

Appendix No. 4 to Resolution No. 132/2025/2026 of the Senate of  
Adam Mickiewicz University of 26 January 2026

**Detailed criteria for evaluating candidates' achievements in the admission process for  
the Doctoral School of Natural Sciences for the academic year 2026/2027**

**Scientific disciplines:**  
**Biological Sciences**  
**Earth and Related Environmental Sciences**

<b>DIPLOMA GRADE</b>	
<b>In this category the candidate may receive maximum 3 points</b>	
In the absence of a diploma grade, the average grade from the course of study is taken into account.	
“very good” or equivalent grade	3 points
“good plus” or equivalent grade	2 points
“good” or equivalent grade	1 point
applicants seeking admission on the basis of the highest quality scientific achievements (e.g. leading a project under the “Pearls of Science” programme)	3 points

<b>SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS</b>		
<b>A maximum of 3 documented achievements will be evaluated The candidate may receive up to 22 points in total</b>		
<b>Scientific Publications</b>		
N.1	Author or co-author of a scientific publication listed in the JCR (Journal Citation Reports):	8 points
N.2	Author of a single-author peer-reviewed publication:	8 points
N.3	Co-author of a peer-reviewed publication from the MNiSW (Ministry of Science and Higher Education) list:	5 points

N.4	Co-author of any other scientific publication:	2 points
<b>Research projects</b>		
N.5	Principal investigator of a national research grant with a signed grant agreement:	8 points
N.6	Leader of a university research project with a signed project agreement:	8 points
N.7	Participant in a national or international research grant with a signed grant agreement:	6 points
N.8	Participant in a university research project documented by a signed project agreement:	6 points
N.9	Participant in a grant documented by the project manager	4 points
N.10	Participant in a scientific association project documented by the scientific association supervisor:	4 points
<b>Other scientific activities</b>		
N.11	Presentation of a paper at an international conference:	7 points
N.12	Presentation of a poster at an international conference:	5 points
N.13	Presentation of a paper at a national conference:	5 points
N.14	Presentation of a poster at a national conference:	3 points
N.15	Participation in a scientific internship or international placement (lasting more than two weeks):	5 points
N.16	Participation in a scientific internship or domestic placement (lasting more than two weeks):	3 points
N.17	Other scientific activities not listed above:	1 point

<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CANDIDATE</b>		
<b>A maximum of 3 documented achievements of the candidate are evaluated</b>		
<b>The candidate may receive a total of no more than 5 points</b>		
I.1	Recipient of a scholarship from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MNiSW) and Ministry of National Education (MEiN)	3 points
I.2	Recipient of other scientific scholarships, awards, or prizes	2 points
I.3	Winner of a thesis competition	3 points
I.4	Active member of a scientific society, holding an elected position	3 points
I.5	Elected member of university structures (e.g., Senate, Student Parliament, Student Government)	3 points

I.6	Member of a scientific society	2 points
I.7	Member of university structures	2 points
I.8	Participation in student exchange programmes (e.g., Erasmus, MOST, POWER, etc.)	2 points
I.9	Engagement in science outreach initiatives	1 point
I.10	Other organizational activities benefiting the university and scientific community	1 point
I.11	Other achievements or activities not listed above	1 point

## RESEARCH PROJECT

**The candidate may receive a maximum of 20 points**

Ability to formulate the research objective and present the research problem	0 - 5 points
Originality of the research idea and selection of appropriate problem-solving methods	0 - 4 points
Methodology appropriate to the chosen discipline	0 - 4 points
Knowledge of existing research, supported by a basic bibliography	0 - 3 points
Significance of the project for the development of the chosen discipline	0 - 2 points
Risk analysis of research tasks	0 - 2 points

## INTERVIEW

**The interview may last up to 30 minutes**

**The candidate may receive a maximum of 50 points**

Knowledge and competencies appropriate to the chosen discipline	0 - 35 points
Elements of research methodology appropriate 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 proceedings, 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 distinctions, 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.
6. The interview is conducted in person, but in justified cases, at the candidate's special request, the interview may be conducted remotely.

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

- a) Personal statement, 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.