

# **REGULATIONS OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

## **§ 1**

1. The provisions of these Regulations define the organisation of education at the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of Agricultural Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the Doctoral School) conducted jointly by:
  - a. the Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Olsztyn (hereinafter referred to as IARFR PAS),
  - b. the National Veterinary and Research Institute in Puławy (hereinafter referred to as NVRI),
  - c. Bohdan Dobrzański Institute of Agrophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as IA PAN) in Lublin,hereinafter referred to as the Parties forming the School in accordance with the Agreement concluded on 16 March 2020.
2. The Doctoral School shall be conducted on the basis of applicable provisions, in particular: the Act dated 20 July 2018 - the Law on higher education and science (that is Journal of Laws of 2020, item 85 with further amendments, hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Act dated 30 April 2010 on Polish Academy of Sciences (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1475 with further amendments), the Act dated 30 April 2010 on Research Institutions (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 736 with further amendments) and executive orders to the Act.
3. The Agreement concluded by and between the Parties forming the School defines the detailed division of tasks connected with conducting the Doctoral School and a manner of its financing.

## **§ 2**

Any reference in this Regulations to:

- a) "Act" shall be understood as the Act dated 20 July 2018 - the Law on higher education and science (that is Journal of Laws of 2020, item 85 with further amendments);
- b) "Party forming the School" shall be understood as IARFR PAS, NVRI and IA PAN as entities jointly conducting the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School;
- c) "Coordinating Party/ Leader" shall be understood as IARFR PAS as the Institution responsible for entering data to the system referred to in art. 342, section 1 of the Act and authorised to receive financial resources for joint education at the Doctoral School;
- d) "Statute of the Institution" shall be understood as the statute applicable at a given Party forming the School;
- e) "PhD Student" shall be understood as a person studying at the Doctoral School;
- f) "PhD Student of a Party forming the School" shall be understood as the PhD Student of the Party forming the School implementing scientific topic at a given Institution; affiliated with a given Party forming the School;
- g) "Board" shall be understood as the Doctoral School Board;
- h) "Programme of studies" shall be understood as the Programme of studies at the Doctoral School;

- i) "Recruitment Rules" shall be understood as the Recruitment Rules to the Doctoral School;
- j) "Director of the Doctoral School" shall be understood as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of Agricultural Sciences;
- k) "Manager" shall be understood as the Manager of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School competent for a given Party forming the School;
- l) "Committee" shall be understood as the Committee for a mid-semester evaluation of the PhD students;
- m) "Scientific Board of the Institute" – a body operating within IRZBZ PAN, PIWET-PIB and IA PAN on the basis of separate provisions.

### **§3**

1. Education at the Doctoral School is carried out based on the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.
2. Education at the Doctoral School is carried out as part of the following disciplines:
  - a. animal science and fisheries,
  - b. nutrition and food technology,
  - c. veterinary science,
  - d. agriculture and horticulture.
3. The Recruitment Rules to the Doctoral School and the Programme of studies are defined by separate provisions and documents.

### **§4**

1. The Doctoral School Board is a collective opinion-forming body that supervises the operation of the Doctoral School.
2. The Board supervises the functioning of the School in the scope of teaching and research.
3. The Board is composed of:
  - a. the Director of the Doctoral School and Managers,
  - b. two representatives from each Party forming the School,
  - c. the Representative of the Doctoral Students' Government selected jointly by the Doctoral Students' Governments operating in each of the Parties forming the School.
4. The representative of the Board is the Director of the Doctoral School.

### **§5**

Tasks of the Doctoral School Board include, in particular:

- a) providing opinion on the Programme of studies,
- b) providing opinion on the Recruitment Rules,
- c) providing opinion on the Regulations of the Doctoral School,
- d) approving semester reports,
- e) approving annual reports of the Director of the School,
- f) determining a template of a semester and mid-semester report,
- g) providing opinion on draft budget,
- h) determining a template and rules of preparation of an individual research plan of the PhD students of the School,
- i) determining a manner and rules of preparation of a mid-semester evaluation of the PhD students of the School.

