoral degree may be a person holding the title of professor or doktor habilitowany in the given or related academic discipline, or a person who does not meet these conditions and who is an employee of a foreign university or academic institution, if the relevant scientific discipline council recognizes that such a person has significant achievements in the scientific issues covered by the doctoral dissertation.
- 3. A reviewer may not be a person in relation to whom there are reasonable doubts as to his/her impartiality.
- 4. The reviewers shall prepare their reviews within 2 months of the date of delivery of the doctoral dissertation. The reviewers shall assess whether the doctoral dissertation meets the requirements specified in § 5 sections 1 and 2 of the Regulations. Reviews must contain an unambiguous conclusion, i.e. whether they are positive or negative.
- 5. Where the dissertation is a separate, self-contained part of a collective work, the reviewers should assess only the individual contribution of the candidate to the degree in creation of that part of the collective work concerned.
- 6. The reviews may contain conclusions concerning the supplementation or correction of the doctoral dissertation, which the doctoral committee shall forward to the candidate and the supervisor/supervisors. Within the deadline set by the doctoral committee, the candidate must submit the supplemented or revised doctoral dissertation. The doctoral dissertation committee shall send the dissertation for re-evaluation to the same reviewers. Within 2 months of the delivery of the supplemented or revised dissertation, the reviewers shall submit their final reviews of the dissertation.
- 7. In justified cases (e.g., conflict of interest, illness of the reviewer), the scientific discipline council has the right to change the reviewer, also upon a written request of the candidate. The request should include a justification.
- 8. The scientific discipline council shall change the reviewer, dismissing the previously appointed one, and appointing another person in his/her place.

# § 8 Doctoral committee

- 1. The relevant scientific discipline council shall appoint, separately for each proceeding, a doctoral committee consisting of at least 7 people, composed of: chairperson, deputy chairperson, 3 reviewers and at least 2 members. The duties of the chairperson of the doctoral committee during his/her absence are applied to the deputy chairperson.
- 2. A person in relation to whom there are reasonable doubts as to his/her impartiality may not be appointed a member of a doctoral committee. In particular, the member of the doctoral committee may not be a person:
  - 1) having joint publications with the candidate;
  - 2) having joint research projects with the candidate;
  - 3) participating in joint projects;
  - 4) being a publishing reviewer of the candidate's achievements;
  - 5) being in a relationship of direct official superiority.
- 3. The doctoral committee shall act in the following matters:
  - 1) returning the doctoral dissertation for correction or supplementation, at the request of at least one reviewer;
  - issuing an opinion together with a justification for admission to the defense of the doctoral dissertation;
  - 3) conducting the doctoral dissertation defense;

- 4) issuing an opinion on granting a doctoral degree;
- 5) submitting an application for a distinction of the doctoral dissertation;
- 6) other works commissioned by the scientific discipline council.

# $\S~9$ Proceedings related with admitting the doctoral dissertation to defense

- 1. After reading the doctoral dissertation and reviews, the doctoral committee, in a closed session:
  - 1) in the event of a request from at least one reviewer, returns the doctoral dissertation to the candidate for correction or supplementation within the deadline set by the committee;
  - 2) prepares an opinion along with a justification for admission to the defense of the doctoral dissertation, which it shall submit to the scientific discipline council.
- 1a. In the event that a resolution regarding a positive opinion on admission to defend the doctoral dissertation does not obtain an absolute majority of votes, it is assumed that the doctoral committee expressed a negative opinion on admission to defend the doctoral dissertation. If at least two negative reviews of the doctoral dissertation are received, the doctoral committee shall adopt a resolution containing a negative opinion on the admission of the doctoral dissertation to defense along with a justification.
- 2. The scientific discipline council shall adopt a resolution to admit the doctoral dissertation for defense.
- 3. In case the doctoral dissertation has at least two negative reviews, the scientific discipline council decides to refuse admission to the defense. The candidate has the right to appeal to the RDN against the decision of the scientific discipline council to refuse admission to the defense.
- 4. A person may be admitted to the defense of doctoral dissertation after receiving positive reviews from at least 2 reviewers and meeting the requirements specified in § 3 section 1 points 1-3 or section 2 of the Regulations.
- 5. Once the scientific discipline council has adopted the resolution referred to in section 2, the chairperson of the doctoral committee shall determine the place and date of the defense, ensuring the implementation of the provisions from section 6, and shall forward the documents to the unit providing services to the scientific discipline council.
- 6. The unit servicing the relevant scientific discipline council submits to the Science Office for publication in BIP:
  - an electronic version of the doctoral dissertation, which is a written thesis, together with its summary, or a description of the doctoral dissertation which is not a written thesis, and reviews, bearing in mind that the documents should be published no later than 30 days before the scheduled date of the doctoral dissertation defense. If the scientific discipline council does not allow the dissertation to be defended, the documents must be published immediately;
  - 2) information about the date, place and way of defending the doctoral dissertation, bearing in mind that the information should be published no later than 10 days before the scheduled date of the defense of the doctoral dissertation.
- 7. In the event that the doctoral dissertation is covered by a legally protected secret, only the reviews shall be made available, excluding the content covered by such secrecy.
- 8. The dissertation, together with a summary, or description of a doctoral dissertation being a nonwritten dissertation, and reviews, as well as information in accordance with Article 348(1)(1) of the Act, shall be placed in the POL-on System by the unit serving the relevant scientific discipline council immediately after they have been made available.

