

INTRODUCTION

According to the currently binding regulations, in order to initiate the procedure of awarding a doctoral degree, applicants who started doctoral studies **before the 2019/2020 academic year** should submit **an application for the appointment of supervisor(s)** (the application template is available at: <https://radynaukowe.uw.edu.pl/wzory-wnioskow/>) to the chairperson of the relevant Academic Council. This application should include, inter alia, **an outline of the doctoral dissertation** (both an electronic and a hard copy). At subsequent stages of the procedure, the PhD candidate is required to submit the documents referred to in §12(2) of *Zasady postępowania w sprawie nadania stopnia doktora na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim* [*The rules of procedure for awarding a doctoral degree at the University of Warsaw*] (including: the doctoral dissertation, the supervisor's letter of recommendation, and the applicant's academic CV).

In the case of **doctoral students who study in a doctoral school**, the initiation of the procedure is regulated by §12 of *Zasady postępowania w sprawie nadania stopnia doktora na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim*. The PhD candidate should submit an application addressed to the chairperson of the relevant Academic Council, along with, inter alia, **the doctoral dissertation**, the supervisor's letter of recommendation, and the academic CV. In the case of these applicants, **a dissertation outline is not required**. Furthermore, applicants are advised that the Academic Council does not appoint a supervisor or supervisors – instead, they are appointed by the Doctoral School Council in accordance with the procedure provided for in §8 of *Zasady postępowania w sprawie nadania stopnia doktora na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim* (i.e. following the doctoral student's request submitted to the director of the relevant doctoral school).

Legal basis: Uchwała nr 481 Senatu Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego z dnia 16 października 2019 r. w sprawie określenia sposobu postępowania w sprawie nadania stopnia doktora oraz stopnia doktora habilitowanego na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim [Resolution No. 481 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw dated October 16, 2019 laying down the procedure for awarding doctoral and post-doctoral degrees at the University of Warsaw]

<https://monitor.uw.edu.pl/Lists/Uchway/Attachments/5094/M.2019.340.U.481.pdf>

See also:

<https://radynaukowe.uw.edu.pl/doktorat/postepowania-wszczete-po-30-09-2019/>

Applicants are advised that **the outline of the doctoral dissertation**, to which the following guidelines apply, is distinct from both **the preliminary research project proposal** (the research plan presented during the admission to the doctoral school) and **the summary of the completed dissertation** (presented during the defence).

University of Warsaw

Faculty...

Name of the dissertation Author

Outline of the doctoral dissertation

Title of the dissertation

Supervisor: (academic degree, name)

Assistant supervisor (if applicable): (academic degree, name)

Academic discipline: Linguistics

Warsaw (year)

OUTLINE OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION – GENERAL STRUCTURE

1. **Objective of the dissertation** (specify the research problem undertaken in the work, the research questions, and the hypotheses that will be tested in the dissertation).
2. **Current state of the art** (briefly describe the research conducted so far on the topic undertaken, explain how the dissertation contributes to the research field).
3. **Theoretical foundation of the research** (present the theoretical framework of the work, clarify the key terms used throughout the dissertation).
4. **Research methods** (motivate the choice of the research methods and techniques, and describe the methods in detail).
5. **Data sources** (characterise the data used in the analysis).
6. **Structure of the dissertation** (describe briefly the content of each chapter).
7. **References** (list the references cited in the outline).

Maximum text length: 5 A4 pages (excluding the references), reasonable proportions between respective elements of the outline should be maintained.

Recommended text formatting:

- all margins: 2.5 cm,
- font size: 12 points,
- line spacing: 1.5.