## Regulation No. 25/2024 of Director of the W. Szafer Institute of Botany Polish Academy of Sciences dated 27 September 2024

concerning: the rules to govern the award, rates and payment of a doctoral scholarship in the academic year 2024-2025 at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

## Pursuant to:

Article 209 of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (*Journal of Laws* [Dz. U.] of 2023 Item 742 as amended) and § 17 Section 5 of the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences,

I hereby resolve as follows:

§ 1

- 1. A doctoral student at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences shall be awarded a doctoral scholarship under the terms stipulated in the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science, the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, and this Regulation.
- 2. A doctoral scholarship shall be awarded to a doctoral student who does not hold a doctor's degree.
- 3. The period for which a doctoral scholarship is paid may not exceed 4 years in total.
  - 1) A doctoral student whose education at the Doctoral School entails a requirement to be employed by one of the Institutes co-managing the Doctoral School under an employment contract providing for remuneration in the amount exceeding a professor's rate of remuneration, i.e. PLN 9,370, shall not be entitled to a doctoral scholarship.
- 4. The monthly rate of the doctoral scholarship in the academic year 2024-2025 shall be:
  - 1) for scholarships financed out of the funds of the units managing the Doctoral School:
    - by the month in which a mid-term evaluation is carried out: PLN 3,466.90;
    - following the month in which the mid-term evaluation is carried out: PLN 5,340.90.
  - 2) for scholarships financed under projects funded from external sources as provided for in the relevant project financing agreement, however the scholarship rate may not be lower than as specified in Item 1) above.
- 5. A doctoral student who holds a medical certificate of disability, a medical certificate on a degree of disability or the certificate, referred to in Articles 6 and 62 of the Act of 27 August 1997 on Occupational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of People with Disabilities, shall be awarded a doctoral scholarship at the rate increased by 30% of the amount specified in Section 4 Item 1).
- 6. In the period of suspension of education the relevant provisions governing establishment of the amount of maternity leave shall apply accordingly, however the basis for the maternity benefit assessment shall be understood as the monthly rate of the doctoral scholarship, referred to in

- Section 4 Item 1) above, the person concerned is eligible for as at the date of submission of a request for suspension.
- 7. A doctoral student who submitted a doctoral dissertation at any earlier date prior to the date of completion of the education as provided for in the syllabus, shall be paid a doctoral scholarship until the said date of completion of the education, however not longer than for a period of 6 months.

§ 2

- 1. A doctoral scholarship shall be awarded for a period of 12 months and paid out on a monthly basis by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
- 2. A doctoral scholarship shall be transferred to the doctoral student's bank account.
- 3. In order to receive the doctoral scholarship and have the social security contributions paid, as required by the law, the doctoral student shall file a declaration according to the model form thereof specified in **Appendix No. 1 to this Regulation**, with the Secretary's Office of the Doctoral School by 5 October 2024. Failure to submit the declaration by that date or to provide further information therein if so requested by the Doctoral School's Secretary shall result in the scholarship payment being adjourned until a correctly completed declaration is filed.

§ 3

The W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences shall process a doctoral student's personal data included in the declaration referred to in § 2 Section 3 in accordance with Article 6 Section 1 letter (a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) for the purposes of payment of the scholarship and of the social security contributions required by the law.

§ 4

The Regulation shall come into effect as of the date it is signed.