## Defense of doctoral dissertation

- The defense of a doctoral dissertation is public and takes place at an open meeting of the doctoral committee, with the exception of the defense of the doctoral dissertation referred to in § 9 section 7. At least two reviewers take part in the meeting. In the absence of at least two reviewers, the chairperson of the doctoral committee sets a new defense date.
- 2. In the absence of one reviewer, the chairperson of the doctoral committee shall order the reading of the review.
- 3. Upon the candidate's request, and upon the agreement of the scientific discipline council, the defense of the doctoral dissertation may be conducted in a foreign language.
- 4. In the case of proceedings carried out jointly with other entities, according to § 2 section 2 and 3, the defense shall take place at a joint committee.
- 5. The doctoral dissertation defense consists of:
  - 1) presentation by the chairperson of the committee or by other person he/she indicated, of the candidate's scientific curriculum vitae;
  - 2) presentation by the candidate of the main ideas of the doctoral dissertation and the results;
  - 3) presentation of the reviews by the reviewers;
  - 4) the candidate's response to the reviews;
  - 5) discussion.
- 6. The defense concludes with a closed session of the doctoral committee, which includes:
  - 1) discussion on the conduct of the doctoral dissertation defense;
  - 2) issuing an opinion on awarding the doctoral degree, along with a justification;
  - 3) passing a proposal to honour the doctoral dissertation.
- 6a. In the event that a resolution on issuing a positive opinion on awarding the degree of doktor does not obtain an absolute majority of votes, it is assumed that the doctoral committee expressed a negative opinion on awarding the degree.
- 7. The minutes of the doctoral dissertation defense shall be prepared and signed by the chairperson of the committee.
- 8. Documentation of the proceedings referred to in § 8 section 3 of these Regulations shall be presented by the doctoral committee to the scientific discipline council.

#### § 11

# Award of the degree of doktor and conclusion of proceedings

- 1. The scientific discipline council shall decide whether or not to confer the degree of doktor.
- 2. The scientific discipline council, upon the proposal of the doctoral committee, may honour the doctoral dissertation, according to the criteria adopted by the competent council for honouring doctoral dissertations.
- 3. A candidate may appeal against a decision refusing to award a degree of doktor to the RDN, via the relevant scientific discipline council. The time limit for filing an appeal shall be 30 days from the date of notification of the decision to the candidate.
- 4. The scientific discipline council shall forward the appeal to the RDN along with its opinion and the case file within 3 months from the date of the appeal.
- 5. If a doctoral dissertation is not admitted for defense or if a decision refusing to award the doctoral degree is issued, the same dissertation may not be the basis for a reapplication for conferring a doctoral degree.
- 6. A person who has been awarded a degree of doktor shall receive a diploma and one copy of the diploma in Polish and, at their written request, also one copy of the diploma translated into English,

French, Spanish, German, Russian or Latin referred to in Article 179(1) of the Act.

# § 12 Remuneration and fees

- 1. The supervisor, the assistant supervisor and the reviewer in the proceedings for award of the degree of doktor shall be entitled to a one-off remuneration determined in accordance with Articles 184(2) and (3) of the Act.
- 2. A candidate who has completed his or her training at the Doctoral School shall not be charged for conducting of the proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor.
- 3. The remuneration of the supervisor/assistant supervisor shall be paid upon completion of the proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor resulting in the award of the degree of doktor, and the remuneration of the reviewer shall be paid upon completion of the review.

