



REGULATIONS OF DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF THE INSTITUTE OF IMMUNOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPY OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (IIET PAS)

CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1 [Name, governing body, and legal basis]

1. The IIET PAS Doctoral School (hereinafter referred to as 'the School') is independently run by the Ludwik Hirszfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Polish Academy of Sciences, Wrocław (hereinafter referred to as 'the Institute').
2. The School operates under the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571, consolidated text as of 24 October 2024) and the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences (Journal of Laws 2026, item 168, consolidated text as of 13 February 2026), as well as under executive regulations issued pursuant to the delegation provisions set out in the above Acts.
3. The Regulations, together with their annexes, constitute an integral part of the doctoral education system implemented by the School.
4. The School's activities are supervised by the Institute's Scientific Council.

§ 2 [Objectives and Scope of Education]

1. The objective of the School is to prepare doctoral students for independent scientific, teaching, and research activities at both national and international levels.
2. The School provides doctoral education in the disciplines of Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences, in which the Institute is authorised to confer the doctoral degree, taking into account interdisciplinary research areas.

CHAPTER II – ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL

§ 3 [Organisational Structure of the School]

1. The School's governing bodies are:
 - a) the Head of the School;
 - b) the Deputy Head of the School;
 - c) the School Council.



2. Assistant functions in the operation of the School are performed by committees, including the Admissions Committee, committees responsible for mid-term assessment, as well as the Institute's Disciplinary Committee for Doctoral Students and the Disciplinary Appeals Committee for Doctoral Students.

§ 4 [Head and Deputy Head of the School]

1. The Head and Deputy Head of the School are appointed by the Director of the Institute from among individuals holding the post-doctoral degree of *doktor habilitowany*, employed full-time at the Institute.
2. The appointment of the Head and Deputy Head of the School requires consultation with the Doctoral Students' Self-Government of the Institute. If the Self-Government does not respond within 30 days of the submission of the candidacy, this shall be considered as giving consent.
3. The responsibilities of the Head of the School include, in particular:
 - a) organising classes and supervising the activities of the School, including the admission and education of doctoral students;
 - b) keeping records related to the course of study (lists of doctoral students, credit records, scientific reports);
 - c) issuing decisions, including administrative decisions, concerning, among other matters, enrolment and removal from the doctoral student list, suspension and extension of the study period, evaluation of doctoral students' progress, and crediting subsequent years of study;
 - d) presenting the Institute's Scientific Council with an annual report on the School's activities.
4. The Deputy Head of the School holds all powers assigned to the Head of the School under these Regulations during any period when the Head is unable to fulfil their duties, or, with the Head's consent, as part of delegated responsibilities.

§ 5 [School Council]

1. The School Council constitutes an advisory, supporting, supervisory, oversight and appellate body and consists of:
 - a) the Head of the School – Chair of the Council;
 - b) the Deputy Head of the School;
 - c) six academic staff members of the Institute holding the post-doctoral degree of *doktor habilitowany*;
 - d) a doctoral student representative.
2. The members of the School Council referred to in §5(1)(c) hereof are appointed and dismissed by the Institute Scientific Council.



3. The doctoral student representative is elected from among the doctoral students by the Doctoral Students' Self-Government by way of a vote. Loss of doctoral student status shall terminate the mandate and require the election of a new doctoral student representative.
4. The Council adopts decisions in the form of resolutions during meetings held in person, remotely, or by means of voting using a voting system ensuring the unambiguous identification of persons entitled to vote, as well as the confidentiality and security of data.
5. Resolutions of the School Council are adopted in the presence of at least two-thirds of its members by a simple majority of votes in an open vote, or by secret ballot in matters concerning personnel.
6. The doctoral student representative does not participate in votes concerning the appointment or change of a supervisor or supervisors, the annual reports of doctoral students, or their individual research plans.
7. The tasks of the School Council include:
 - a) announcing the admission process to the School and appointing the admission committee on the basis of candidates indicated by the Director of the Institute;
 - b) granting consent for persons who do not hold a Master's degree, a Master of Science in Engineering degree, or an equivalent qualification to apply for admission to the School;
 - c) appointing a supervisor or supervisors and making changes thereto;
 - d) preparing the education programme and supervising its proper implementation thereof;
 - e) formally verifying individual research plans and any modifications thereto, and approving changes to the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation;
 - f) issuing opinions on the progress of doctoral students based on the course of the doctoral scientific session;
 - g) appointing the mid-term evaluation committees;
 - h) considering appeals against decisions of the mid-term evaluation committee;
 - i) considering appeals against decisions of the Head of the School;
 - j) issuing opinions concerning removal from the list of doctoral students;
 - k) considering motions submitted by the Doctoral Students' Self-Government of the Institute.

