

A GUIDE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE MGU DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Recruitment

2026/2027

- pedagogy
- psychology



About University

The Maria Grzegorzewska University's heritage derives from the tradition of the Institute of Special Pedagogy founded by Maria Grzegorzewska in 1922. During the hundred years of functioning as a community, we have developed a special atmosphere and interpersonal relations, which are the result of taking over and cultivating the heritage of Maria Grzegorzewska.



We read APS as a list of core values we cherish:

- A – Access,
- P – Participation,
- S – Social Solidarity.

The university aspires to the role of a leading national one and a European center for the exchange of thoughts and ideas in the field of modern pedagogy, special education and social sciences.

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The MGU Doctoral School

The MGU Doctoral School is a scientific space to which we invite people planning a research and academic career.

We wanted to create a place where creativity meets professionalism. From the very beginning, doctoral students will be involved in the creation of research projects and scientific cooperation at the national and international level.

Thanks to the scholarship offered from the beginning of their education, doctoral students can focus on the development of their scientific interests, using the intimate space of our Doctoral School.

The aim of the Doctoral School is to support the scientific and personal development of doctoral students, including general skills and competences, and as a result - to gain independence in conducting advanced scientific research. The direct effect of education at the Doctoral School is a doctoral dissertation presenting the results of individual research work.

Education at the MGU Doctoral School last 8 semesters.

It is conducted in the field of social sciences and covers the following disciplines:

- pedagogy
- psychology



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Educational Programme Description

The educational program of the MGU Doctoral School is interdisciplinary - its structure allows for parallel exploration of the area of theory and empirical research in the field of social sciences.

The program consists of four modules. The modules are carried out in parallel, so that deepening theoretical knowledge contributes to the creation of a high-quality research project, the possibility of its implementation based on research grants and the creation of a doctoral dissertation on this basis, which is the basis for obtaining a doctoral degree.

4 modules

The modules covering:

- theoretical knowledge in the field of social sciences;
- methodological and academic knowledge and skills;
- preparation of a doctoral dissertation
- didactic preparation for the work of an academic teacher.

Module I. Trends in Social Sciences

The module provides an opportunity to deepen knowledge in the field of the subject of the doctoral dissertation and related areas.

It shows the current directions of scientific exploration and ongoing discussions about them.

It presents leading research centers and their latest research and publication achievements.

Classes:

- Trends in Social Sciences
- Interactive Lectures with Outstanding Researchers
- Visiting Professors Lectures and Seminars

Module II. Preparation for Scientific and Research Work

The module prepares in a practical way for a conscious choice of research orientation and designing one's own research workshop, with an emphasis on methodological differences existing in the field of social sciences.

It introduces institutional rules of conducting research, including the rules of preparing applications for research grants.

It equips with the skills necessary to plan independent and team research activities.

It prepares for the analysis of research material (qualitative and quantitative), for the dissemination of research results, including the creation of high-quality scientific publications.

Classes:

- Scientific Writing
- Research Methodology and Basics of Data Analysis in Social Sciences
- Construction of Measures
- Information Technology in Research Work
- Scientific Research in Practice
- Project Management
- Preparation of Grant Applications
- Advanced Analysis of Quantitative Data
- Advanced Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Data Visualization and Interpretation
- Communicating Scientific Results
- Techniques of Scientific Ideas Exchange
- Intellectual Property and Commercialization of Research Results
- Ethics of Scientific Research
- Reviewing Scientific Papers

Module III. Work on a Scientific Achievement

This module is designed to enable cooperation between the doctoral student and the supervisor or supervisors, as well as among doctoral students, aimed at the creation of a doctoral dissertation, which is the basis for obtaining a doctoral degree.

Classes:

- Regular meetings with the supervisor or supervisors (tutoring)
 - Doctoral seminar in the form of discussion meetings embedded in the thematic area of the disciplines and based on presentations of the concept of the doctoral dissertation (with the participation of supervisors; open to interested parties)
 - Expert mentoring with a selected academic teacher
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Module IV. Academic Teaching

The module prepares for the role of an academic teacher in reference to the idea of the Humboldt University as a place that allows the unity of science and teaching, a community of teachers and learners to be realized.

Classes:

- University as an Organization and Educational Institution
- Higher Education Didactics
- Practice

Recruitment to the MGU Doctoral School

The Maria Grzegorzewska
UNIVERSITY
established 1922



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Recruitment Schedule Step by Step



Supervisor

Choose a supervisor and start cooperation



Research project

Prepare a research project in cooperation with the supervisor



Application documents

Prepare and collect application documents



Registration in the IRK (22/06-28/06/2026, 3 p.m.)

Register in the IRK system and submit an application



Documents Verification (29/06-05/07/2026)

Evaluation of applications by the recruitment committee



Interview (10/07/2026)

Interview conducted in Polish and English



Announcement of results (13/07/2026)

Information on the website and in the IRK system



Original documents (14-22/07/2026)

Submission of original documents by admitted persons

Finding a Supervisor

A **candidate** for the MGU Doctoral School may choose a supervisor and an auxiliary supervisor from the list of supervisors recommended in the current recruitment process and establish cooperation with them in advance.