# Chapter IV PROCEEDINGS FOR AWARDING A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN EXTRAMURAL MODE

# § 13 Appointment of the supervisor

- 1. Every person applying for the award of a degree of doktor in extramural mode shall apply to the appropriate scientific discipline council for the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor before the initiation of the proceedings.
- 2. The application for the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, should be accompanied by:
  - 1) a personal questionnaire;
  - 2) a copy of the diploma certifying the possession of a professional title of master, master engineer or equivalent, or the diploma conferring the right to apply for the award of a doctoral degree in the country in whose higher education system the issuing university operates;
  - 3) declaration of the candidate for supervisor or assistant supervisor of lack of contraindications to perform this function/ a consent to perform this function.
- 3. The supervisor may be a person:
  - 1) holding at least a degree of doktor habilitowany;
  - 2) who does not meet the condition specified in point 1, if he/she is an employee of a foreign university or scientific institution and if the scientific discipline council considers that this person has significant achievements in the scientific field to which the doctoral dissertation relates.
- 4. A person may not become a supervisor if, within the last 5 years:
  - 1) has been a supervisor of 4 doctoral students who were removed from the list of doctoral students at the doctoral school due to a negative midterm evaluation, or
  - 2) has supervised the preparation of a dissertation by at least 2 applicants for a doctoral degree who did not obtain positive reviews, or
  - 3) has failed to add significantly to their scientific output.
- 5. An assistant supervisor may be a person who holds at least a degree of doktor.
- 6. The appointment of a supervisor, supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor is made by resolution of the relevant scientific discipline council.
- 7. In justified cases, the scientific discipline council has the right to:
  - 1) appoint, change, or dismiss a supervisor,
  - 2) appoint, change, or dismiss an assistant supervisor,

also upon a written request of the candidate or the supervisor/assistant supervisor. The application should contain a justification.

- 8. The scientific discipline council changes the supervisor/supervisors, the assistant supervisor by dismissing the previously appointed ones and appointing other persons in their place.
- 9. The supervisor or supervisors prepare an opinion on the doctoral dissertation within 2 months from the date on which they were submitted for the opinion.

# §14 Initiation of proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor

- 1. Before submitting an application for the initiation of proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor, the candidate should:
  - 1) present a scientific seminar in which he/she introduces his/her research results;
  - 2) obtain the learning outcomes for the qualification at the level 8 of PQF, while the effects of learning of a modern foreign language are confirmed by a certificate or diploma of graduation, confirming knowledge of this language at the proficiency level of at least B2. In the absence of a certificate or diploma of graduation, the scientific discipline counsil may appoint an examination committee to conduct a doctoral examination, confirming the knowledge of a modern foreign language at the B2 language proficiency level, composed of at least three people, of whom at least one teaches this language in a university, and the others have at least a doctoral degree.
- 2. In order to verify the candidate's learning outcomes for qualifications at PQF level 8, the scientific discipline council shall appoint an examination board. The committee shall carry out the verification based on a self-presentation prepared by the candidate and on an examination in the discipline corresponding to the subject of the doctoral dissertation.
- 3. The examination board referred to in section 2, appointed by the scientific discipline council, shall be composed of at least three people, including a chairperson, holding the title of professor or the academic degree of doktor habilitowany, excluding the supervisor/supervisors/assistant supervisor.
- 4. Having fulfilled the conditions referred to in § 1, the candidate shall apply to the appropriate scientific discipline council with a request to initiate the proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree.
- 5. The candidate shall attach to the application:
  - 1) a doctoral dissertation meeting the requirements set out in § 5 of the Regulations:
    - a) if the doctoral dissertation is a written work:
      - in 4 paper copies, including 3 bound copies for reviewers and 1 double-sided printed copy without binding intended for the archive;
      - in electronic version, in PDF format, on one digital storage device;
      - an abstract in English and, for a doctoral dissertation prepared in a foreign language, also an abstract in Polish;
    - b) if the doctoral dissertation is not a written dissertation, the candidate shall attach to the application its description in Polish and English;
  - 2) a positive opinion of the supervisor(s) on the doctoral dissertation;
  - 3) a list of the output:
    - a) one scientific article published in a scientific journal or in the peer-reviewed proceedings of an international conference, which in the year of publication of the article in its final form was included in the list drawn in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, or
    - b) one scientific monograph published by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form, was included in the list drawn up in accordance with the

regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, or a chapter in such a monograph, or

