

## VI. SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BEST DOCTORAL STUDENTS

1. The scholarship for the best doctoral students may be granted to a doctoral student from the first to fourth year of study.
2. The scholarship for the best doctoral students:
  - a. may be granted to a doctoral student in the first year of doctoral studies who has completed Master's degree studies with a very good grade (5.0), had the grade-point average from Master's degree studies not lower than 4.80, and has obtained very good results in the recruitment procedure;
  - b. may be granted to a doctoral student in the second and further years of doctoral studies who has met jointly the following conditions:
    - i. received a credit for the previous semester within the time limits corresponding to the schedule of the academic year (by the end of a given semester),
    - ii. demonstrated progress and particular involvement in the scientific work and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation,
    - iii. during doctoral studies run by the Institute demonstrated involvement in the promotional work,
    - iv. has at least 1 scientific publication that covers the ranking year,
    - v. has obtained at least 25 ranking points, defined in compliance with Section 10.
3. An application filed by a doctoral student for a scholarship should be confirmed with a signature of the thesis supervisor/research supervisor.
4. The Scholarship Committee shall establish the ranking of the best doctoral students. The ranking shall be prepared separately for the first year of doctoral studies and jointly for the other years of studies.
5. The ranking shall cover the doctoral student's activity only from the previous academic year.
6. The scholarship for the best doctoral students of the second and further years shall be granted on the basis of the ranking taking into account:
  - a. the participation in organisational and promotional activities of the Institute;
  - b. authorship or co-authorship of books, publications and patents;
  - c. participation in research projects and conferences, trainings and internships (domestic and foreign);
  - d. the obtained awards, distinctions and other specific achievements.
7. Definitions of the activity of the doctoral student:
  - a. book - a non-serial publication, such as monograph, handbook, script, marked with ISBN number;
  - b. publication in a journal - an article in a peer-reviewed journal, describing the original scientific research and the conclusions drawn from them, or collecting, in the form of a review, conclusions

- from earlier works, published in the form of a consistent publication, marked with ISSN number;
- c. publication in conference materials - an article, a paper describing scientific research and the conclusions drawn from them, or constituting a collection, made in the form of review, of the conclusions drawn from earlier works, published in the form of a consistent conference publication, marked with ISSN/ISBN number;
  - d. research projects - the participation as the manager or contractor, listed in the project documentation;
  - e. participation in conferences - poster (scientific poster presented during the poster session) or active participation (as the speaker) in scientific conferences, symposia and seminars (at least on the inter-university level);
  - f. participation in trainings and conferences of training character - participation in trainings connected with scientific and teaching activity;
  - g. domestic and foreign internship - the stay of a doctoral student in a scientific centre in connection with his/her scientific activity;
  - h. awards, distinctions - awards and distinctions in scientific competitions;
  - i. promotional and additional activity - positive promotion of the Institutes and the student's scientific activity beyond the Institute, in mass media and press, activity in the Institute's authorities, in scientific and organisational committees focusing on scientific events, activity in the Self-Government of Doctoral Students, Agreements of Doctoral Students, membership in scientific associations.
8. The manner of documenting the activity of the doctoral student:
- a. in the case of doctoral students in the first year, the diploma of completion of the Master's degree studies with a very good grade (5.0), a certificate on the grade point average from the study, obtained from the alma mater, and a certificate on the score obtained in the recruitment procedure,
  - b. teaching hours - a certificate from the unit conducting teaching activity,
  - c. book - a photocopy of the page containing the title, name and surname of the author/co-authors, year of publication, table of contents and ISBN number,
  - d. publication in a journal - a photocopy of the first page of the publication with visible affiliation of the doctoral student, title and ISSN number. The form shall contain the full name of the journal,
  - e. publication in conference materials - a photocopy of the first page, title and ISSN number (abstracts in the abstract book shall not be deemed as publications in conference materials),
  - f. patent - a photocopy of the patent certificate or application,
  - g. research projects - a photocopy of the title page of the agreement and the specification of contractors in the research application or a

certificate issued by the project manager on the participation in the project,

- h. conferences, trainings, internships - a document confirming the participation of the doctoral student,
  - i. awards, distinctions - a document confirming the accomplishments,
  - j. promotional and additional activity - a document confirming the activity.
9. To each activity of the doctoral student there shall be enclosed an attachment marked with the number corresponding to the number of the given activity, indicated in the ranking form. A failure to document a given accomplishment shall result in not taking it into account in the ranking.
  10. The detailed principles of the ranking scoring and the number of points for particular activities shall be defined in the attachment to the application for granting the scholarship for the best doctoral students.
  11. The maximum four scholarships may be granted in the Doctoral Studies of Natural Sciences of the PAS.