

Preparation of PhD Thesis and PhD Defense: General Information for PhD students

PhD student prepares PhD Thesis:

The PHD thesis is based on two or more JCR peer-reviewed publications of the whole IF>1. At least one of the papers should have a form of original work. Written description of the carried out studies and summarized results, as well as interpretation/conclusions, should be provided. The PhD thesis should also include an introduction, a review of the literature, hypothesis/es, aims and a list of references. The document should be supplemented by a signed statement of all authors included in the papers declared as PhD publications, proving their individual input in each publication.

The PhD Thesis may also have a form of monography prepared according to suitable scientific practices, i.e. it should contain an Introduction, Review of the Literature, Hypothesis and Aims, M&M containing experimental design, Results Description, Discussion, and Reference List.

Before submission of the PhD Thesis to the Discipline/Dean's Office the manuscript should be accepted by the Supervisor and Chairs of the Veterinary Discipline Council (or members of the Vet Council, experts on the field).

Please note that additional rules associated with the participation in a specific program may apply (e.g. POWER 3.5).

The PhD Commission is responsible for the proceeding of the PhD Defense procedure:

It will consist of Chair, Members, Supervisor/s and 3 external Referees (Polish/Foreign).

Three referees prepare reviews of PhD thesis within a fixed period of 2 months.

PhD Defense is public, in front of the PhD Commission, Referees and public auditory:

PhD Student presents the Thesis in the form of ppt 15 min presentation that should contain all the necessary parts according to usual scientific practices as: Introduction, Aims, Experimental Design, M&M; Description of Results and Synthetic Conclusions. Thereafter, the Reviews are then presented and opened discussion allowed and encouraged. The PhD student responds to all remarks and suggestions of Reviewers. Each participant of PhD Defense has the right to ask the question within the scope of the PhD Defense topic and PhD student should be able to respond.

The PhD Commission takes the decision regarding acceptance of the PhD defense during the confidential meeting, which takes place directly after the public defense. The Commission is eligible to recommend that the PhD Thesis be awarded the special prize. Finally, the Commission prepares the written resolution directed to the Veterinary Discipline Council on the acceptance or rejection of the PhD defense.

The final Decision is made by the Veterinary Discipline Council Assembly, which is usually scheduled one monthly.

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