- 4) for proceedings commenced by 31 December 2021:
  - a) the output referred to in Article 186(1)(3)(a) of the Act shall also include scientific articles published:
    - in scientific journals or peer-reviewed materials from international conferences included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, before the date of publication of that list;
    - before 1 January 2019, in scientific journals which were included in either Part A or Part C of the list of scientific journals established pursuant to the regulations issued on the basis of Article 44(2) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the principles of financing science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 87) and announced by the communication of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 January 2017, or were included in Part B of that list, with scientific articles published therein awarded at least 10 points;
  - b) the output referred to in Article 186(1)(3)(b) of the Act also include scientific monographs published by:
    - a publishing house included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, before the date of publication of that list;
    - an organisational unit of an entity whose publishing house is included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act.
- 6. For multi-author publications, the candidate shall include in the application a declaration specifying his/her individual substantive (not percentage) contribution to each publication.
- 7. If the candidate fails to meet the requirements specified in section 1 point 2, section 5 points 1, 4, 5, § 13 section 2 point 2 or in § 3 section 2 or § 14 section 5 point 3, the scientific discipline council adopts a resolution refusing to initiate proceedings for the award of a doctoral degree. The decision refusing to initiate proceedings may be appealed to RDN.
- 8. If the doctoral dissertation is a written work, then before the defense of the doctoral dissertation, but no later than before the dissertation is submitted for review, the dissertation is checked using JSA.
- 9. In the case of suspected plagiarism, the relevant scientific discipline council shall submit a notification to the public prosecutor's office. Should the circumstances referred to in the first sentence arise, the relevant scientific discipline council shall suspend the proceedings for the award of a doctoral degree pursuant to Article 97(1)(4) of KPA.
- 10. Following the initiation of proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree, the relevant scientific discipline council shall appoint three reviewers. The provisions of § 7 shall apply accordingly.
- 11. The provisions of § 8 § 11 of the Regulations shall apply, respectively, to further proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree to the person referred to in section 1.

# § 15 Remuneration and Fees

- 1. The supervisor, assistant supervisor, and reviewer in the proceedings for award of the doctoral degree shall be entitled to a one-off remuneration determined according to Articles 184(2) and (3) of the Act.
- 2. The remuneration of the supervisor/assistant supervisor shall be paid upon completion of the proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree resulting in the award of the doctoral degree, and the remuneration of the reviewer shall be paid upon completion of the review.
- 3. A candidate who applies for the award of a doctoral degree by extramural procedure shall be charged

a fee by the University based on a concluded agreement. The amount of the fee may not exceed the proceedings' costs, including, in particular: the costs of the supervisor's or supervisors' and reviewers' remuneration, the costs of allowances, travel, accommodation, and other expenses determined in accordance with the Regulation of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of 29 January 2013 on the receivables to which an employee employed in a state or local government budgetary unit is entitled on account of business travel and other actual costs of the proceedings.

- 4. In the case of a candidate who is an academic teacher or researcher, the costs of the proceedings are borne by the entity employing him or her in the higher education and science system. If an academic teacher or research worker is employed in more than one entity of the higher education system, the costs of the proceedings are incurred in accordance with the provisions of Article 182(7) of the Act.
- 5. A candidate who is not an employee of the University shall be charged a fee, with the proviso that in the case of an academic teacher or researcher, the costs of the proceedings shall be borne by the employing entity of the higher education and science system.
- 6. The fee is payable to the University.
- 7. In justified cases (e.g., social, material, hardship cases), the Rector may exempt a candidate from paying all or part of the fee for the proceedings to award a doctoral degree.
- 8. A candidate who applies for the award of a doctoral degree, together with the application for the proceedings, may apply to the Rector for a full or partial fee exemption.

# Chapter V PROCEEDINGS FOR AWARDING A DOCTORAL DEGREE TO CANDIDATES WHO STARTED THEIR DOCTORAL STUDIES BEFORE THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 AND WHO APPLY FOR THE AWARD OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ACT.

#### § 16

#### Requirements for a candidate to be awarded a title of doktor

- 1. Doctoral students in doctoral programmes commenced before 2019/2020 who had not had their doctoral thesis initiated by 30 April 2019 shall apply for the award of the doktor degree according to the Regulations laid down in the Act. The requirements referred to in § 3 of the Regulations shall apply to them; however, for proceedings initiated by 31 December 2021, the achievements referred to in § 3 section 1 point 3 shall also include:
  - 1) scientific articles published:
    - a) in scientific journals or peer-reviewed papers from international conferences included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b), of the Act, before the date of publication of that list;
    - b) before 1 January 2019, in scientific journals that were included in Part A or Part C of the list of scientific journals established pursuant to the regulations issued on the basis of Article 44(2) of the Act repealed in Article 169(4) and announced by the communication of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 January 2017, or were included in Part B of that list, with scientific articles published therein and awarded at least 10 points;
  - 2) scientific monographs published by
    - a) a publishing house included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, before the date of publication of that list;
    - b) an organizational unit of the entity whose publishing house is included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act.
- 2. If the candidate has multiauthor publications in his or her scientific output, he or she shall include in the application a declaration specifying his/her individual substantive (not percentage) contribution to each publication.

