

**Resolution no. 233/04/2023
of the Senate of the University of Rzeszow
of April 27, 2023
regarding amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of
Rzeszow applicable to doctoral students who began their education at the UR Doctoral School
in the academic year 2022/2023**

Pursuant to Article 205 (2), (3) and (5) of the Act of July 20, 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742) and section 22 paragraph 3 item. 3 (b) of the Statute of the University of Rzeszow (i.e. Resolution No. 222/03/2023 of the UR Senate of March 30, 2023), in consultation with the UR Doctoral Student Council, the Senate of the University of Rzeszow decides:

§ 1

To adopt amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of Rzeszow (introduced by Resolution No. 130/01/2022 of the UR Senate of 27.01.2022) applicable to doctoral students who began their training at the UR Doctoral School in the academic year 2022/2023, with the following wording:

1. Section 2 item 14) is amended to read as follows:
 - 14) supervisor - a person supervising the preparation of a doctoral dissertation who
 - holds at least a postdoctoral degree, or
 - does not hold at least a postdoctoral degree, but is a staff member of a foreign university or scientific institution, in which case the UR body designated to confer a degree recognises that this person has significant achievements in the science issues to which the doctoral dissertation relates;
2. Section 2 item 15) is amended to read as follows:
 - 15) assistant supervisor - a person supervising the preparation of a doctoral dissertation, holding at least a doctoral degree.
3. Section 3 par. 4 is amended to read as follows:
 4. A doctoral school may be conducted jointly by universities, institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, research institutes or international institutes, each of which has a scientific category of A+, A or B+ or an authorisation granted under the procedure specified in Article 226a, paragraph 1 of the Law in at least 1 discipline. The detailed division of tasks related to the operation of a doctoral school and the method of financing them shall be specified in an agreement concluded in writing, which shall also indicate the entity responsible for entering data into the system referred to in Article 342(1) of the Law and entitled to receive funds for joint training at a doctoral school.
4. Section 5 par. 1 is amended to read as follows:
 1. The entity running the Doctoral School shall discontinue the training of doctoral students in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
5. Section 5 par. 2 is amended to read as follows:
 2. In the event of discontinuation of doctoral students' training in a given discipline, the entity running the UR Doctoral School shall ensure that doctoral students preparing a doctoral thesis in that discipline may continue their training at another doctoral school in that discipline in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

6. Section 5 par. 3 is amended to read as follows:

3. Where it is not possible for a doctoral student to undertake training at another doctoral school in a given discipline or where the doctoral student's consent to transfer to another doctoral school has not been obtained, the entity running the UR Doctoral School, in which the training has been discontinued, shall cover the costs of the proceedings for the award of the doctoral degree by extramural procedure for those who have lost the opportunity to complete their training.

7. In section 5, paragraph 4 is added to read as follows:

4. The entity running the Doctoral School in a discipline that has been included in another discipline or in other disciplines, which, as a result of the subsequent evaluation of the quality of scientific activity, does not receive a scientific category of at least B+ in the discipline or in any of the disciplines indicated by the Council of Scientific Excellence, pursuant to Art. 5(4)(3) of the Act, or is not included in that evaluation in that discipline or in any of those disciplines, shall ensure that doctoral students preparing a doctoral thesis in the discipline that has been included in another discipline have the opportunity to continue their training at another doctoral school in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

8. Section 7 par. 2 item 6) is amended to read as follows:

6) has not attained the age of 70 by the date of commencement of the term of office;

9. Section 7 par. 3 item 2) is amended to read as follows:

2) a statement that on the date of commencement of the term in office, he/she does not act as a body of the UR or another university;

10. Section 8 par. 2 is amended to read as follows:

2. The constitution of the UR Doctoral School Council is regulated by the UR Statute.

11. In section 13, paragraph 3 is added to read as follows:

3. The entity running the doctoral school at which a doctoral student of a foreign university or scientific institution undergoes part of his/her training shall issue to that doctoral student, upon his/her request, a doctoral student card.

12. Section 17 par. 1 item 18) is amended to read as follows:

18) rest breaks not exceeding eight weeks per year;

13. Section 19 par. 5 is amended to read as follows:

5. Detailed rules for the achievement of learning outcomes and the forms of their assessment are defined in the syllabuses of individual subjects.

14. Section 21 par. 6 is amended to read as follows:

6. A doctoral student employed as a teacher / instructor / lecturer in a higher education institution shall be exempted from the practice in the form of teaching classes on the basis of a relevant certificate.

15. Section 37: the heading is amended to read as follows:

[training of persons with special needs]

16. Section 37 par. 1 is amended to read as follows:

1. Persons with a disability certificate, those who are chronically ill or unable to participate fully in standard classes but who do not have a disability certificate, as well as those whose

inability to participate fully in classes is caused by a sudden illness or impairment due to an accident, yet the nature of this inability is temporary, can obtain support from the University of Rzeszów's Office for Persons with Disabilities (BON).

17. Section 38 par. 2 is amended to read as follows:
 2. The role of the supervisor may be performed by a person holding at least the postdoctoral degree.

18. Section 38 par. 4 is amended to read as follows:
 4. The role of the supervisor may be performed by a person who does not hold at least the postdoctoral degree and who is a staff member of a foreign university or scientific institution, if the UR body designated to confer a degree recognises that this person has significant achievements in the science issues to which the doctoral dissertation relates.