CHAPTER III – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

§ 6 [Admission Rules]

1. Admission to the School is conducted through a competitive procedure, in accordance with the rules adopted by the Institute Scientific Council.



2. The admission procedure is conducted by the admission committee appointed by the School Council. The committee consists of the Head of the School as Chair and at least five members.
3. Decisions of the committee are adopted by an absolute majority of votes, provided that a majority of the committee members are present at the meeting, including the Head of the School or the Deputy Head of the School.
4. A doctoral student from another doctoral school may be admitted to the School while maintaining the stage of education obtained so far, provided that the following conditions are met:
 - a) presenting documentation from the previous doctoral school;
 - b) withdrawal from another doctoral school;
 - c) consent of the Director of the Institute;
 - d) consent of the School Council, including the appointment of a supervisor;
 - e) determination by the Head of School of the scope of classes required to complete the program of study and the deadline for submitting an individual research plan.

§ 7 [Status of a Doctoral Student]

1. A person undertaking studies in the School may not simultaneously be a doctoral student in another doctoral school.
2. Persons admitted to the School shall acquire the rights of a doctoral student upon taking the oath, the wording of which is set out in Annex No. 1 hereto, and confirming the content of the oath by signature.
3. A doctoral student shall be issued with a doctoral student identification card.

CHAPTER IV – ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

§ 8 [Appointment of the Supervisor, Supervisors and Auxiliary Supervisor]

1. Academic supervision over the education of a doctoral student in the School is exercised by a supervisor, supervisors, or by a supervisor together with an auxiliary supervisor.
2. The School Council appoints the supervisor(s), or the supervisor together with an auxiliary supervisor, in consultation with the Director of the Institute, taking into account the student's preferences and their position on the admission ranking list. In appointing a supervisor, the School Council is guided by the capacity of the proposed supervisor or auxiliary supervisor to provide effective supervision.
3. The supervisor, supervisors, or the supervisor together with an auxiliary supervisor are appointed without undue delay, but no later than within three months from the date of commencement of studies. In exceptional cases, justified in particular by



academic considerations, an auxiliary supervisor or a second supervisor may be appointed at a later date.

4. A supervisor may be a person holding at least the postgraduate degree of *doktor habilitowany*, and an auxiliary supervisor a person holding at least the degree of doctor. A supervisor may also be a person who does not meet the above requirements but who is employed at a foreign university or scientific institution, if the School Council, having obtained a positive opinion of the Institute Scientific Council, considers that the person has significant achievements in the field of research to which the doctoral dissertation relates.
5. A supervisor may not be a person who:
 - a) within the last five years has been the supervisor of four doctoral students who were removed from the list of doctoral students due to a negative result of the mid-term evaluation;
 - b) within the last five years has supervised the preparation of dissertations by at least two persons applying for the doctoral degree who did not receive positive reviews from at least two reviewers;
 - c) currently performs the function of supervisor in at least four proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree, unless the School Council considers a departure from this rule to be particularly justified;
 - d) received a negative evaluation in the most recent assessment of the scientific activity of academic staff.
6. A supervisor appointed by the School Council may request the appointment of a second supervisor in the case of interdisciplinary dissertations or, where necessary, an auxiliary supervisor. A request for the appointment of additional supervisors requires written justification.