#### § 17

#### Initiation of proceedings for the award of a degree of doktor

- 1. Proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor shall be initiated by the submission of an application by the candidate to the appropriate scientific discipline council for the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor.
- The supervisor may be a person who meets the conditions specified in § 13 section 3 and 4 of the Regulations and the assistant supervisor may be a person who meets the condition specified in § 13 section 5 of the Regulations.
- 3. To the application for the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, the candidate shall attach documentation including:
  - a copy of the diploma certifying the possession of a professional title of magister, magister inżynier or equivalent, or the diploma conferring the right to apply for the award of a doctoral degree in the country in whose higher education system the issuing university operates;
  - 2) declaration of the candidate for supervisor or assistant supervisor of lack of contraindications to perform this function/a consent to perform this function.
  - a list of scientific output referred to in § 16 of the Regulations, if he/she has one, or a declaration that he/she has none;
  - 4) information on the course of doctoral studies to date.
- 4. The scientific discipline council shall adopt a resolution appointing a supervisor or supervisors or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor and indicating the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation.
- 5. In justified cases, the scientific discipline council has the power to:
  - 1) appoint, change, or dismiss a supervisor,
  - 2) appoint, change, or dismiss an assistant supervisor,

also at the written request of the candidate or the supervisor/assistant supervisor. The application should contain a justification.

6. The scientific discipline council changes the supervisor/ assistant supervisor by recalling the previously appointed ones and appointing other persons in their place.

#### § 18

## Verification of learning outcomes at the level 8 of PQF

- 1. After the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor, before the defense of the doctoral dissertation, the scientific discipline council verifies the candidate's acquisition of learning outcomes at the level 8 of PQF.
- 2. To verify the learning outcomes of a candidate for a qualification at the level 8 of PQF, the scientific discipline council shall appoint an examination board. The board shall perform the verification based on a self-presentation prepared by the candidate and an examination in the discipline corresponding to the subject of the doctoral dissertation.
- 3. The examination board referred to in section 2, appointed by the scientific discipline council, shall be composed of at least three people, including a chairperson, holding the title of professor or the academic degree of doktor habilitowany, excluding the supervisor/ supervisors/ assistant supervisor.
- 4. The learning outcomes for the candidate's knowledge of a modern foreign language shall be confirmed as before. The doctoral examination in a foreign modern language shall be conducted if the candidate for the degree of doktor does not have a certificate confirming his/her knowledge of a foreign language. The scientific discipline council shall then appoint an examination board to conduct the doctoral examination in a modern foreign language, consisting of at least three persons,

at least one of whom teaches the language at a higher education institution and the others hold at least a degree of doktor.

#### § 19

#### Submission of a doctoral dissertation and appointment of reviewers

- 1. The candidate shall submit the following documents to the supervisor(s):
  - 1) a doctoral dissertation meeting the requirements set out in § 5 of the Regulations:
    - a) if the doctoral dissertation is a written work:
      - in 4 paper copies, including 3 bound copies for reviewers and 1 double-sided printed copy without binding intended for the archive;
      - in electronic version, in PDF format, on one digital storage device;
      - an abstract in English and, for a doctoral dissertation prepared in a foreign language, also an abstract in Polish;
    - b) if the doctoral dissertation is a design, a construction or technological work, or an implementation work (it is not a written dissertation), the candidate shall attach its description in Polish and English;
  - 2) a list of scientific output referred to in § 16 of the Regulations.
- 2. The supervisor shall submit the doctoral dissertation to the chairperson of the scientific discipline council together with the documents as described in section 1 and the written opinion of the supervisor(s) on the doctoral dissertation.
- 3. If the doctoral dissertation is a written work, then before the defense of the doctoral dissertation, but no later than before the dissertation is submitted for review, the dissertation is checked using JSA.
- 4. In the event of a suspicion of plagiarism, the relevant scientific discipline council shall submit a notification to the public prosecutor's office. If the circumstances referred to in the previous sentence occur, the relevant scientific discipline council shall suspend the proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor pursuant to Article 97(1)(4) of KPA.
- 5. The scientific discipline council, based on the documentation referred to in sections 1 and 2, shall adopt a resolution to appoint three reviewers. The provisions of § 7 of the Regulations shall apply, respectively.
- 6. The scientific discipline council, having appointed the reviewers, shall appoint a doctoral committee pursuant to the provisions of § 8 of the Regulations.
- 7. The provisions of § 9 § 11 of the Regulations shall apply to further proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor.
- 8. If a candidate applying for a doctoral degree:

1) fails to submit his doctoral dissertation by the deadline or

2) does not present a document confirming the achievement of learning outcomes at PQF level 8 or

3) fails to pass the doctoral examination in a modern foreign language or fails to present an appropriate certificate confirming knowledge of a foreign language,

the scientific discipline council discontinues the proceedings for awarding a doctoral degree.