19. Section 38 par. 7 is amended to read as follows:

The role of the assistant supervisor may be performed by a person with at least the doctoral degree and scientific or artistic achievements in the research field undertaken by the doctoral student.

20. Paragraph 3 of section 40 shall be deleted.

21. Section 42 par. 2 item 3) is amended to read as follows:
 - 3) to delegate and prepare a doctoral student to participate in at least one international and at least one national conference or, in the case of a doctoral student in an artistic discipline, to delegate and prepare a doctoral student to participate in at least one international exhibition or other international artistic event and at least one national exhibition or other national artistic event;

22. Section 44 par. 4 is amended to read as follows:
 4. The board shall consist of three persons holding the postdoctoral degree or the title of professor in the discipline in which the doctoral dissertation is being prepared, of which a minimum of two persons shall be employed outside the University of Rzeszów or shall be persons referred to in Article 190, section 5 of the Act.

23. Section 45 par. 1 item 2) is amended to read as follows:
 - 2) an interview with the doctoral student concerning the individual research plan and its implementation, consisting of the following stages: the doctoral student's presentation and the doctoral student's answers to questions asked by the Examination Board.

24. Section 45 par. 2 is amended to read as follows:
 2. The doctoral student shall attach to the report on the implementation of the individual research plan the opinions of the supervisor(s) on the implementation of the individual research plan by the doctoral student.

25. Section 45 par. 5 is amended to read as follows:
 5. After reviewing the documents submitted by the doctoral student, each member of the Board prepares an evaluation of the doctoral student in the form of a written opinion on the doctoral student's implementation of the individual research plan. The signed opinion shall be delivered by the member of the Board to the Office of the UR Doctoral School no later than two days before the scheduled date of the mid-term evaluation board meeting.

26. Section 45 par. 6 is amended to read as follows:
 6. The Chairperson of the Board shall convoke a meeting at which the Board shall conduct an interview with the doctoral student concerning the individual research plan and its implementation, consisting of the following stages: the doctoral student's self-presentation and the doctoral student's answers to questions asked by the Examination Board.
27. Section 45 par. 7 is amended to read as follows:
 7. The board meeting for the mid-term evaluation of a doctoral student shall take place no earlier than 30 days after receipt of the materials referred to in section 4 and no later than the end of the fourth semester of study.
28. In section 45, paragraph 8a is added to read as follows:
 - 8a. The board's meetings may be conducted remotely using technical equipment that allows the proceedings to be conducted with simultaneous live video and audio transmission.
29. Section 45 par. 9 is amended to read as follows:
 9. Minutes of the meeting of the board shall be drawn up and signed by all members of the Board present at the meeting, subject to paragraph 17.
30. Section 45 par. 12 is amended to read as follows:
 12. The board shall give a positive mark if the doctoral student implements the individual research plan without unjustified delays.
31. Section 45 par. 13 is amended to read as follows:

If the condition for a positive mark referred to in section 12 is not fulfilled, the board shall give a negative mark.
32. Section 49 par. 4 item 2) is amended to read as follows:
 - 2) the attachment to the application of a positive opinion of the supervisor or supervisors on the extension of the deadline for submission of the doctoral dissertation, together with the approval of the head of the institute relevant to the doctoral student's discipline;
33. In section 50 par. 1, item 4) is added to read as follows:
 - 4) failure to commence training;
34. In section 50 par. 1, item 5) is added to read as follows:
 - 5) violation of the prohibition referred to in Article 200 paragraph 7, or Article 209 paragraph 10 of the Law;
35. In section 50 par. 1, item 6) is added to read as follows:
 - 6) being punished with the disciplinary penalty of expulsion from the UR Doctoral School.
36. In section 50, paragraph 1a is added to read as follows:
 - 1a. In the procedure for removal of a doctoral student from the list of doctoral students, in the cases referred to in section 1, item 5, the doctoral student shall be called upon to submit, within no less than 30 days, a resignation from training at another doctoral school or from employment as an academic teacher or researcher.
37. Section 51 par. 2 is amended to read as follows:
 2. Within the deadline for submission of the dissertation specified in the individual research plan, the doctoral student submits the following to the Office of the UR Doctoral School:

- a) one hard copy of the dissertation if the dissertation is a written work;
- b) one soft copy of the dissertation saved on an electronic data storage device;
- c) an abstract of the doctoral dissertation in English, and in the case of a doctoral dissertation prepared in a foreign language, also an abstract in Polish. If the doctoral dissertation is not a written work, a description of it in Polish and English shall be attached;
- d) a positive opinion of the supervisor(s) on the doctoral dissertation;
- e) a statement of the doctoral student on the independent completion of the doctoral dissertation;
- f) a report accepted by the supervisor or supervisors confirming the verification of the doctoral dissertation in the Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System if the doctoral dissertation is a written dissertation.

§ 2

Other provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of Rzeszow introduced by Resolution No. 130/01/2022 of the UR Senate dated 27.01.2022, remain unchanged.

§ 3

The consolidated text of the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of Rzeszow applicable to doctoral students who began their training at the UR Doctoral School in the academic year 2022/2023 contains Annex No. 1 to this resolution.

§ 4

The Head of the Doctoral School at the University of Rzeszow is responsible for the implementation of this resolution.

§ 5

The resolution is effective as of the date of adoption by the Senate of the University of Rzeszow.

President of the Senate
of the University of Rzeszów

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