

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERT CANDIDATES EVALUATION OF THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

I. Who may be an expert – a member of the evaluation team?

An individual who meets **the following requirements** - stated in the art. 259 sec. 4 and Art. 272 sec. 1 Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (in accordance with Art. 274 sec. 2) – **may be the expert in evaluation team:**

- 1) has a significant academic or artistic achievements;
- 2) has an impeccable reputation and abides by the principles of scientific ethics;
- 3) has not committed the act referred to in Art. 115 of the Act of 4 February 1994 on copyright and related rights, ruled by a final and binding judgement of the court;
- 4) has at least a doctoral degree;
- 5) actively participates in the scientific research and has significant achievements in this field;
- 6) has not reached the age of 70 [by the day of appointment by the chairman of the Committee];
- 7) meets the following requirements, stated in Art. 20 sec. 1 points 1-5 Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science):
 - a) has full legal capacity;
 - b) enjoys full civil rights;
 - c) has not been convicted of an intentional offence or intentional financial offence under a final and binding judgement;
 - d) has not been subject to disciplinary punishment;
 - e) did not work for the State security authorities, did not serve in them or cooperate with them in the period from 22 July 1944 to 31 July 1990 within the meaning of Art. 2 of the Act of 18 October 2006 on the disclosure of information about documents of the State security bodies from the years 1944-1990 and the content of these documents;

Also he or she should meet the requirement stated in § 5 sec. 2 point 1 in Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 27 September 2021 on the evaluation of the quality of education at doctoral schools, such as – the member of evaluation team is proficient in English (what means that is able to actively participate in conducting the evaluation in English).

Additional requirements:

1. an experience in doctoral education or an active participation in doctoral education (in the past or currently, information about types of activities, etc.);
2. an experience in evaluation of doctoral schools or doctoral education systems in other countries.

II. Who may not be the expert?

The following individuals may not be members of the evaluation team:

- 1) the rector;
- 2) the director of an institute of Polish Academy of Sciences;
- 3) the director of a research institute;
- 4) the director of an international institute;
- 5) the director of Nicolaus Copernicus Research Center;
- 6) the director of doctoral school or the person operating the doctoral school;
- 7) a member of the Polish Accreditation Committee;
- 8) a member of the Council of Scientific Excellence;
- 9) a member of the Science Policy Committee;
- 10) the president and the vice president of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
- 11) the chair and the vice chair of General Council for Science and Higher Education;
- 12) a Secretary General of Nicolaus Copernicus Academy;

Additionally, the following person may not be a member of the evaluation team **at a given doctoral school**:

- 1) a person who is employed in entity running a given doctoral school;
- 2) a person who is providing education/training in the entity running a given doctoral school as well as in a given doctoral school;
- 3) a person who participates in a mid-term evaluation (*ocena śródkresowa*) carried out in a given doctoral school;
- 4) who has conflicts of interest other than those listed in points 1 to 3.

III. How to become the expert – member of the evaluation team?

If you are interested in participating as an expert in the evaluation of the quality of education in doctoral schools and meet the criteria described above, you should register yourself through the dedicated electronic application form available on the Doctoral School Evaluation System (SEDOK) website.

Submission of candidature as an expert does not guarantee appointment to the evaluation team and participation in the evaluation of doctoral schools as an expert. The chairman of the Science Evaluation Committee appoints experts for the evaluation of a specific doctoral school from the submitted candidatures each time.