Recommended supervisors in the discipline of pedagogy:

- prof. dr hab. Anna Odrowąż-Coates 
- dr hab. Iryna Androshchuk, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Agnieszka Dłużniewska, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Błażej Kmiecik, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Jacek Kulbaka , prof. APS 
- dr hab. Małgorzata Makiewicz, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Anna Perkowska-Klejman , prof. APS 
- dr hab. Błażej Przybylski , prof. APS 
- dr hab. Marek Siwicki, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Aleksandra Tłuściak-Deliowska, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Danuta Uryga , prof. APS 

Recommended supervisors in the discipline of psychology:

- dr hab. Łukasz Baka, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Paweł Bronowski, prof. APS 
- dr hab. Anna Mosiołek, prof. APS 

Recommended auxiliary supervisors

pedagogy:

- dr Ewa Dąbrowa 
- dr Ewa Grudziewska 
- dr Izabela Mikołajewska 
- dr Miłosz Romaniuk 

psychology:

- dr Angelika Kleszczewska-Albińska 

Research Project Preparation

The **key element** of the recruitment process is the expert assessment of the candidate's research project.

What should the project description contain?

- 1) project title
- 2) keywords
- 3) project summary in Polish and English
- 4) the purpose of the project
- 5) the state of the art and relevance of the project
- 6) research method
- 7) references.

The project should signal the basic issues and research scheme as precisely as possible.

Editorial Requirements

- The research project should contain max. 5 A4 pages
- References is not included in the page limit
- Times New Roman or equivalent typeface
- Font size: 12 points, line spacing min. 1
- Upper and lower margin at least 1.5 cm; side margins at least 2 cm.

Application Documents Preparation

The **candidate** is obliged to submit to the recruitment committee, via the IRK registration system, the electronic versions or scans of the following documents:

- an application to the Rector for admission to the Doctoral School
- information form 
- A consent to provide scientific supervision over the preparation of the doctoral dissertation, containing the signature of the scientific supervisor 
- The original or a duplicate of the completed diploma of the second-cycle studies or long-cycle master's studies or a certificate of completion of second-cycle studies or long-cycle master's studies and obtaining the professional Master of Science title, Master's degree in Engineering or equivalent
- A certificate of the grade point average for the period of studies
- A research project 
- List of scientific achievements for the last five years
- Documents confirming scientific achievements
- A photograph in jpg format intended for the identity document

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Register in the Internet Recruitment for Candidate (IRK)

Registration of candidates for the Doctoral School is carried out in an electronic form supported by the Internet Recruitment for Candidate (IRK) system.

Registration of the candidate in the IRK system is a prerequisite for starting the qualification procedure.

The documents required in the recruitment procedure are submitted via the system.

The link to the current registration will be provided on the website of the MGU Doctoral School.

Deadline

The candidate has two weeks to register, submit the application and documents in the IRK system:

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Application Analysis

The **recruitment committee** analyzes the applications and awards recruitment points.

During the selection procedure, the recruitment committee awards candidates with admissions points for:

- the grade point average for the period of second-cycle studies or long-cycle master's studies or for the period of studies completed abroad, recognised as equivalent to second-cycle studies or long-cycle Master's studies;
- the assessment of an original research project
- the candidate's scientific achievements;

Detailed criteria for awarding, and rules for calculating, admissions points in the qualification procedure



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The Recruitment Committee

Head of the Committee:

prof. dr hab. Anna Odrowąż-Coates (Head of the Doctoral School)

Members:

- prof. dr hab. Bogusław Śliwerski (pedagogy)
- dr hab. Błażej Kmiecik prof. APS (pedagogy)
- dr hab. Marcin Sękowski, prof. APS (psychology)
- dr hab. Łukasz Baka, prof. APS (psychology)
- mgr Małgorzata Wszyńska (academic teacher of English)

Interview

Candidates who obtained at least 24 recruitment points shall be invited to interview.

The scope of the interview will include the candidate's previous scientific and research experience, the candidate's knowledge and competences relevant to the planned research and appropriate for the indicated scientific discipline, elements of research methodology appropriate for the indicated discipline, discussion on the submitted research project.

Part of the interview concerning the project summary will be conducted in English, so it will also be a form of exam of language competences of candidates for the Doctoral School.

Interview dates

The recruitment committee shall notify a candidate of admission to the selection procedure and the date of interviews via e-mail, by sending information to the e-mail address indicated by the candidate in the application for admission to the Doctoral School.

Results Announcements

The **recruitment committee** qualifies the candidate for admission to the Doctoral School on the basis of a ranking list, within the admission limit set by the Rector.

The recruitment committee prepares a ranking list. The order in which candidates are placed on the ranking list will be determined by the number of recruitment points obtained in the qualification procedure.

After the completion of the qualification procedure, the recruitment committee will adopt a resolution in which it will indicate the candidates qualified for admission to the Doctoral School and the candidates not qualified for admission.

The results of the recruitment procedure are announced by the recruitment committee on the MGU's website.

Deadline

The final recruitment results will be announced accordingly with schedule - on:



We invite you!

We wish you success in the recruitment process to the MGU Doctoral School



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