

## INFORMATION FOR EXPERT CANDIDATES REGISTERED IN THE DATABASE

Evaluation of the quality of education at doctoral schools is a staggered and cyclical process (doctoral schools will be evaluated no less frequently than every 6 years). **The evaluation is carried out by the Science Evaluation Committee (KEN), and is carried out by experts appointed by KEN Chairman.**

A separate team of experts, the so-called evaluation team, will be appointed for the evaluation of each doctoral school. Each evaluation team may include from 4 to 7 experts - depending on the size of the doctoral school (the number of disciplines in which training is provided and the number of doctoral students). Each such team will include a member of the KEN (in the role of team chairman) and experts with significant scientific or artistic achievements (including at least one employed at a foreign university or foreign scientific institution) - **selected from a database of expert candidates**, as well as one doctoral student (appointed from among candidates indicated by the Polish Association of Doctoral Candidates - KRD).

The evaluation schedule for Q4 2024 includes the evaluation of 14 doctoral schools. The KEN Chairman will appoint 14 evaluation teams for this purpose. The schedule for 2025, on the other hand, envisages 35 evaluations, so 35 more expert teams will then be gradually appointed. **The database of expert candidates will therefore be a continuously used source of experts for conducting evaluations. The recruitment of candidates to this database is open indefinitely.**

Expert candidates proposed to conduct an evaluation of a given doctoral school, (i.e. candidates selected from the database by the KEN), will be contacted officially by e-mail to confirm candidate's interest in participating in a given evaluation. If interest is confirmed, the candidate will be appointed to the evaluation team by the KEN Chairman. If the candidate refuses, or fails to respond within the timeframe specified in the email, KEN will propose another candidate from the database.

Once the composition of the evaluation team has been completed and appointed by the KEN Chairman, regular contact with experts will be established by a member of the KEN who serves as team chairman.