

Stanisław Leszczycki Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization Polish Academy of Sciences (IGSO PAS)

## IS ANNOUNCING A COMPETITION SELECTION PROCEDURE

for the GeoPlanet Doctoral School in the academic year 2022/2023

Studies at the GeoPlanet Doctoral School last 4 years. During the course of studies, the student should pass the lectures and seminars provided for in the programme, including interdisciplinary lectures given in the institutes forming the doctoral school, and prepare a doctoral thesis. Most seminars and all course lectures are held in English.

Doctoral schools may accept students who hold a Master's degree or equivalent.

Candidates should submit the following documents::

1. Application for admission to the doctoral school with the consent to process personal data for the recruitment process and a statement on familiarizing oneself with the Recruitment Regulations for the GeoPlanet Doctoral School (Attachment 1 - Application form for admission to the GeoPlanet Doctoral School).

The topic of the doctoral dissertation (point 5 of the Application) should be chosen from the list provided (Attachment 4 - List of topics) or should be formulated by the candidate himself/herself and agreed with the future supervisor/tutor.

2. A certified copy of the Master's degree diploma.
3. Transcript of academic grades from bachelor and master studies.
4. A curriculum vitae containing the course of previous education and employment (Attachment 2 - CV form).
5. A letter of motivation containing a short description of scientific interests, scientific achievements, a list of publications, information on involvement in scientific activity (membership in scientific circles, participation in scientific conferences, internships and trainings, received awards and distinctions) and a justification of the intention to undertake education at the doctoral school (Attachment 3 - Letter of motivation form).
6. Certificates or other documents confirming the level of English language skills, if applicable.
7. At least one recommendation letter (reference letter) from a senior researcher.

The documents should be delivered in person or by post to the Institute's address (00-818 Warsaw, ul. Twarda 51/55, secretariat room number 341), or in electronic form by sending them to the following e-mail address: [b.ziel@twarda.pan.pl](mailto:b.ziel@twarda.pan.pl)

The final deadline for submitting documents is August 31, 2022. This deadline may be extended by decision of the Director of IGIPZ PAN.

The competitive recruitment will be conducted in two independent rounds. In the first round, the recruitment procedure will apply to applications submitted by 19 June 2022. The second round will cover applications submitted at a later date.

In the case of documentation that does not meet formal requirements, candidates will be asked to fill in the gaps within 7 days from the date of sending the notification. After this period, incomplete applications will be rejected and candidates will be informed accordingly.

Each round of recruitment process will take place in two stages:

## Stage I - Evaluation of the documentation submitted

The selection committee will evaluate the results in points:

a) the candidate's scientific achievements (0-5 points) based on study grades, scientific and popular science publications, patent applications, awards and distinctions resulting from conducting scientific research or student activity, scientific scholarships;

b) the candidate's scientific and professional experience (0-5 points) based on participation in conferences, workshops, trainings, participation in research and commercial projects, involvement in scientific societies and groups.

Candidates must have obtained a minimum of 6 points in stage I in order to qualify for stage II.

Candidates will be informed about the results of the first stage and the dates of interviews within 2 weeks of the completion of the first or second round of recruitment.

Stage II - an interview during which the committee will assess:

(a) the candidate's knowledge of the discipline represented by the Institute (0-3 points);

(b) knowledge of the subjects chosen by the candidate in the research topic indicated (0-3 points);

(c) motivation and aptitude for research (0-4 points).

Based on the sum of the points from the assessment of the application in the first stage and the assessment of the interview in the second stage, three ranking lists of candidates will be created. The first and second lists will concern candidates who wish to pursue doctoral dissertations within currently funded NCN research projects (items 1 and 2 in Appendix 4), the third list will concern candidates who wish to pursue other topics. The person or persons who obtain the highest total number of points (but not less than 11) will be admitted to the Geoplanet Doctoral School.

The Institute will inform the candidates of the results within 14 days of the last interview.

Director of the Institute

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