

## **Rules for selecting the best graduates of the Warsaw University of Technology Doctoral School eligible to apply for partial cancellation of a student loan**

1. The cancellation of a student loan shall be carried out by the competent bank upon the borrower's application.
2. The best graduates of the Doctoral School of the Warsaw University of Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "Doctoral School") shall be selected from a single group comprising PhD Students of the Doctoral School in all scientific disciplines who completed their education in a given academic year.
3. The basic criteria used to select the group of the best graduates of the Doctoral School are based on documents contained in the personal files of PhD Students and on information made available by the National Science Centre and the ministry responsible for science.
4. A necessary condition for a graduate to be considered in the ranking of the best graduates is the completion of education at the Doctoral School within the time limit specified in the Doctoral School Regulations, i.e. not exceeding 8 semesters. The period referred to in Article 204 section 3 of the Act of 20 July 2018 – *Law on Higher Education and Science* shall not be included in the duration of education at the doctoral school.
5. The supplementary point-based criteria used in selecting the group of the best graduates of the Doctoral School include, for each graduate:
  - 1) the total number of points awarded for publications classified among the top 10% according to the Scopus or Web of Science databases;
  - 2) obtaining, during education at the Doctoral School, an NCN PRELUDIUM grant or an NCBR LIDER grant (NCBR LIDER-UP) (200 points);
  - 3) receiving, during education at the Doctoral School, the Minister's Scholarship for Outstanding Young Scientists (300 points).
6. A graduate of the Doctoral School who meets the basic criteria specified in sections 4 and 5 shall, in order to determine their position among the best graduates, submit an application in accordance with the template attached to these Rules.
7. The position of a graduate within the group of the best graduates shall be determined, upon their application, according to the ranking based on the number of points obtained (starting from the highest score). On this basis, the Doctoral School shall prepare lists of persons constituting respectively the following groups:  
1%, 1.01–5%, and 5.01–10% of the best graduates of the Doctoral School for a given academic year. When calculating the number of persons in each group, fractional numbers shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
8. In disputed matters, the decision shall be made by the Head of the Doctoral School.