

**Rules for submitting research topics for admission to the Doctoral School of Medical  
and Health Sciences programmes for the academic year 2022/2023**

**§ 1**

1. Research topics may be submitted by:
  - 1) JU Medical College employees with a professor or post-doctoral habilitation degree who have declared that their academic achievements correspond at least 75% with the doctoral programme discipline in which the topic is submitted;
  - 2) persons who do not meet the conditions specified in section 1 and are employed in Poland in a higher education institution or other entity listed in Article 7(1) of the Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574 as amended), with a professor or post-doctoral habilitation degree, who have submitted a declaration of affiliation of at least 25% to one of the School's disciplines relevant to the doctoral programme being conducted, and who will present the consent of a person meeting the criteria listed in section 1 to undertake the function of auxiliary supervisor, after obtaining a positive opinion from the Doctoral School Board in accordance with the Regulations of the School;
  - 3) persons who do not meet the conditions specified in section 1 and are employees of a foreign university or scientific institution, if the respective research discipline board decides the persons have significant achievements in the scientific field to which the doctoral dissertation refers.
2. The persons mentioned in section 1 may submit only one research topic in a given academic year.

**§ 2**

1. Research project topics shall be in the fields of medical and health sciences, respectively, in the following disciplines:
  - 1) medical sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the programme in the discipline of medical sciences,
  - 2) pharmaceutical sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the programme in the discipline of pharmaceutical sciences,
  - 3) health sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the programme in the discipline of health sciences,
  - 4) medical or pharmaceutical or health sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the interdisciplinary doctoral programme conducted in English.

2. Only research topics with funding for at least the first year of the project may be submitted. For projects not requiring funding, the rationale must be provided.

### § 3

Research topics are submitted to the Director of the Doctoral School of Medical and Health Sciences by 30 April.

### § 4

1. Submission of a research topic shall be made on the form set out in Annex 1 and shall include:
  - 1) personal data: full name, academic degree, year of obtaining doctor, post-doctoral habilitation or/and professor's degree, place of employment, email address, contact telephone);
  - 2) academic achievements: list of up to 5 publications of the last 3 calendar years, Impact Factor summary and the Web of Science Core Collection and Hirsch Index;
  - 3) number of promoted PhD degree holders;
  - 4) number of promoted MA degree holders;
  - 5) proposed topic of dissertation with a short description (max. 250 words);
  - 6) rationale for the topic compatibility with the discipline relevant to the doctoral programme (max 100 words);
  - 7) brief description of the research methods (max 250 words);
  - 8) expected place of the project implementation;
  - 9) description of the tasks for the PhD student;
  - 10) expectations towards a PhD student (specific skills and experience);
  - 11) PhD student temporary availability (number of hours/week) necessary for the project implementation;
  - 12) declaration from the person submitting the research topic whether the project requires PhD student's independent performance of medical procedures;
  - 13) declaration from the person submitting the research topic whether the project requires PhD student's professional licence. In the case the proposed research topic requires PhD student's professional licence, a short rationale statement must be presented indicating the type of the necessary professional licence;
  - 14) information from the person submitting the research topic on whether the proposed research project involves financial costs; if the proposed research project involves financial costs, a statement that the project will be funded at least during the first year of the project indicating the source of funding (specify the type, number and title of the

grant and date when funding ends); if the research project does not involve funding, the rationale should be included.

2. A person referred to in § 1(1)(3) shall attach an opinion from the relevant research discipline board that the person has significant achievements in the field of scientific issues covered by the doctoral dissertation.

#### **§ 5**

The doctoral programme co-ordinator formally verifies the application in terms of the completeness of its documentation, including a statement that the project will be funded or the rationale that the project does not require funding.

#### **§ 6**

1. Verification of the compatibility of the proposed research topic with the discipline shall be made by a Committee consisting of:
  - 1) doctoral programme co-ordinator;
  - 2) at least three researchers holding at least a post-doctoral habilitation degree elected by research discipline boards in medical, pharmaceutical and health sciences;
  - 3) DSMHS Board representative in the discipline compatible with the discipline in which the doctoral dissertation is to be prepared;
  - 4) PhD student union representative.
2. The Committee members sign a confidentiality statement.

#### **§ 7**

The doctoral programme co-ordinator sends the Commission-verified list of offered research topics to the School Director by 31 May. The final list of research topics offered to candidates is sorted in alphabetical order by the person's name submitting the topic proposal.

#### **§ 8**

The list of research topics offered to the candidates for the Doctoral School is approved and published by the Doctoral School Director by 30 June.