

Appendix 2

to the Regulations of the Scientific Council of the Nencki Institute
approved at the meeting on December 13, 2024.

REGULATIONS FOR DISTINCTION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

1. Proposals for distinction must be submitted in a written form by at least two reviewers.
2. To be eligible for distinction, the doctoral student should pass the exam in the basic discipline (biological sciences) with distinction. In the case of students who passed the exam before April 14, 2023, obtaining a “very good” grade is equivalent to passing the exam with distinction.
3. The doctoral student should be the first author of at least one experimental publication or manuscript accepted for publication or of a "preprint" containing results presented in the dissertation, or should significantly contribute, as acknowledged by the supervisor, to a patent application related to the subject of the doctoral dissertation.
4. The proposal for distinction should be supported by the evaluation team during a secret ballot in the closed part of the defense. If at least 75% of the members of the evaluation team support the proposal for distinction, this fact shall be reported to the Scientific Council together with the minutes from the defense.
5. Distinction of a dissertation is voted by secret ballot at the Scientific Council meeting, after the doctoral degree has been awarded, and granted by a simple majority vote.
6. Distinction of the doctoral dissertation by the Scientific Council is recorded in the doctoral student personal file.
7. The number of candidates for distinction is not limited.