

The role of the University is [...] "to love objective truth and to strive for it permanently ... it must become a decisive factor in the training of young people to be people who understand each other and our understanding of each other, capable of cooperating in such a way that material considerations prevail over personal ones, common interest over individual ones"."

*Prof. Kazimierz Twardowski: "On the dignity of the University",
lecture on the occasion of awarding the title of Doctor Honoris Causa
of Adam Mickiewicz University, 1930*

Dear PhD Students and Participants of the Doctoral School,

The academic year 2021/2022 is approaching, and this is when you will start studying at the Doctoral School of the Poznan University of Medical Sciences.

By the decision of the Rector of the PUMS, Prof. Andrzej Tykarski, I have the honour to serve as Director of the Doctoral School. Together with deputies, Prof. Tomasz Gośliński and ass. Prof. Michał Karlik, we are trying to ensure that preparing the doctoral dissertation is not just a step to start the adventure with science, but – above all – a step towards active participation in the intellectual life of the University and co-creation of its ideas.

Thanks to the NAWA STER program, we simultaneously conduct classes at the Doctoral School in Polish and English from this academic year. The NAWA STER program enabled us to open up to candidates from all over the world who decided to conduct their research at the Doctoral School of the Poznań University of Medical Sciences in cooperation with Promoters from other foreign Universities. I am delighted that our university graduates have also submitted to recruitment for studies in English.

By continuing the curriculum created in previous years, we would like to give you a modern educational program, giving adequate preparation to conduct scientific research and participate in academic life and international exchange.

From the 11th of October, classes at the *Autumn School* will begin with lecturers from all over the world.

Classes of our *Autumn School* is not a specific compulsory subject. It is an opportunity to discuss with scientists from around the world about how they came to their scientific position, how they became Rectors, what their scientific activity has taught, as well as an excellent opportunity to work on your English language.

Thanks to the optional classes conducted at the Doctoral School, the program can be largely individualized; we would also like to encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of classes offered by foreign universities, about which we will keep you informed. I encourage you to visit our website regularly and follow the information that we regularly place in the Doctoral School Bulletin.

I hope that we will not be affected by another pandemic and the SARS-CoV-2 virus will not disturb our plans in the proper course, which this year, following the Rector's Order, will be conducted to a large extent in the form of direct classes.

I wish you to realize your scientific passions and life plans with us. Obtaining a doctoral degree will open the way to a professional career where knowledge, competence and a solid research workshop are necessary.

Good luck!

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Director of the Doctoral School