

**DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP
(SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BEST-PERFORMING DOCTORAL STUDENTS)**

1. A Director's Scholarship may be awarded to a doctoral student who has distinguishing academic performance, academic or artistic achievements, or sports achievements in a competition on at least the national level.
2. The Director's Scholarship may be awarded to a doctoral student in the second to the fourth year of his/her doctoral programme.
3. The Director's Scholarship in the second and further years of the doctoral programme may be awarded to a doctoral student who has satisfied collectively the following requirements:
 - a. received a credit for the previous semester within the time limits prescribed in the schedule of the academic year (until the end of a given semester);
 - b. demonstrated progress and special commitment to scientific work and preparation of the doctoral dissertation;
 - c. in the course of his/her doctoral studies at the Institute demonstrated commitment to promotional activities;
 - d. published at least 1 scientific publication covering the ranking year;
 - e. obtained a minimum of 25 ranking points as specified in Section 10.
4. A doctoral student's application for the award of a scholarship should be confirmed by a signature of the doctoral dissertation supervisor/research advisor.
5. Director of IB PAS or a Scholarship Committee shall compile a ranking list of the best-performing doctoral students. The ranking shall take into account the doctoral student's activities in the previous academic year only.
6. The Director's Scholarship shall be awarded based on the ranking list taking into account the following:
 - a. involvement in the organisational and promotional activities of the Institute;
 - b. authorship or co-authorship of books, publications and patents;
 - c. participation in research projects, conferences, training courses and domestic and foreign internships;
 - d. awards and distinctions received and other special achievements.
7. Definitions of a doctoral student's activities:
 - a. book - a non-serial publication: a monograph, a textbook, course materials, assigned with ISBN;
 - b. publication in a journal - an article in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, describing original research and conclusions derived therefrom, or recapitulating, in the form of a review, conclusions from earlier research works, published in the form of a coherent publication assigned with ISBN;
 - c. publication in conference materials - an article or paper describing research and conclusions derived therefrom, or recapitulating, in the form of a review, conclusions from earlier research works, published in the form of a coherent conference publication assigned with ISSN/ISBN;
 - d. research projects - participation as a project leader or investigator named in the project documentation;

- e. participation in conferences - a poster (presenting a scientific poster on a poster session) or active (as a speaker) participation in conferences, symposia and scientific seminars on an at least inter-university level;
 - f. participation in training courses and training-type conferences - participation in training courses related to a scientific or teaching activity;
 - g. internship in Poland or abroad - a doctoral student's stay in a research centre, related to a scientific activity;
 - h. awards, distinctions - awards and distinctions in competitions of scientific type;
 - i. promotional and additional activity - positive promotion of the Institutes and the student's own research activity outside the Institute, in the mass media and the press, activities undertaken as a member of the Institute's bodies, scientific committees and scientific events' organisational committees, in the Doctoral Students' Self-Government, in Doctoral Students' Associations, membership of scientific associations;
8. Manner of documentation of a doctoral student's activities:
 - a. book - a photocopy of the page containing the book title, first name and surname of the author/co-authors, year of publication, table of contents and ISBN;
 - b. publication in a journal - a photocopy of the first page of the publication showing the doctoral student's institutional affiliation, the title and ISBN. Please specify the full title of the journal in the application form;
 - c. publication in conference materials - a photocopy of the first page of the publication, the title and ISBN (abstracts in a book of abstracts are not deemed publications in conference materials);
 - d. patent - a photocopy of a patent certificate or patent application;
 - e. research projects - a photocopy of the title page of the agreement and of the list of investigators included in the project application, or certificate by a project leader confirming the student's participation in the project;
 - f. conferences, training sessions, internships - a document confirming the doctoral student's participation;
 - g. awards, distinctions - a document confirming the achievement;
 - h. promotional and additional activities - a document confirming such activities.
 9. Each type of the doctoral student's activity must be confirmed by the relevant appendix bearing the same number as the number of the relevant activity in the ranking form for the scholarship. Failure to document a particular achievement shall result in the achievement not being taken into account in the ranking list.
 10. Detailed rules for the granting of ranking points and the number of points for the particular activities are specified in the appendix (**Appendix No. 4a**) to the Application for the Award of a Scholarship for Best-Performing Doctoral Students (**Appendix No. 4**).
 11. The number of Director's Scholarships available for a given academic year is established by Director of IB PAS in consultation with Director of ISEA PAS.
 12. The Director's Scholarship shall be awarded for an academic year and payable monthly in the period from October until July of the subsequent calendar year.