## **§ 6**

1. The Doctoral School is run by the School Director.
2. The Director of the Doctoral School is appointed and dismissed by the Director of the Institute acting as the Leader.
3. The managers and representatives of the institutions forming the School Board are appointed and dismissed by the Directors of the Parties forming the School.
4. A researcher holding at least the academic degree of habilitated doctor employed on a full-time basis at a given Institution may become the Director of the Doctoral School and the Manager.
5. The Director of the Doctoral School:
  - a) manages works of the Doctoral School and represents it before the Directors of the Parties forming the School and before external entities in accordance with the scope of obligations and granted powers of attorney;
  - b) prepares and submits a report on the activity of the Doctoral School to Scientific Boards of the Parties forming the School once a year;
  - c) in cooperation with Directors of the Parties forming the School prepares and submits draft budget, after approval from the Doctoral School Board, to the Scientific Boards of the Parties forming the School;
  - d) disposes of financial resources granted for conducting the Doctoral School in accordance with the approved budget;
  - e) prepares annual financial settlement from the Doctoral School's activity;
  - f) organises the implementation of the Programme of studies of the Doctoral School;
  - g) supervises entering of data to POL-on system;
  - h) prepares a self-assessment report for evaluation.

## **§ 7**

1. Substantive supervision over the Doctoral School's activity is exercised by the Scientific Boards of the Parties forming the School.
2. The Scientific Boards of the Parties forming the School:
  - a) adopt the Recruitment Rules of the Doctoral School;
  - b) adopt the Regulations of the Doctoral School;
  - c) adopt the Programme of studies at the Doctoral School, following consulting the Doctoral Student's Government. In the event of ineffective expiration of 14-day period, the requirement of consulting is deemed fulfilled;
  - d) acknowledge annual report of the Director of the Doctoral School pertaining to the Doctoral School's activity;
  - e) provide opinion on the reports of the PhD students for mid-semester evaluation.

## **§ 8**

1. The Doctoral School is an organised form of education preparing the PhD students to earn the title of doctor.
2. Education of the PhD students at the Doctoral School is interdisciplinary and prepares to earn the academic degree of doctor in disciplines listed in §3, section 2.

3. A person can be a PhD student only at one doctoral school at the same time.
4. The main task of the Doctoral School is:
  - a) creating supportive environment for the PhD students, aiming at facilitating the implementation of their research projects which result in doctoral dissertations;
  - b) implementation of individualised programmes of studies, the purpose of which is to supplement knowledge and competences, above all from other disciplines and areas of sciences, development of scientific independence, building a set of competences increasing a chance of finding attractive job after obtaining the academic degree of doctor;
  - c) ensuring space for integration of the PhD students implementing projects in various disciplines.

### **§ 9**

Courses at the Doctoral School are conducted in Polish or English.

### **§ 10**

The Doctoral School may admit a Polish citizen or a foreigner; however, rules of undertaking education by foreigners are regulated by separate provisions.

### **§ 11**

1. A person admitted to the Doctoral School acquires the rights of a PhD student upon taking the oath.
2. A PhD student shall receive a PhD student identity card.
3. No fees shall be charged for the education of the PhD students.
4. Each PhD student is affiliated with one institute at which he or she is preparing a doctoral dissertation. The affiliation is assigned by the Doctoral School Board.

### **§ 12**

1. Scientific supervision over a PhD student at the Doctoral School is provided by a supervisor, supervisors or by a supervisor and auxiliary supervisor appointed by the Scientific Board of the Institute with which a given PhD student is affiliated.
2. Within 3 months from the date of starting the doctoral education, the Scientific Board in which procedure of awarding the degree of doctor will be conducted shall appoint a supervisor or supervisors for the PhD student.
3. A PhD student submits a request for the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors and the supervisor's written consent for undertaking scientific supervision to the Manager within 30 days from the commencement of education.
4. The Scientific Board may appoint an auxiliary supervisor for the PhD student. A researcher or an academic teacher holding the academic degree of doctor may become an auxiliary supervisor.
5. A supervisor may mentor no more than five PhD students at the same time.
6. An auxiliary supervisor may mentor no more than three PhD students at the same time.
7. An auxiliary supervisor performs an auxiliary function in mentoring a PhD student, in particular in the process of planning the research, its implementation and results analysis.