§ 9 [Change of Supervisor or Auxiliary Supervisor]

1. In the event that circumstances prevent a supervisor or an auxiliary supervisor from continuing to perform their function:
 - a) the supervisor, the auxiliary supervisor, or the Head of the School shall submit to the School Council a request for a change of supervisor together with a justification;
 - b) in the event of the dismissal of a second supervisor or an auxiliary supervisor, the School Council may decide not to appoint another person to perform those functions.
2. A doctoral student may submit to the School Council a written request for a change of supervisor or auxiliary supervisor together with a justification.
3. In the event of a temporary inability to perform the function of a supervisor and the absence of a second supervisor or an auxiliary supervisor, the School Council appoints an auxiliary supervisor at the request of the Director of the Institute.



4. Upon receipt of a request for a change of supervisor or auxiliary supervisor, the School Council shall request the supervisor or auxiliary supervisor concerned by the request to present their position in writing. If the request is found to be justified, the School Council shall dismiss the current supervisor and, within 30 days, appoint another person to perform that function following the procedure used to appoint a supervisor.
5. The School Council's decision may be appealed within 14 days of its receipt. The School Council will consider the matter within 14 days of the appeal being filed.

§ 10 [Responsibilities of the Supervisor and Auxiliary Supervisor]

1. The supervisor is obliged to:
 - a) maintaining regular contact with the doctoral student, in particular to hold consultations at least once a month;
 - b) cooperate with the doctoral student in the preparation of the doctoral student's individual research plan, including in particular a schedule for the preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
 - c) exercise academic supervision over the implementation of the doctoral student's research plan and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
 - d) ensure the conditions necessary for the implementation of the doctoral student's individual research plan;
 - e) provide consultation regarding the doctoral student's choice of elective courses;
 - f) facilitate the doctoral student's establishment of contacts within the academic community, including providing assistance in obtaining placements and internships;
 - g) issue opinions and other documents required for formal purposes related to the education of doctoral students in a timely manner.
2. The auxiliary supervisor is obliged to:
 - a) exercise academic supervision over the implementation of the research plan and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation within the scope agreed with the supervisor;
 - b) provide consultation regarding the doctoral dissertation being prepared;
 - c) give an opinion on the individual research plan;
 - d) issue opinions and other documents required for formal purposes related to the education of doctoral students in a timely manner.



**CHAPTER V – EDUCATION PROGRAMME, EVALUATIONS AND
DOCTORAL SESSIONS**

§ 11 [Organisation of Studies]

1. Doctoral education at the School lasts four years and is conducted in accordance with the education programme adopted by the Institute Scientific Council.
2. The academic year commences on 1 October and ends on 30 September of the following year, provided that classes included in the education programme (with the exception of practical classes) are held from 1 October to 30 June.
3. The detailed organisation of the academic year are announced no later than 30 September.
4. The School Council oversees the proper implementation of the education programme and may propose quality-enhancing modifications.
5. The assessment of learning outcomes is conducted annually based on the doctoral scientific session, the date, place and format of which shall be announced by the Head of the School no later than two months before the session.

§ 12 [Assessments and Credits]

1. Credit for courses are awarded based on grades recorded in the credit register, according to the following scale: unsatisfactory/fail (2.0), sufficient (3.0), satisfactory (3.5), good (4.0), good plus (4.5), very good (5.0), or by pass without a grade.
2. Where it is necessary to determine a grade based on the average of marks, the following scale shall apply:
 - a) 4.75–5.00 – very good
 - b) 4.25–4.74 – good plus
 - c) 3.75–4.24 – good;
 - d) 3.25–3.74 – satisfactory;
 - e) 2.75–3.24 – sufficient;
 - f) less than 2.75 – unsatisfactory/fail.
3. A doctoral student is entitled to two opportunities for credit: the main term and a supplementary term. In the case of an excused absence, an additional term may be scheduled.
4. In situations where credit for a course is not obtained within the deadlines set out in the education programme, the doctoral student may appeal to the Head of the School, and in the event of refusal, to the School Council.
5. The Head of the School has the right to conditionally credit the academic year and to set a final deadline for obtaining any missing credit (assessment by an examination board). The examination board shall include the Head of the School, an examiner appointed by them, and the supervisor.



