



UMCS
UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

UMCS Doctoral Schools

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in Globalized
World
of Science

- 3 DOCTORAL SCHOOLS
- STUDY PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH
- INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PLANS
- INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



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Doctoral Schools at UMCS

Maria Curie Skłodowska University (UMCS) in Lublin has long tradition of graduate doctoral programs. Three Doctoral Schools at UMCS offer education in the following disciplines:

- **Doctoral School of Humanities:** archaeology, philosophy, history, linguistics, literary studies, culture and religion studies, music, fine arts and art conservation
- **Doctoral School of Social Sciences:** economics and finance, management and quality sciences, sociological sciences, legal sciences, psychology, pedagogy, political science and administration, social communication and media, socioeconomic geography and spatial management
- **Doctoral School of Quantitative and Natural Sciences** is run jointly with the *Institute of Agrophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Lublin, the Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation in Puławy, and Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry Polish Academy of Sciences:* mathematics, biological sciences, chemical sciences, physical sciences, earth and environmental sciences, agriculture and horticulture.



Doctoral Programs teaching curriculum include 3 modules:

Core Courses include obligatory courses for all UMCS Doctoral Schools. Core courses are designed to enable doctoral students to acquire skills essential for the research process, presentation of research results, participation in research teams, scientific exchange and academic teaching. They focus mainly on methodological and ethical aspects of research and provide doctoral candidates with advanced skills necessary for future professional careers in academic teaching and research.

Elective Courses offer students possibility to choose courses according to their individual needs and preferences.

Discipline Courses provide doctoral students with knowledge about the identity of their chosen academic discipline and research field, its main achievements and contemporary developments.



Organization of Doctoral Programs

Study Programs in Doctoral Schools last **6-8 semesters (3-4 years)** comprising teaching curriculum and individual research plans of doctoral students. Doctoral students are also offered additional soft skills training and extracurricular activities (summer schools, study visits, etc). Intended result of the study program is the 8th level of PQF.

Teaching at Doctoral Schools is in hands of full professors and university professors who are outstanding specialists in their disciplines. Programs offer versatile **teaching methods** such as lectures, interactive classes, seminars, tutorials, projects and workshops.

Important part of the doctoral study programs at UMCS is the **individual research plan (IRP)** which students conduct with assistance of their academic supervisors. IRP is developed during the 1st year of the program and then continued during the whole studies. Academic supervisors are researchers from Polish and international academic centres with achievements in the study programs disciplines.

After the 4th semester the **mid-program evaluation** of the doctoral students' progress and performance is carried out by the Evaluation Committee. It includes evaluation of the doctoral student's progress in their individual research plan.

- In Doctoral School of Quantitative and Natural Sciences at UMCS implementation doctorate projects are being carried out in cooperation with research institutions and business partners.



Doctoral Scholarships and Insurance

Doctoral students receive monthly **doctoral scholarships**. The statutory scholarships in Poland are PLN 2 104.64 net (before the mid-program evaluation) and PLN 3 242.29 net (after a positive mid-program evaluation). Doctoral students may also apply for **funding related to doctoral research projects** incl. costs of participation in scientific conferences, study visits, purchase of access to databases and printed publications.

Each doctoral student admitted to the doctoral school is a subject to **health insurance**. The health insurance premiums are covered by the UMCS and financed from the State budget. Doctoral student are also subjects to the disability and accident insurance.



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Internationalization

Doctoral Schools at UMCS develop longstanding partnerships with various research and academic institutions specializing in doctoral programs. Students are offered ***various international opportunities*** including:

- Doctoral students individual international grants
- Courses and seminars taught in English
- International exchanges, conferences, seminars and study visits
- International faculty

Maria Curie Skłodowska University (UMCS) has introduced an intensive internationalization of the Doctoral Schools supported by the National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) within its STER 2021 Program. The main goal of the NAWA STER Program is the systemic support for the internationalization of doctoral studies through the implementation of the following activities:

1. Increased enrollment of the international candidates for doctoral programs.
2. Scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students.
3. PhD students' internships in foreign research centers (scientific, research or training internships) and participation of doctoral students in foreign artistic internships.
4. Participation of doctoral students in the Summer School organized by UMCS.
5. Mentoring program for PhD students.
6. Visiting Professors Program.
7. Interdisciplinary Workshops for academic advisors to doctoral students.
8. Expert seminar on the internationalization of doctoral study programs at UMCS.
9. Study visits for the doctoral schools staff in international academic centers.
10. Strengthening the visibility and recognition of UMCS abroad.



Campus, City, Region

Lublin is a city which provides excellent studying and research environment as well as significantly contributes to knowledge-based economy in the region. The city played an **important role in the history** of Central and Eastern Europe and has 700-year-long history of being at crossroads of cultures and religions in Europe. It is well known for its great academic traditions. With more than 80 thousand of students the city provides stimulating atmosphere for studying. Lublin enjoys the highest in Poland number of foreign students in general students population. Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) and other institutions of higher education create an experience of multi-cultural community. Vibrant, growing and developing Lublin is comparatively affordable place to live and easily accessible by public transportation (air, train, bus) and by car. In 2023 Lublin is going to hold a title of the European Capital of Youth.

Doctoral Schools headquarters are located on the **main UMCS campus**. Doctoral seminars as well as the doctoral research activities are conducted in various UMCS Faculties buildings throughout the campus. All other **UMCS facilities** such as Main Library and other libraries, Academic Culture and Media Centre, Polish Language and Culture Centre and Academic Sports Centre are available to doctoral students. Doctoral Schools **Secretariat and support team** assist doctoral students in organisation of studying process. Research support at UMCS include Centre for Scientific Research, International Cooperation Centre and Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer. Students may use university housing on the UMCS campus as well as various accommodation options in town. Also available are various places of culture, sports, recreation and tourism in the region's unique natural resources.

For more information about studying at UMCS
<http://www.umcs.pl/en/applicant.htm>



Recruitment to Doctoral Programs

Recruitment process varies depending on the Doctoral School.

Doctoral School of Humanities and the Doctoral School of Social Sciences
Recruitment in two stages: application with research project proposal and interview.

Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences

Candidates apply to the indicated research topics or submit their own doctoral project.

Successful candidates should present knowledge in selected discipline, significant scientific achievements and organizational skills.

All doctoral students from outside of UE will need a student visa to Poland. After completion of the recruitment process successful candidates from non-EU countries receive the letter confirming the admission to the UMCS Doctoral School and the information about the scholarship. The letter should be used for the visa applications at the Polish Embassy in a given country.

Full information about doctoral programs and the 2022-23 recruitment can be found at the webpage of the UMCS Doctoral Schools
<https://www.umcs.pl/en/doctoral-schools.htm>



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