## § 20

## **Remuneration and fees**

- 1. The supervisor, the assistant supervisor and the reviewer in the proceedings for award of the degree of doktor shall be entitled to a one-off remuneration determined in accordance with Articles 184(2) and (3) of the Act.
- 2. No fees, for conducting the procedure for awarding a doctoral degree, are charged from a candidate

who has started his\her doctoral training in the form of doctoral studies.

3. The remuneration of the supervisor/assistant supervisor shall be paid upon completion of the proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree resulting in the award of the doctoral degree, and the remuneration of the reviewer shall be paid upon completion of the review.

# Chapter VI PROCEEDINGS FOR AWARDING A DEGREE OF DOKTOR HABILITOWANY

# \$21\$ Requirements for the candidate for the award of a doktor habilitowany

- 1. The degree of doktor habilitowany shall be conferred on a person who:
  - 1) holds a degree of doktor;
  - 2) holds a scientific or artistic achievement that represents a significant contribution to the development of a specific discipline, including at least one of the following:
    - a) one scientific monograph published by a publishing house which, in the year of publication of the monograph in its final form, was included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(a) of the Act, or
    - b) one series of thematically related scientific articles published in scientific journals or in peer-reviewed materials from international conferences, which in the year of publication of the article in its final form were included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, or
    - c) one completed original achievement in design, construction, technology, or art;
  - 3) demonstrates significant scientific or artistic activity carried out at more than one university, scientific institution or cultural institution, in particular a foreign institution.
- 2. The achievements referred to in section 1 point 2 may constitute a part of a collective work if the development of a selected issue constitutes the individual contribution of the person applying for the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 3. The obligation to publish shall not apply to achievements whose subject matter is covered by the protection of classified information.
- 4. In the proceedings initiated after 30 September 2019, the achievements referred to in section 1, point 2 letter b of the Regulation may also include scientific articles published:
  - in scientific journals or peer-reviewed proceedings of international conferences included in the list drawn up in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to Article 267(2)(2)(b) of the Act, before the date of publication of that list,
  - 2) prior to 1 January 2019 in scientific journals which were included in either Part A or Part C of the list of scientific journals established pursuant to the regulations issued based on of Article 44(2) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the principles of financing science (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2018, item 87) and announced by the communication of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 January 2017, or were included in Part B of that list, with scientific articles published therein awarded at least 10 points.

## § 22

## Commencement of proceedings for the award of the doktor habilitowany degree

- 1. The proceedings for the conferral of the degree of doktor habilitowany shall be commenced upon the application of the candidate submitted to the postdoctoral body through the RDN.
- 2. The application submitted shall include:
  - 1) a description of the candidate's professional career;
  - 2) a list of achievements referred to in Article 219(1)(2) of the Act;

- 3) an indication of the University as the entity selected to conduct the proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 3. Within 4 weeks of receiving the application, the RDN shall perform a formal assessment of the application and forward the application to the University as the habilitating entity to conduct the habilitation proceedings.
- 4. Within 4 weeks of the receipt of the application by the University, the relevant scientific discipline council may refuse to conduct the proceedings for the award of the habilitation degree and return the application to the RDN, subject to section 5.
- 5. The appropriate scientific discipline council may not refuse to conduct proceedings for the award of a degree of doktor habilitowany if the University has been designated by the RDN as the second habilitating entity because of the refusal of the first habilitating entity to consent to the proceedings.

# § 23

# Habilitation committee

- 1. Within 6 weeks of being informed about the habilitation committee members appointed by the RDN, the relevant scientific discipline council shall appoint a habilitation committee consisting of 7 people, including:
  - 1) a chairperson appointed by the RDN;
  - 2) 3 reviewers appointed by the RDN;
  - 3) 2 members holding a degree of doktor habilitowany or the title of professor, employed at the University, including the secretary;
  - 4) 1 reviewer with a degree of doktor habilitowany or the title of professor, representing current academic achievements and established reputation, including international reputation, who is not an employee of the University.
- 2. The secretary and a member of the habilitation committee shall be appointed from among academic teachers who are members of the scientific discipline council and who demonstrate academic activity.
- 3. A habilitation committee may not include a person in respect of whom there are justified doubts as to their impartiality. In particular, a member of the postdoctoral committee may not be a person:
  - 1) who has a joint publication record with the candidate;
  - 2) having joint research activities with the candidate;
  - 3) taking part in joint projects;
  - 4) who is a publishing reviewer of the candidate's output;
  - 5) a supervisor or reviewer in the doctoral dissertation of the candidate;
  - 6) in a relation of direct superiority.
- 4. A person who does not fulfil the specified conditions set out in section 1, point 4 may be a reviewer appointed by the scientific discipline council provided that the following requirements are met jointly:
  - 1) the person is an employee of a foreign university or scientific institution,
  - 2) the scientific discipline council shall recognise that this person has a significant output in issues related to the achievements of the person applying for the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 5. The person who has failed twice in the last five years to meet the deadline for a review in a procedure for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany may not become a reviewer.
- 6. The habilitation committee shall be appointed by a resolution of the scientific discipline council.
- 7. The chairperson of the scientific discipline council shall provide infrastructure and administrative support for the habilitation committee.
- 8. The chairperson of the habilitation committee shall convene and chair meetings of the habilitation committee.

