

Detailed criteria for evaluating candidates' achievements in the admission process for the Doctoral School of Natural Sciences for the academic year 2025/2026

Scientific disciplines:
Biological Sciences
Earth and Related Environmental Sciences

DIPLOMA GRADE	
A candidate may receive either 0 or 5 points	
A minimum "very good" grade (or equivalent) on a second-degree diploma or a uniform master's degree diploma:	5 points
Applying for admission to the doctoral school based on outstanding scientific achievements (e.g., receiving a grant under the "Pearls of Science" competition):	5 points
In all other cases:	0 points

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS		
A maximum of three documented achievements will be evaluated The candidate can receive up to 20 points in total		
Scientific Publications		
1	Author or co-author of a scientific publication listed in the JCR (Journal Citation Reports):	9 points
2	Author of a single-author peer-reviewed publication:	9 points
3	Co-author of a peer-reviewed publication from the MNiSW (Ministry of Science and Higher Education) list:	6 points
4	Co-author of any other scientific publication:	3 points
Research Projects		
5	Principal investigator of a national research grant with a signed grant agreement:	9 points

6	Leader of a university research project with a signed project agreement:	9 points
7	Participant in a national or international research grant with a signed grant agreement:	7 points
8	Participant in a university research project documented by a signed project agreement:	7 points
9	Participant in a grant documented by the project manager	5 points
10	Participant in a scientific association project documented by the scientific association supervisor:	5 points
Other Scientific Activities		
11	Presentation of a paper at an international conference:	7 points
12	Presentation of a poster at an international conference:	5 points
13	Presentation of a paper at a national conference:	5 points
14	Presentation of a poster at a national conference:	3 points
15	Participation in a scientific internship or international placement (lasting more than two weeks):	5 points
16	Participation in a scientific internship or domestic placement (lasting more than two weeks):	3 points
17	Other scientific activities not listed above:	1 point

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CANDIDATE		
A maximum of 3 documented achievements of the candidate are evaluated		
A candidate may receive a total of no more than 5 points		
1	Recipient of a scholarship from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MNiSW) and Ministry of National Education (MEiN)	3 points
2	Recipient of other scientific scholarships, awards, or prizes	2 points
3	Winner of a thesis competition	3 points
4	Active member of a scientific society, holding an elected position	3 points
5	Elected member of university structures (e.g., Senate, Student Parliament, Student Government)	3 points
6	Member of a scientific society	2 points
7	Member of university structures	2 points
8	Participation in student exchange programs (e.g., Erasmus, MOST, POWER, etc.)	2 points

9	Engagement in science outreach initiatives	1 point
10	Other organizational activities benefiting the university and scientific community	1 point
11	Other achievements or activities not listed above	1 point

RESEARCH PROJECT¹		
A candidate can receive a maximum of 20 points		
1	Ability to formulate the research objective and present the research problem:	0 - 5 points
2	Originality of the research idea and selection of appropriate problem-solving methods:	0 - 5 points
3	Methodology appropriate to the chosen discipline:	0 - 4 points
4	Knowledge of existing research, supported by a basic bibliography:	0 - 4 points
5	Significance of the project for the development of the chosen discipline:	0 - 2 points

INTERVIEW	
The interview may last up to 30 minutes	
A candidate can receive a maximum of 50 points	
Candidate's knowledge related to the planned research	0 - 15 points
Candidate's competencies relevant to the planned research	0 - 20 points
Aspects of research methodology applicable to the chosen discipline	0 - 15 points

Comments:

1. A candidate may submit either three different activities within the same category or three activities across different categories.
2. Each activity submitted for evaluation must be documented with an attachment (e.g., PDF/scan of a publication, contract, certificate, conference abstract, etc.).
3. A certificate from the project manager or science club's supervisor must include the project number, title, and a description of the candidate's tasks.
4. For scholarships, awards, or prizes, both proof of receipt and the competition regulations must be provided.
5. Foreign candidates may choose to conduct their interview in either Polish or English.

The interview lasts a maximum of 30 minutes and consists of:

¹ The author's concept for implementing the grant project in cases of recruitment related to the execution of a research project, as outlined in §8 of the recruitment rules for doctoral schools at Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznań for the academic year 2025/2026.

- a) Self-presentation, including scientific interests, motivation for research, and previous academic activities.
- b) Presentation of the research project, optionally supported by a multimedia presentation.
- c) Questions from the selection committee, aimed at assessing the candidate's knowledge, competencies, and familiarity with the research methodology related to the proposed project.