

PROCEDURE, AREAS AND CRITERIA OF THE INTERVIEW EVALUATION

1. The evaluation of the interview of the applicant to doctoral studies is conducted by the members of the doctoral committee of the science field to which the applicant applies. Before the interview, the members of the doctoral committee read the submitted admission documents of each applicant.

2. An applicant's participation in the meeting for admission to doctoral studies of the doctoral committee of the science field is mandatory.

3. If the applicant has selected two science fields in the application, he/she has to participate in the meetings of the doctoral committees of both science fields where his/her motivation is evaluated separately.

4. The interview is conducted with each applicant individually. The supervisor of the topic/thematic area selected by the applicant is also allowed to participate in the interview with the applicant if the committee of the science field agrees.

5. The duration of the interview with each applicant is established by the doctoral committee of the science field.

6. During the interview, questions are posed to the applicant according to the areas of the interview evaluation (Table 1). The members of the doctoral committee of the science field may pose additional questions for the evaluation of the applicant's motivation and level/knowledge of the foreign (English) language.

7. The members of the doctoral committee of the science field evaluate the interview individually. The guidance criteria for the interview evaluation are provided in Table 2.

8. The arithmetic average of the evaluation scores of the members of the doctoral committee of the science field conducting the interview evaluation is the final score for the applicant's motivation; the average is rounded to the nearest whole number. The highest possible evaluation score is 10 points.

Table 1. Areas of interview evaluation and their evaluation in points

Areas of interview evaluation	Evaluation in points
1. Justification of the choice to undertake doctoral studies	0–2.5
2. Justification of the choice of the science field and dissertation topic/thematic area of the doctoral studies	0–2.5
3. The applicant's ability to discuss the framework of research activities	0–2.5
4. The applicant's ability to discuss the framework of research activities in a foreign language	0–2.5
Maximum total score:	10

Table 2. Criteria of interview evaluation and their evaluation in points

Criteria of interview evaluation	Evaluation in points
An applicant delivers clear, precise and well-grounded answers to the provided questions; the answers are illustrated by specific examples and personal experience; the applicant presents a reasoned personal opinion and demonstrates the proper linguistic etiquette.	2.5
An applicant's answers lack clarity, accuracy, well-grounded arguments, specific examples and reasoned personal opinion; however, the deficiencies are minor, and the applicant demonstrates the proper linguistic etiquette.	1.5
An applicant's answers are not clear, precise or well-grounded, they are only vaguely related to the provided question(s); the answers contain general and standard phrases; the applicant demonstrates a medium or poor level of the linguistic etiquette.	0.5
An applicant fails to answer the provided question(s); the answers are not related to the provided question(s).	0