§ 13 [Individual Research Plan]

1. Within twelve months from the commencement of studies, the doctoral student, in consultation with the supervisor(s), shall prepare an individual research plan in English, which shall include in particular:
 - a) the doctoral student's full name, affiliation, and date;
 - b) a preliminary subject of the doctoral dissertation;
 - c) the name(s) of the supervisor(s) or auxiliary supervisor, if appointed;
 - d) a brief description of the research topic;
 - e) a schedule of individual research tasks related to the preparation of the doctoral dissertation, divided by year of study;
 - f) planned long-term (over 90 days) visits and internships;
 - g) information regarding necessary approvals, in particular from ethics committees, if such approvals are required for the preparation of the dissertation;
 - h) the planned date of submission of the doctoral dissertation (day, month, and year);
 - i) the signatures of the doctoral student, the supervisor(s), and the auxiliary supervisor (if appointed).
2. The research plan is presented by the doctoral student to the Head of the School, who then submits it to the School Council for formal verification, in particular by checking its completeness and precisely defining the deadlines for completing individual research tasks.
3. In justified cases, the individual research plan may be amended. The doctoral student shall submit the revised individual research plan, agreed with the supervisor(s), or with the supervisor and auxiliary supervisor, to the School Council via the Head of the School.
4. Where the amendment to the individual research plan is limited to changing the submission date of the doctoral dissertation due to an extension or suspension of studies, the doctoral student shall submit an annex to the individual research plan together with a report on the implementation of the plan, approved by the supervisor. Such an annex shall not require re-verification by the School Council.

§ 14 [Reporting Sessions and Assessment of Learning Outcomes]

1. A doctoral student who has been enrolled in the School for at least six months by the end of the academic year shall be subject to an annual assessment of the progress in implementing the individual research plan (if submitted) and learning outcomes, based on the report and participation in the reporting session.
2. The doctoral student shall submit course credit records and a report on scientific activity no later than 20 days before the end of each academic year.



3. the doctoral student shall prepare the report in English in both paper and electronic form. The report must be approved and signed by the supervisor and shall include:
 - a) a description of progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation and the individual research plan;
 - b) in the form of a list:
 - published, accepted, and submitted-for-publication research papers;
 - participation in meetings, conferences, and symposia, specifying the form of participation;
 - lectures and presentations delivered;
 - involvement in research grants;
 - participation in science popularisation activities;
 - completed internships, courses, and training;
 - other achievements of the doctoral student.
4. The doctoral reporting session shall be held once a year and shall serve to present by the doctoral student the progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation as set out in the individual research plan. The School Council shall evaluate the presentations of the doctoral students, with the possibility of distinguishing the student demonstrating the best progress in a given year.
5. The academic year shall be credited by the Head of the School based on:
 - a) successful completion and active attendance of classes included in the education programme and participation in the Institute's scientific meetings;
 - b) submission of the annual report, participation in the reporting session, and possession of an individual research plan verified by the School Council;
 - c) a positive opinion of the supervisor;
 - d) a positive opinion of the School Council regarding the implementation of successive stages of the doctoral dissertation set out in the individual research plan.
6. The academic year may be credited even if all requirements set out in § 14(5) hereof are not fully met, in the case of special circumstances (e.g., research travel, sick leave, parental leave). The doctoral student must notify the Head of the School in writing within 14 days of the occurrence of such circumstances.
7. At the request of the doctoral student, and with the consent of the Head of the School, part of the compulsory courses of the education programme may be replaced by courses undertaken outside the School, if this is particularly desirable for the implementation of the individual research plan.
8. When crediting successive years of study, the Head of the School shall:
 - a) archive copies of course credit records, reports, individual research plans, and other submitted documents;
 - b) keep an electronic record of credits and submitted documents;