8. A supervisor, acting in accordance with the Programme of studies and the individual research plan of the PhD student, in particular:
  - a) determines the course of individual education and self-education of the PhD student;
  - b) introduces the PhD student to the topic of a doctoral dissertation and relevant research methods and techniques;
  - c) monitors the PhD student's work progress and presentation of the results;
  - d) evaluates the PhD student's work progress;
  - e) provides an opinion to the PhD student's requests for extension and suspension of education at the Doctoral School, leave, or other cases determined in this Regulation;
  - f) provides an opinion to all requests of the PhD student pertaining to the course of studies.
9. In exceptionally justified cases, the Providing Units may provide the PhD student with scientific supervision through entire period of studying and the support of a second supervisor holding at least the academic degree of habilitated doctor in a discipline other than the discipline represented by the first supervisor.
10. In special cases justified by inability to continue mentorship over the PhD student or due to scientific considerations, the Scientific Board of the Party forming the School may change the supervisor, supervisors, or an auxiliary supervisor.
11. A request for a change of a supervisor, supervisors or an auxiliary supervisor may be submitted by the Manager to the Scientific Board, on own initiative or at the request of the PhD student, supervisor, or auxiliary supervisor.

### **§ 13**

1. Education at the School lasts 8 semesters and is conducted based on the Programme of studies and an individual research plan.

### **§ 14**

1. Within 30 days from the commencement of education, the PhD student, in consultation with the proposed supervisor, shall prepare a schedule for the implementation of the doctoral dissertation in the first year of education and shall present it to the Manager for approval. Within 12 months from the commencement of education and acting in consultation with a supervisor or supervisors, the PhD student shall prepare an individual research plan including in particular a manner of implementation of the Programme of studies and the schedule of preparation of the doctoral dissertation, including the deadline for its submission and shall submit it to the Manager competent for the Institute with which the PhD student is affiliated.
2. In justified cases the individual research plan may be amended with the consent of the Manager competent for the Institute with which the PhD student is affiliated, after obtaining a written opinion of the supervisor/supervisors.

### **§ 15**

1. The academic year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September of the following calendar year.
2. Organisation of the academic year at the School is adopted by the Doctoral School Board. In particular, organisation of the academic year shall determine dates of commencement of semesters.
3. The PhD students are notified of the schedule of classes within each discipline no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of each semester by announcement on the School's website.

### **§ 16**

1. A PhD student is obliged to complete classes and fulfil other requirements defined in the Programme of studies. In justified cases, a person conducting classes may, with a consent of the Manager, credit classes for the PhD student on an individually determined date.
2. With the consent of the Manager and the supervisor, the PhD student may attend classes and take exams from subjects provided for in the Programme of studies for subsequent years.
3. In specially justified cases, with the consent of the supervisor and the Manager, the PhD student may complete a part of obligatory classes in individual study program.

### **§ 17**

1. The condition for passing a year of education is getting credit for all classes and fulfilling other requirements provided for in the Programme of studies for a given year.
2. With approving opinions of the supervisor, the PhD student submits a semester report to the Manager pertaining to the implementation of the Programme of studies, individual research plan and implementation of other scientific undertakings and achievements obtained. A report template is determined by the School Board.
3. The Winter semester report must be submitted by 15 March and the Summer semester report must be submitted by 7 September.
4. Prior to crediting each year of education, the Manager shall evaluate implementation of the Programme of studies and research conducted by the PhD student. The evaluation shall be performed on the basis of semester reports.

### **§ 18**

1. The PhD student has a right to two final assessment attempts in a given year: the main date and the re-take date.
2. In the case of unexplained absence at a pass/exam session, the PhD student shall lose the right to take the pass/exam at a given date.
3. In the event of explained absence at a pass/exam session, the person conducting classes shall determine an additional date or additional dates for the pass /exam session. The second date shall be within the time limit allowing to submit the semester report in due time.

4. In the event of failing to obtain a pass on the first and re-take date, a PhD student may be granted an additional date of a pass session with a consent of the Manager. In such case, the PhD student is granted a conditional pass for the academic year.
5. The following grades are applied to passes and exams:
  - 1) very good –5.0
  - 2) good plus –4.5
  - 3) good –4.0
  - 4) satisfactory plus –3.5
  - 5) satisfactory –3.0
  - 6) fail –2.0

### **§ 19**

1. The implementation of an individual research plan is subject to a mid-semester evaluation halfway through the education period.
2. The mid-semester evaluation is carried out by a committee composed of three persons, including at least 1 person holding the degree of habilitated doctor or the title of a professor in the discipline in which the doctoral dissertation is being prepared, employed outside the Parties forming the School. With the exceptions stipulated in section 3, the Director of the Party forming the School, a supervisor, auxiliary supervisor or the Manager cannot be a member of the committee or to participate in the committee's works in any form.
3. If no member of the committee referred to in section 2 is employed at any Party forming the School, the Manager shall participate in the committee's works as an observer. In other cases, the Manager may participate in the works of the committee as an observer only at the committee's request.
4. The members of the committee referred to in section 2 are appointed by the Director of the Party forming the School acting as the Leader among candidates indicated by the Doctoral School Board.