- 9. The secretary of the habilitation committee organises the activities of the habilitation committee.
- 10. The secretary prepares minutes of the habilitation committee meetings.
- 11. The habilitation committee shall meet in the presence of at least six people, including at least three reviewers, the chairperson, and the secretary.
- 12. Meetings of the habilitation committee may take place with the use of technical devices that enable them to be conducted at a distance with the simultaneous transmission of sound and image.

# § 24

# Reviews

- 1. Immediately after the appointment of the habilitation committee, the chairperson of the scientific discipline council shall forward the application and documentation to the reviewers to properly verify that the candidate meets the requirements for the award of the doktor habilitowany.
- 2. The appointed reviewers shall have eight weeks to prepare their reviews following receipt of the application together with the documentation. The reviewers shall assess whether the candidate's academic achievements meet the requirements set out in § 21 section 1 point 2 and section 4 of the Regulations. Reviews should contain an unambiguous conclusion, i.e., whether they are positive or negative.
- 3. Upon receiving a review, the chairperson of the scientific discipline council forwards it immediately to the habilitation committee.

# § 25 Habilitation colloquium and resolution of the habilitation committee

- 1. Immediately after receiving all reviews, the habilitation committee composed of the members specified in § 23 section 1 conducts a habilitation colloquium in the field of the candidate's scientific achievements. The colloquium is public, with the exception of the colloquium regarding achievements referred to in § 21 section 3.
- 2. The habilitation colloquium is not held if at least 2 reviews are negative. In this case, the habilitation committee adopts, in an open vote, by an absolute majority of votes, a resolution containing a negative opinion on the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany along with the justification. At the request of the person applying for the degree, the committee adopts a resolution in a secret ballot.
- 3. The chairperson of the habilitation committee sets the date of the habilitation colloquium in consultation with the chairperson of the relevant scientific discipline council and the candidate. The chairperson of the habilitation committee informs the candidate and members of the relevant scientific discipline council about the date, time and place of the habilitation colloquium at least 14 days before the term.
- 4. The following course of the habilitation colloquium is established:

1) opening of the habilitation colloquium by the chairperson of the habilitation committee;

2) presentation by the candidate of his/her scientific achievements, with particular emphasis on those that constitute a significant contribution to the development of the discipline, specified in § 21 section 1 point 2 and section 4;

3) discussion with the candidate about his/her scientific achievements;

4) closing of the habilitation colloquium by the chairperson of the habilitation committee.

During the habilitation colloquium, members of the habilitation committee and of the relevant scientific discipline council are authorized to ask questions regarding the presented scientific achievements.

5. Immediately after the end of the habilitation colloquium, a closed meeting of the habilitation committee is held. During the meeting, the committee members discuss the candidate's scientific achievements and, in an open vote, by an absolute majority of votes, adopt a resolution containing

an opinion on the award of the doktor habilitowany degree along with a justification. In the event that a resolution containing a positive opinion on awarding the degree of doktor habilitowany does not obtain an absolute majority of votes, it is assumed that the habilitation committee has expressed a negative opinion on awarding the degree of doktor habilitowany, subject to the provisions of section 2 second sentence. At the candidate's request, a resolution is adopted in a secret ballot.

6. The habilitation committee shall submit the resolution referred to in section 2 or section 5 to the relevant scientific discipline council, along with the justification and documentation of the habilitation procedure within 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the last review.

# § 26 Awarding of the academic degree of doktor habilitowany

- 1. The scientific discipline council within one month from the date of receipt of the resolution referred to in § 25 section 2 or section 5, adopts a resolution on awarding or refusing to award the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 2. A vote on the matter referred to in section 1 may be preceded by a discussion involving members of the habilitation committee. The invitation for the members of the habilitation committee to a meeting of the competent scientific discipline council should be sent not later than seven days before the planned date of that meeting.
- 3. The relevant scientific discipline council is bound by the negative opinion of the habilitation committee referred to in § 25 section 2 or section 5 of the Regulations and obligatorily refuses to award the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 4. The decision to refuse to award the degree of doktor habilitowany shall contain a justification containing a description of the facts and the legal basis on which the refusal was made.
- 5. The candidate has the right to appeal against a decision to refuse to award the degree of doktor habilitowany to the RDN within 30 days of its delivery, though the scientific discipline council which took the decision.