- c) promptly provide the doctoral student, electronically, with confirmation of entry to the next year along with a list of credits obtained to date.
9. Documentation of the course of study shall be kept in the School's administrative office.
10. The doctoral student shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Head of the School refusing credit for the academic year to the School Council within 14 days of receipt of the decision. The School Council shall consider the appeal within 14 days of its receipt.

§ 15 [Mid-term Assessment]

1. At the midpoint of their education period, a doctoral student shall undergo a mid-term assessment.
2. The mid-term evaluation of doctoral students is conducted by the mid-term evaluation committee. The Institute's Scientific Council adopts the document "Mid-term assessment procedure at the Doctoral School of the Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy of the Polish Academy of Sciences," which specifies:
 - a) the procedure for the appointment of the mid-term assessment committee by the School Council;
 - b) the timetable for submission of documentation and the work of the committee;
 - c) the rules governing the organisation of committee meetings;
 - d) the criteria to be applied by the committee in conducting the mid-term assessment, taking into account in particular the degree of implementation of the individual research plan, the quality and consistency of research results to date, the timely performance of duties and the written opinion of the supervisor.
3. The outcome of the doctoral student's mid-term assessment, whether positive or negative, together with its justification, shall be public and delivered in writing to the doctoral student and their supervisor(s).
4. Within 14 days of delivery of the mid-term assessment result, the doctoral student shall have the right to appeal to the School Council.
5. The School Council shall consider the appeal within 14 days of its submission or of the completion of any formal deficiencies. In the event of formal deficiencies, the School Council shall refer the matter back to the mid-term assessment committee for reconsideration. If there are justified doubts regarding the impartiality of the committee, the School Council shall appoint a new committee.
6. Where it is not possible to conduct the mid-term assessment within the scheduled period due to the submission of a medical certificate or for another justified reason, the assessment shall be conducted within 30 days of the cessation of the cause. However, the assessment must take place at the midpoint of the eight-semester education period, that is, in sufficient time to permit participation in courses delivered in the fifth semester.



7. In the event that a doctoral student receives a negative assessment, they shall be removed from the register of doctoral students.

CHAPTER VI – EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

§ 16 [Duties and Rights of the Doctoral Student]

1. During the course of their studies, the doctoral student is obliged to:
 - a) attend the courses specified in the Education Programme and obtain credits at least to the level of the required minimum;
 - b) implement their individual research plan in accordance with the timetable contained therein;
 - c) participate actively in seminars and other activities indicated by the Institute;
 - d) observe the principles of research ethics;
 - e) comply with the organisational regulations of the Institute, in particular provisions relating to health and safety at work;
 - f) obtain the consent of the supervisor and the Director of the Institute for submitting grant applications and participating in grants, in accordance with the rules in force at the Institute;
 - g) promptly inform the Institute of any change of surname or contact details;
 - h) comply with the provisions of these Regulations and the oath of matriculation.
2. A doctoral student has the right to:
 - a) reliable, continuous, and substantive supervisory support through regular contact with the supervisor(s) and the auxiliary supervisor (if appointed);
 - b) transparent and pre-defined criteria for assessment, credits, and the mid-term evaluation;
 - c) information on the progress and outcomes of educational proceedings;
 - d) submission of explanations, requests, objections, and appeals;
 - e) protection against arbitrary or unjustified decisions of the School's bodies;
 - f) representation by the Doctoral Students' Self-Government.
3. The exercise of rights by a doctoral student may not constitute a basis for taking repressive or retaliatory actions against him or her, nor may it lead to a deterioration of his or her situation in the course of his or her education.
4. The doctoral student shall be entitled to annual leave not exceeding eight weeks during the academic year. Annual leave:
 - a) shall not justify absence from courses included in the Education Programme;
 - b) must be taken before the end of the given academic year;



- c) require the approval of the supervisor or a person authorized by them.
5. Doctoral students with a disability certificate are provided, upon request, with individually adapted learning conditions, particularly the format of classes, deadlines for exams, and research organization, to the extent possible at the Institute.

