

**REGULATIONS ON THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIPS TO STUDENTS
OF INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL STUDIES AT
THE IB PAS AND THE ISEA PAS**

§ 1

Fellowships for participants of interdisciplinary doctoral studies conducted by W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals of the Polish Academy of Sciences (the "IB PAS" and the "ISEA PAS", respectively) in cooperation with Franciszek Górski Institute of Plant Physiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (the "IPP PAS") and the Institute of Nature Conservation of the Polish Academy of Sciences (the "INC PAS") shall be awarded under Article 200 of the Higher Education Law of 27 July 2005.

§ 2

1. A fellowship may be awarded to students of full-time doctoral studies.
2. The number of fellowships shall be defined by the Director of the IB PAS in consultations with the Director of the ISEA PAS.
3. The amount of the fellowship for a given academic year shall be defined by the Director of the IB PAS, save that the minimum scholarship may not be lower than 60% of the minimum basic salary of an Assistant Lecturer, established in the provisions on remuneration of academic teachers.
4. The fellowship shall be awarded at a request of the doctoral student.

§ 3

1. A decision to award a fellowship shall be made by the Director of the IB PAS, following the issuance of an opinion on the application by the fellowship committee.
 2. The scholarship committee shall be appointed by the Director of the IB PAS in consultations with the Director of the ISEA PAS. The committee shall be composed of:
 - a. two scientific employees from the IB PAS and two from the ISEA PAS, holding at least the degree of doktor habilitowany, including the head of doctoral studies;
 - b. one scientific employee of the IPP PAS and one from the INC PAS, holding at least the degree of doktor habilitowany;
 - c. doctoral students' representative, designated by a competent authority of the self-government of doctoral students.

§ 4

1. The fellowship shall be awarded on the basis of a competition.

2. The fellowship for the second and further years of doctoral studies may be awarded to a doctoral student who:
 - a. timely meets the programme of doctoral studies;
 - b. demonstrates involvement in the performance of scientific research conducted by a competent Institute;
 - c. in the academic year preceding the submission of the fellowship application demonstrated progress in the scientific work and in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.
3. Detailed principles of scoring for the achievements indicated in Section 3 shall be defined for a given academic year by the Director of the IB PAS in consultations with the Director of the ISEA PAS.
4. The competition shall be announced by the Director of the IB PAS, not later than 10 October of a given year, and the announcement shall include the number of fellowships, the amount thereof and the detailed principles of scoring set out in Section 4 (template of the fellowship application).
5. On the basis of the scoring set out in Section 3, there shall be prepared a ranking list of the persons who have submitted fellowship applications.

§ 5

1. The doctoral student shall submit a written fellowship application with the head of doctoral studies by 15 October of a given year.
2. The fellowship application shall include:
 - a. The doctoral student's data: name and surname, PESEL, and in the event the student has no PESEL, the number of the document confirming the identity, and indication of the year of doctoral studies;
 - b. An opinion issued by the research supervisor or the thesis supervisor, in the event of applying for for granting a scholarship in the second and further years of doctoral studies;
 - c. Information that confirms meeting the criteria set out in § 4 Section 3.
3. The scholarship committee, following the issuance of an opinion with regard to the fellowship application, shall provide the Director of the IB PAS with a list of doctoral students to whom it recommends granting scholarships.

§ 6

1. The fellowship shall be awarded for the period of 12 months on the basis of a decision made by the Director of the IB PAS.
2. The fellowship shall be paid in arrears, at the end of the month for a given month.

§ 7

1. The fellowship shall be awarded notwithstanding any other benefits obtained by the doctoral student from the funds of the financial aid funds, scientific scholarships, scholarships for outstanding

- achievements and scholarship for doctor (pol. *stypendium doktorskie*).
2. The following persons shall not be entitled to a fellowship:
 - a. Doctoral students released from the obligation to participate in the courses because of the extension of the term of the doctoral studies, within the period of the release,
 - b. Doctoral students obtaining grants in connection with the participation in research and development programmes whose beneficiaries are Institutes of the PAS,
 - c. Doctoral students staying on the leave granted under the Regulations of Studies,
 - d. Doctoral students employed with an Institute of the PAS.
 3. Loss of the entitlement to the awarded fellowship shall result in the loss of the scholarship, and the payment of the scholarship shall be suspended from the first day of the month following the month in which the entitlement was lost.
 4. In the period of foreign scientific trips of doctoral students, lasting more than one month, the Director of the IB PAS may make a decision to suspend the awarded fellowship, taking into account the financial conditions of the stay.

§ 8

The employment of the doctoral student may not be conflicting with his/her obligations resulting from the Regulations of Doctoral Studies; thus, the doctoral student who receives a fellowship may continue or undertake employment only upon a consent of the head of the studies, otherwise he/she shall lose his/her entitlement to the fellowship.

§ 9

1. A doctoral student receiving a fellowship who completed doctoral studies sooner than the date defined in the programme of the studies and obtained a distinguishing grade of the doctoral dissertation shall be paid funds, for the period remaining till the date of the completion of doctoral studies defined in the programme of the studies, in the amount constituting the product of the amount of the fellowship received on a monthly basis and the number of months by which the period of doing doctoral studies was shortened, but not longer than 6 months.
2. Removal from the list of doctoral students shall result in loss of the fellowship. The payment of the scholarship shall be suspended with the effect from the first day following the month in which the decision on removal from the list becomes final.

3. The resignation from doctoral studies in the period of receiving the fellowship shall result in the obligation to refund the amount of the received scholarship in the whole. In justified cases the Director of the IB PAS may waive the amount to be refunded, in the whole or a part.