### **§ 20**

1. After consultation with the committee referred to in § 19, section 2, the Manager shall determine the mid-semester evaluation date for the PhD students studying in a given discipline and shall inform them of this date no later than 30 days prior to the evaluation.
2. The PhD student, no later than 15 days before the set date the mid-semester evaluation shall submit a mid-semester report on the implementation of the individual research plan, reviewed by a supervisor, supervisors or a supervisor and auxiliary supervisor, to the Manager. A template of the mid-semester report shall be determined by the Doctoral School Board.
3. The committee conducting the mid-semester evaluation shall carry out a detailed analysis of the mid-semester report, in particular comparing it with the content of the individual research plan and interviews the PhD student on the progress made in the implementation of the individual research plan, the difficulties encountered and the prospects for further implementation of the plan.

## **§ 21**

1. The mid-semester evaluation ends with a positive or a negative result.
2. In the event of a negative result of the mid-semester evaluation, the PhD student may, within 7 days from the day of being informed about the result, submit a request to the Doctoral School Board for re-evaluation.
3. Upon submission of the request referred to in section 2, the Doctoral School Board shall appoint members of the committee to perform re-evaluation and the Manager shall set a date for the re-evaluation. The committee members appointed among candidates indicated by the Director of the Institute with which a given PhD student is affiliated may not be persons who have already participated in conducting the mid-semester evaluation of this PhD student.
4. The members of the committee referred to in section 3 shall perform the activities referred to in § 20, section 3 again and determine a positive or negative result of the mid-semester evaluation.
5. The final result of the mid-semester evaluation within the meaning of the Act and § 32, section 1, point 1 is a positive result, a negative result determined pursuant to sections 2-4, or a negative result determined pursuant to ordinary procedure after the ineffective expiry of the deadline referred to in section 2.
6. The final result of the mid-semester evaluation with its justification is public.

## **§ 22**

1. Upon request of a PhD student, the Manager may extend the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation determined in the individual research plan in specific cases, especially when it is justified by:
  - a) a need to carry out additional research which is to result in the dissertation;
  - b) health or personal situation of the PhD student;
  - c) extension of the research which is to result in the dissertation due to other reasons beyond the PhD student's control; however, no longer than by 2 years.
2. The request for an extension of the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation must be accompanied by documents confirming the circumstances justifying such necessity.
3. At the request of the PhD student, education shall be suspended for a period corresponding to the duration of maternity leave, leave on terms of maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave specified in the Act dated 26 June 1974 – the Labour Code. In such case, the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation shall be extended, as appropriate, by the period of suspension referred to in the previous sentence.

## **§ 23**

The doctoral student has a right to:

- 1) use the library's collections, laboratories, research equipment and apparatus of the Parties forming the School in the scope necessary for the implementation of the Programme of studies and the individual research plan;
- 2) the mentorship of a supervisor, supervisors or a supervisor and auxiliary supervisor over the implementation of the individual research plan.



## **§ 24**

1. The period of studies at the School, no longer than 4 years, of the PhD student who obtained the degree of doctor as a result of completing the School shall count towards the period of employment on which the employee's entitlements depend.
2. For a PhD student who did not complete his or her education at the School due to:
  - 1) commencing employment as an academic teacher or researcher;
  - 2) discontinuation of education of the PhD students in a given discipline– the period of education, not longer than 4 years, shall count towards the period of employment on which the employee's entitlements depend, provided that the PhD student obtained the degree of doctor.

## **§ 25**

1. A PhD student has a right to rest breaks not exceeding 8 weeks per year.

## **§ 26**

A PhD student is obliged to:

- 1) comply with the Regulations of the School;
- 2) implement the Programme of studies and the individual research plan at hours agreed with the supervisor and permitted by internal rules of a relevant Party forming the School;
- 3) conduct the research in a fair manner, compliant with the rules of ethics;
- 4) have a digital identifier of a researcher compliant with international standards (ORCID).