§ 17 [Extension and Suspension of Studies]

1. The period of study at the School may be extended on account of conducting long-term research within the framework of a doctoral project or for other significant objective reasons, but for no more than a total of two years.
2. A request for an extension of the education period shall be submitted by the doctoral student to the Head of the School. The request shall include:
 - a) an opinion from the supervisor(s) indicating that the extension is necessary for the completion of the doctoral project;
 - b) a revised individual research plan;
 - c) in the case of circumstances other than research-related ones justifying the extension, an explanation (and, where appropriate, supporting documents) confirming such circumstances.
3. At the doctoral student's request, studies shall be suspended for a period corresponding to the duration of maternity leave, leave under conditions equivalent to maternity leave, paternity leave, or parental leave as provided for under the regulations applicable to employees.
4. A request for suspension shall be submitted by the doctoral student to the Head of the School within 30 days of the occurrence of the circumstances justifying the request.
5. The request for suspension shall specify the requested period of suspension and shall include, as an attachment, evidence confirming the reason for the suspension.
6. When granting consent to suspend studies, the Head of the School shall determine the period of suspension and the date of completion of the education period. The supervisor(s), and where applicable auxiliary supervisor, shall be informed of the decision.
7. A decision refusing the suspension of studies may be appealed to the School Council within 14 days from the date of delivery of the decision.
8. In the event that the period of suspension is shortened, the doctoral student is obliged to inform the School no later than seven days after the cessation of the reason for suspension and to resume studies.

§ 18 [Removal from the List of Doctoral Students]

1. Removal from the list of doctoral students shall occur in the following cases:
 - a) a negative result of the mid-term assessment;



- b) failure to submit the doctoral dissertation within the deadline specified in the individual research plan;
 - c) written resignation from the education programme;
 - d) failure to commence studies;
 - e) violation of the prohibition on simultaneous enrolment in more than one doctoral school;
 - f) imposition of a disciplinary penalty of expulsion from the School by the Disciplinary Committee for Doctoral Students.
2. In proceedings concerning the removal of a doctoral student from the list on account of enrolment in more than one doctoral school, the student shall be summoned to submit, within a period of not less than 30 days, a resignation from studies at the other doctoral school.
 3. A doctoral student may be removed from the list in the event of:
 - a) unsatisfactory progress in preparing the doctoral dissertation;
 - b) failure to submit the individual research plan within the prescribed period;
 - c) failure to fulfil the obligations of a doctoral student arising from the implementation of the education programme and the individual research plan;
 - d) conduct inconsistent with the oath taken and with these Regulations.
 4. The decision on removal shall be made by the Head of the School based on the opinion of the School Council.
 5. Removal from the list of doctoral students shall be effected by means of an administrative decision. The decision shall be delivered to the doctoral student against a receipt or sent by registered post with acknowledgment of receipt.
 6. A doctoral student shall have the right to submit a request to the School Council for reconsideration of the matter within 14 days from the date of delivery of the decision.

§ 19 [Completion of Studies and Termination of Doctoral Student Status]

1. A doctoral student's studies at the School shall be deemed complete upon submission of the doctoral dissertation together with a positive recommendation from the supervisor(s).
2. A doctoral student who has completed the education programme and submitted the doctoral dissertation shall receive a certificate confirming completion of studies at the Doctoral School and achievement of the learning outcomes corresponding to level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework.
3. If, for justified reasons (e.g., a foreign research stay, illness, etc.), the doctoral student was unable to complete all required courses, the Head of the School may recognise the education programme as completed provided that the student has attained all required learning outcomes.