## § 27 Completion of the proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany

- 1. The proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor of doktor habilitowany at the University shall conclude with decisions adopted in the form of a resolution:
  - 1) to award or to refuse to award the degree of doktor habilitowany, or
  - 2) to discontinue the proceedings for the award of the degree at the written request of the candidate or in the event of the candidate's death, or in other cases indicated by legislation.
- 2. A person who has been conferred the degree of doktor habilitowany shall be issued a diploma and one copy of the diploma in Polish and, at their written request, also one copy of the diploma translated into English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, or Latin, referred to in Article 179(1) of the Act.

## § 28

## Withdrawal of an application for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany

- 1. The candidate may withdraw the application for the award of the doctoral degree at any stage of the proceedings.
- 2. If the application is withdrawn after the appointment of the habilitation committee:
  - 1) the same application may not be the basis for applying for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany at another habilitation institution;

- 2) the candidate may not apply for the award of the doktor habilitowany degree for a period of two years;
- 3) the scientific discipline council shall discontinue the proceedings and notify RDN.

#### § 29

## Fees and remuneration in proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany

- 1. The chairperson, reviewer, secretary, and members of the habilitation committee in proceedings for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany shall be entitled to a one-off remuneration, determined pursuant to Articles 184(3) and (4) of the Act.
- 2. The remuneration shall be paid upon completion of the proceedings for the award of the doktor habilitowany degree, and the reviewer's remuneration shall be paid upon completion of the review.
- 3. A candidate applying for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany shall be charged a fee by the University on the basis of the concluded agreement. The fee may not exceed the costs of the proceedings, taking into account in particular the remuneration of reviewers, the chairperson, secretary and member of the habilitation committee, the costs of allowances, travel, accommodation, and other expenses determined in accordance with the Regulation of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of 29 January 2013 on the entitlements to be paid to an employee working in a state or local government budgetary unit for business travel and other actual costs of the proceedings.
- 4. In the case of a candidate who is an academic teacher or researcher, the costs of the proceedings are borne by the entity employing him or her in the higher education and science system. If an academic teacher or research worker is employed in more than one entity of the higher education system, the costs of the proceedings are incurred in accordance with the provisions of Art. 182(7) of the Act.
- 5. The fee is payable to the University.
- 6. In justified cases (e.g., social, material, hardship cases), the Rector may exempt a candidate from paying all or part of the fee for the proceedings to award the degree of doktor habilitowany.
- 7. A candidate who applies for the award of the degree of doktor habilitowany before the relevant scientific discipline council adopts a resolution on the appointment of a postdoctoral committee may apply to the Rector for a fee waiver in whole or in part.

# § 30 Obligations of the University

- 1. The unit providing services to the relevant scientific discipline council shall immediately forward the following documents to the Science Office in electronic form to make them available in BIP:
  - 1) the candidate's application containing the documents referred to in § 22 section 2 of the Regulations;
  - 2) information on the composition of the habilitation committee;
  - 3) reviews;
  - 4) information about the date, place and way of conducting the habilitation colloquium;
  - 5) resolution of the habilitation committee containing an opinion on awarding the degree along with a justification;
  - 6) a resolution of the scientific discipline council on awarding the degree of doktor habilitowany or refusing to confer this degree.
- 2. The documents referred to in section 1, are immediately published in BIP, and the information referred to in section 1 point 4, shall be made available no later than 10 days before the scheduled date of the habilitation colloquium.
- 3. The unit responsible for the relevant scientific discipline council publishes in the POL-on System: the application of a person applying for the degree of doktor habilitowany, information on the composition

of the habilitation committee and reviews immediately after they are made available, as well as information in accordance with Art. 348(1)(2) of the Act.

## **Chapter VII FINAL PROVISIONS**

# § 31

- 1. These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of adoption of the resolution by the Senate.
- As of the date of entry into force of these Regulations, the Regulations for the Award of Academic Degrees at Wrocław University of Science and Technology adopted by Resolution No. 121/10/2020-2024 of the Senate of Wrocław University of Technology of 20 May 2021 (as amended) shall no longer be in force.
- 3. The acts and actions of scientific discipline councils and committees undertaken by the date of entry into force of these Regulations shall remain in force.