## **§ 27**

1. A PhD student who does not hold the degree of doctor receives a doctoral scholarship.
2. The total period of receiving a doctoral scholarship in doctoral schools cannot exceed 4 years.
3. The period of suspension shall not be included in the period referred to in section 2.
4. The amount of a monthly doctoral scholarship shall equal at least to:
  - 1) 37% of the professor's remuneration referred to in art. 137, section 2 of the Act up to the month in which the mid-semester evaluation was carried out;
  - 2) 57% of the professor's remuneration referred to in art. 137, section 2 of the Act after the month in which the mid-semester evaluation was carried out.
5. During the suspension period, the provisions pertaining to determination of the maternity allowance shall be used to determine the amount of a doctoral scholarship, with the provision that the assessment basis for the allowance shall be understood as the amount of the monthly doctoral scholarship referred to in section 4 to be awarded on the day of submission of the request for suspension.
6. A PhD student holding a disability certificate, a degree of disability certificate or a certificate referred to in art. 5 and art. 62 of the Act dated 27 August 1997 on occupational and social rehabilitation and employment of the disabled persons shall receive a doctoral scholarship at the amount increased by 30% of the amount indicated in section 4, point 1.

7. A PhD student holding the certificate referred to in section 6 is obliged to present a copy of the certificate to the Manager.
8. A PhD student who submitted his/her doctoral dissertation earlier than the date of completion of education stipulated in the Programme of studies shall receive a doctoral scholarship until the date on which the date of completion of education expires; however, not for longer than 6 months; the provision of section 2 shall apply.
9. The doctoral scholarship shall be paid by the Party forming the School with which a given PhD student is affiliated. The scholarship shall be paid from the subsidy funds of a relevant Party forming the School or out of the funds received from external sources of financing.
10. The decision on granting the scholarship shall be given by the Manager appointed by the Party forming the School with which the PhD student is affiliated.
11. The payment of the doctoral scholarship shall be made by the last day of each month.
12. In the event when the rules of grant competition, program or scientific and research venture allow to cover the costs of the doctoral scholarship with a specific amount or its increase, the Party forming the School is allowed to provide the PhD student with a doctoral scholarship or part thereof from the sources of this competition, program or venture.
13. A PhD student may not be employed as an academic teacher or a researcher. The prohibition shall not apply to employment of a PhD student:
  - 1) to implement research project referred to in art. 119, section 2, point 2 and 3 of the Act;
  - 2) after a mid-semester evaluation completed with a positive result, but in the case of employment exceeding half of full-time employment, the amount of the scholarship shall be 40% of the amount of the monthly scholarship referred to in section 4, point 2;
  - 3) who is not entitled to a doctoral scholarship.
14. A PhD student is obliged to immediately inform the Manager about the occurrence of any reasons affecting his or her eligibility for collecting a doctoral scholarship or the amount of the scholarship.

## **§ 28**

A PhD student may additionally receive other scholarships pursuant to rules and in a manner provided for in separate provisions.

## **§ 29**

1. A PhD student of the Doctoral School conducted by other entity in the discipline in which education is carried out at the Doctoral School may apply for transfer to the Doctoral School provided that he/she:
  - 1) completed at least I year and/or was not removed from the doctoral students list due to a negative result of the semester evaluation or mid-semester evaluation, or failing to submit the doctoral dissertation within the deadline stipulated in the individual research plan;

- 2) submitted a request for transfer accompanied by documents confirming current education at the previous doctoral school, including: a list of passed subjects with grades, the individual research plan, the supervisor's opinion, a document confirming the result of the mid-semester evaluation, a document specifying the period and amount of the doctoral scholarship collected to date and implemented learning outcomes.
2. The Director of the Doctoral School, after consulting the Directors of the Parties forming the School, qualifies the candidate for admission under transfer procedure, determining the scope and periods for making up programme differences. A person who has been qualified shall be entered into the list of the PhD students of the Doctoral School after submitting the decision on removal from the doctoral school form which he or she is being transferred and once the oath is taken.
3. The scientific supervision over the PhD student admitted by way of transfer may be exercised by the supervisor from the previous doctoral school provided that he or she receives a positive opinion from the Scientific Board of the Party forming the School.
4. The planned duration of education of the PhD student admitted by way of transfer at the Doctoral School shall include the duration of education at the previous doctoral school completed before the transfer.

