Annex no 1  
to Order no 3/2023  
of 08 March 2023

**Rules for submitting research topics for admission to the Doctoral School of Medical and Health Sciences programmes for the academic year 2023/2024**

**§** **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 in 75% with the doctoral programme discipline in which the topic is submitted;
2. persons who do not meet the conditions specified in section 1), employed in Poland in a higher education institution or other entity listed in Article 7, section 1 of the Act of 20.07.2018 - 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 disciplinary declaration of affiliation of at least 25% to one of the School's disciplines relevant to the doctoral programme, 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 they 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 projects topics are 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. pharmacology and pharmacy, for candidates applying for admission to the programme in the discipline of pharmacology and pharmacy,
   3. health sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the programme in the discipline of health sciences,
   4. medical sciences or pharmacology and pharmacy or health sciences, for candidates applying for admission to the interdisciplinary doctoral programme conducted in English.

**§** **3**

Research topics will be 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 information: full name, academic degree, year of obtaining doctor, post-doctoral habilitation or/and professor's degree, place of employment, email address, contact telephone;
2. scientific achievements: list of up to 5 publications of the last three calendar years, Impact Factor summary, and the Web of Science Core Collection and Hirsch Index;
3. the number of doctors promoted;
4. the number of master's degrees promoted;
5. the proposed dissertation topic with a short description (max. 250 words);
6. the rationale for the topic compatibility with the discipline relevant to the doctoral programme (max 100 words);
7. a brief description of the research methods (max 250 words);
8. the expected location of the project;
9. description of the tasks for the PhD student;
10. expectations towards the PhD student (specific skills and experience);
11. PhD student's temporary availability (number of hours/week) necessary to implement the project;
12. a declaration from the person submitting a research topic whether the proposed research project requires PhD student's independent performance of medical procedures; and if it does, a brief justification indicating the type of professional license required (to practice as a medical doctor/nurse/physiotherapist, etc.);

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.

3. Research topics for the 6-semester interdisciplinary doctoral program conducted in English shall be submitted in English on the form specified in Annex 2.

**§** **5**

The doctoral programme co-ordinator verifies whether the application is complete.

**§** **6**

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

2. The Committee members sign a confidentiality statement.

**§** **7**

The doctoral programme co-ordinator sends the Committee-verified list of offered research topics to the School Director by 31 May. The final list of research topics offered to candidates is sorted alphabetically by the person submitting the topic proposal.

**§** **8**

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