4. Doctoral student status shall terminate upon submission of the doctoral dissertation, at the end of the prescribed or extended education period, or upon removal from the list of doctoral students.
5. The doctoral degree shall be awarded in accordance with the procedures for conferring the doctoral degree adopted by the Institute.
6. For a doctoral student who has been awarded the doctoral degree upon completion of the Doctoral School, the period of education at the School, not exceeding four years, shall be recognised as part of the employment period on which employment rights depend.

CHAPTER VII – DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

§ 20 [Conditions for the Award of Doctoral Scholarships]

1. A doctoral student who does not hold a doctoral degree shall receive a doctoral scholarship during the period of education at the School.
2. The total period during which a doctoral student may receive a doctoral scholarship at doctoral schools shall not exceed four years. Periods of suspension of studies shall not be included in this period.
3. The amount of the doctoral scholarship shall be determined, by way of an order, by the Director of the Institute, taking into account the minimum amount of the doctoral scholarship resulting from the Act – Law on Higher Education and Science.
4. The doctoral scholarship shall be awarded based on entry on the list of doctoral students.
5. The doctoral scholarship shall be paid by the 10th day of each month, provided that the first payment shall take place after the doctoral student has taken the oath.
6. During a period of suspension of studies, the provisions concerning the determination of maternity benefit shall apply accordingly to the determination of the amount of the doctoral scholarship, provided that the basis for calculation of the benefit shall be understood as the amount of the monthly doctoral scholarship to which the doctoral student was entitled on the date of submission of the application for suspension.
7. A doctoral student holding a certificate of disability, a certificate of degree of disability, or a certificate referred to in Articles 5 and 62 of the Act of 27 August 1997 on Vocational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities shall receive a doctoral scholarship increased by 30% of the minimum scholarship amount prior to the mid-term evaluation.
8. The scholarship shall not be payable in the event of an extension of the period of education.
9. A doctoral student who submits a doctoral dissertation earlier than the four-year deadline for completion of studies shall receive the doctoral scholarship until the



date on which the period for completion of studies expires, but for no longer than six months.

10. A doctoral scholarship shall not be payable to a doctoral student whose education at the doctoral school is connected with an obligation of employment with the entity operating the doctoral school under an employment contract with remuneration exceeding the salary of a professor.
11. A doctoral student shall be obliged to inform without delay of any circumstances affecting the admissibility of receiving the doctoral scholarship or its amount.
12. The amount of the doctoral scholarship may be increased depending on the achievements of the doctoral student.

CHAPTER VIII – FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 21 [General Provisions]

1. The doctoral students of the School form part of the Doctoral Students' Self-Government of the Institute, which brings together all doctoral students affiliated with the Institute who are undertaking education in doctoral schools operated by the Institute.
2. The Doctoral Students' Self-Government expresses opinions and proposes changes aimed at improving the quality of education and harmonizing the education process with current legal regulations.
3. Doctoral students shall be subject to disciplinary liability for violations of the regulations in force in the Doctoral School and the Institute, as well as for conduct detrimental to the dignity of a doctoral student, in accordance with the principles and procedures specified in the Act – Law on Higher Education and Science and in the Statute of the Institute. The bodies competent to consider the disciplinary liability of doctoral students of the School are the Disciplinary Ombudsperson for Doctoral Students and the Disciplinary Committees for Doctoral Students operating within the Institute.

§ 22 [Entry into Force]

1. These Regulations were adopted by a resolution of the Scientific Council of the Ludwik Hirsfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 12 March 2026.
2. These Regulations shall enter into force on 1 October 2026.
3. Amendments to these Regulations shall enter into force at the beginning of the academic year and must be adopted subject to a five-month *vacatio legis*.



Doctoral Student's Oath

I solemnly swear that I shall diligently pursue knowledge and skills, respect academic rights and customs, seek the truth and uphold integrity in scientific research, observe ethical principles, and safeguard the dignity of a doctoral student and the good name of the Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences at which I am undertaking my studies.