### **§ 30**

1. The PhD student shall obtain a consecutive number of the student's book within the School. The book shall contain the following data pertaining to the PhD student:
  - 1) student's book number,
  - 2) date of commencing education at the School,
  - 3) given names and second name,
  - 4) date and place of birth,
  - 5) Personal Identification Number [PESEL], or, in the absence thereof, the name and number of a document confirming identity and the name of the issuing country,
  - 6) information on documents on the basis of which the student applied for enrollment to the School,
  - 7) name of the higher education institution, number, date and place of issuance of the diploma of completion of second-cycle studies or uniform Master's degree studies, and in the case of a person who was admitted to the School as a graduate from first-cycle studies or as a student who completed the third year of uniform Master's degree studies – name of the higher education institution, number, date and place of issuance of the diploma of completion of first-cycle studies or a certificate of completion of the third year of uniform Master's degree studies,
  - 8) specialisation in which the PhD student has commenced his or her education,
  - 9) the institute with which the PhD student is affiliated,
  - 10) date and reason for leaving the School.

### **§ 31**

1. The number of the student's book shall be assigned to the PhD student's personal file.
2. The following documents are kept at the PhD student's personal file:

- 1) the documents required from a candidate to the School,
- 2) the documents constituting the basis for admission to the School,
- 3) the oath certificate signed by the PhD student,
- 4) confirmation of receipt of a PhD student identity card and its duplicates,
- 5) individual research plan and if the individual research plan was amended – also the documents confirming such amendment,
- 6) documents confirming the course of education, in particular meeting the deadlines for the implementation of the Programme of studies, forms of verification of achievements of the PhD student obtained within classes in a given semester or year, grades obtained, periods of suspension of education and leaves, or extension of the period for submitting the doctoral dissertation,
- 7) semester report on the implementation of the Programme of studies, individual research plan and implementation of other scientific undertakings and obtained achievements,
- 8) mid-semester report and the documents confirming carrying out the mid-semester evaluation, including its final result with a justification,
- 9) decisions pertaining to the course of education,
- 10) the doctoral dissertation, the submittal of which completed education at the School,
- 11) the returned PhD student identity card.

### **§ 32**

1. A PhD student shall be removed from the list of PhD students in the following cases:
  - 1) a negative result of the mid-semester evaluation;
  - 2) failure to submit a doctoral dissertation by the date stipulated in the individual research plan;
  - 3) resignation from education.
2. A PhD student may be removed from the list of PhD students in the following cases:
  - 1) unsatisfactory progress in preparing their doctoral dissertation;
  - 2) failure to comply with the obligation to follow regulations of the School or to implement the Programme of studies and the individual research plan.
3. Removal from the list of PhD students shall take place by way of an administrative decision of the Director of the School. A student removed from the School is entitled to submit a request for reconsideration of the case.

### **§ 33**

1. The education of the PhD students shall be completed by a submission of a doctoral dissertation approved by the supervisor or supervisors.
2. The rights of a PhD student shall expire on the date of completion of education or once the decision on removing the PhD student from the doctoral students list becomes final.
3. A PhD student identity card shall be returned upon completion of education or once the decision on removing the PhD student from the doctoral students list becomes final.

### **§ 34**

1. In the case of discontinuation of education of the PhD students in a given discipline, the Party forming the School responsible for discontinuation of education ensures the PhD students who prepare a doctoral dissertation in such discipline with the possibility to continue education in another doctoral school in this discipline.
2. If there is no doctoral school providing education in a given discipline, the Party forming the School responsible for discontinuing education shall cover the costs of proceedings connected with awarding the degree of doctor externally for persons who have lost opportunity to complete their studies.

### **§ 35**

Any doubts concerning interpretation arising in connection with the Regulations or matters not regulated therein shall be resolved by the Director of the Doctoral School after consulting the Directors of the Parties forming the School.

### **§ 36**

The Regulations shall enter into force as of 1 October 2020. The Director/Managers and the Doctoral School Board shall fulfil tasks provided for in the Regulations in a manner enabling the commencement of education on 1 October 2020.