

ORDINANCE no. 19/2022  
OF RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN  
of the 25th of February 2022  
regarding regulations for the

Best Junior Scientist of the University of Szczecin contest

Pursuant to art. 23, section 2, point 2 of the Higher Education and Science act of the 20th of July 2018 (Dz. U. 2021, item 478 as amended) it is hereby ordered as follows:

REGULATIONS FOR THE BEST YOUNG SCIENTIST  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN CONTEST

§1.

Regulations for the Best Young Scientist of the the University of Szczecin contest, hereinafter "the Contest", determine the goal, regulations and mode for this contest.

§2.

The goal of the contest is to promote outstanding young scientists employed at the University of Szczecin on the basis of an employment contract and postgraduate students of the University of Szczecin as well as their scientific achievements.

§3.

1. The Contest is announced by Rector of the University of Szczecin, hereinafter "Rector", by the 1st of March of the year in which the Contest is announced. The Contest is publicly announced by posting appropriate information on the website of the University of Szczecin ([www.usz.edu.pl](http://www.usz.edu.pl)).

2. Rector may resign from announcing the Contest in a given calendar year as well as resign from proving a winner or a person receiving a commendation in a given category.

3. Results of the Contest and its winners and recipients of commendations (honourable mentions) are announced by 30th of June of the calendar year in which the Contest is announced. Results of the Contest are announced on the website of the University of Szczecin ([www.usz.edu.pl](http://www.usz.edu.pl)).

1. The Contest is announced and carried out in the following categories:

1) Category I: economical and legal sciences group (economy and finances, management and quality assurance sciences, socio-economic geography and land management, legal sciences);

2) Category II: humanities, theological sciences and remaining social sciences (philosophy, history, linguistics, literary science, politics and administration sciences, pedagogy, sociology, psychology, theological sciences);

3) Category III: exact sciences, natural sciences and health sciences (physical sciences, mathematics, earth and environment sciences, biology sciences, physical culture sciences).

2. In each of the categories stipulated in section 1 Rector proves a winner and a person receiving a commendation subject to §3, section 2 of the ordinance.

3. A person who received the greatest number of points in a given category for the scientific achievements in two calendar years directly preceding the current edition of the Contest awarded consistently with the criteria determined in §8 of the ordinance is declared the winner.
4. The winner of the Contest receives the title of the Best Young Scientist of the University of Szczecin and a monetary reward. The amount of the monetary reward is determined by Rector. The funds for the reward are drawn from the general university funds.
5. A person who receives the second highest number of points receives a commendation.
6. Rector hands congratulatory letters to winners and recipients of commendations during the September meeting of the Senate of the University of Szczecin.

#### §5.

1. A person who is involved in scientific work at the University of Szczecin and who meets the following criteria is eligible for participation in the contest:
  - 1) is a postgraduate student or an academic teacher and does not hold a PhD degree or
  - 2) holds a PhD degree which was awarded no later than 7 years ago (as of the date of submitting the application).
2. The period stipulated in section 1, point 2 does not include the duration of a maternity leave, a leave consistent with conditions of a maternity leave, a paternity leave, a parental leave granted under the provisions determined in the Labour Code act of the 26th of June 1974 (Dz. U. 2020, item 1320 as amended), or periods of collecting maternity or parental allowance or periods of collecting incapacity benefit or rehabilitation benefit in relation to incapacity for work, including incapacity caused by a disease requiring medical rehabilitation.
3. Winners of previous editions of the Contest cannot participate in the current edition of the Contest. A winner of a previous edition of the Contest is a person who received the title of the Best Young Scientist of the University of Szczecin and a monetary reward in one of the previous editions of the Contest.

#### §6.

1. The application for participation in the contest is submitted to the scientific council of the institute, hereinafter "the Council", through an appropriate science section by the 31st of March of the year in which the Contest is announced. The application is submitted by using the form which constitutes an attachment to this ordinance. Documents confirming achievements indicated in the application are to be attached to the application.
2. The application for participation in the Contest received after lapse of the deadline stipulated in section 1 is not examined.
3. The Council reviews applications meeting the formal criteria stipulated in sections 1 and 2. From among persons whose applications were reviewed positively the Council selects the maximum of three best candidates for receiving the award in the Contest.
4. The Contest candidates from the Institute selected consistently with provisions of section 3 are entered into the Contest by the Council through the Science and Scientific Projects

Department of the University of Szczecin by the 30th of April of the calendar year in which the Contest was announced by submitting the applications for participation along with the documentation regarding scientific achievements and the resolution regarding selection of the Contest candidates.

§7.

1. The substantive assessment of the applications for awarding the award in candidates' contest submitted by councils is performed by the Awards and Commendations Commission, hereinafter "the Commission".
2. In case of any doubts regarding the achievements indicated in the application the Commission may call a candidate to complete the application or submit explanations.
3. Following substantive assessment of the applications the Commission recommends the candidates who received the greatest number of points in a given category to Rector and applies to Rector to prove winners and to grant awards. The Commission also recommends to Rector persons who received commendations in each category.
4. The Commission passes to Rector a protocol of the meeting which includes a ranking list along with the list of persons recommended for the award and the commendation in individual categories.
5. Candidates cannot appeal against the decision of the Commission regarding recommendation nor can they appeal against Rector's decision regarding proving a winner.

§8.

1. The substantive criteria for assessment of candidate's application for the award consist in the scientific achievements of the candidate in two calendar years directly preceding a given edition of the contest which are simultaneously a period of employment at the University of Szczecin or the period of education within the framework of postgraduate studies at the University of Szczecin or in the Doctoral School of the University of Szczecin.
2. Only publications affiliated with the University of Szczecin and indicated in the Bibliography Database of the Main Library of the University of Szczecin are taken into consideration.
3. The Commission awards points to candidates for the following scientific achievements:
  - 1) publications (papers, monographs, chapters in a monograph, scientific editing of a monograph);
  - 2) practical application of the results of scientific research or development works, including obtaining a national or foreign patent, implementation of results of scientific work in a different form;
  - 2) participation in a project;
  - 4) a foreign internship or a foreign scholarship;
  - 5) receiving individual awards or a major contribution in developing an achievement for which a team award has been awarded in a highly prestigious contest of an international reach;

6) popularizing science.

4. Points for scientific papers are awarded consistently with the communication of the Minister of Education and Science regarding the list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed international conference materials effective on the day of awarding points along with the assigned number of points.

5. Points for monographs, chapters in a monograph, scientific editing of a monograph are awarded consistently with the communication of the Minister of Education and Science regarding the list of publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed level I and II scientific monographs effective on the day of awarding points.

6. For practical application of results of scientific research or development works, including obtaining a domestic or foreign patent, or implementation of the results of scientific work in other form a Candidate receives 40 points.

7. Points for participation in a project are awarded as follows:

1) for serving as a manager of a project financed by: the National Centre of Science,

The National Centre of Research and Development, the Foundation for Polish Science,

The European Research Council (ERC), the Ministry of Education and Science - 40 points;

2) for execution in a project financed by: the National Centre of Science, The National Centre of Research and Development, the Foundation for Polish Science, The European Research Council (ERC), the Ministry of Education and Science - 20 points

3) for execution in the European Union framework project in the field of scientific research and innovations "Horyzont 2020" or other international scientific programmes - 20 points;

4) for serving as a project manager of a project financed by institutions supporting scientific activity other than the institutions indicated in points 1-3 - max. of 20 points;

5) for execution in a project financed by public trust institutions supporting scientific activity other than the institutions indicated in points 1-3 - max. of 10 points;

8. Points for a foreign internship or a foreign scholarship are awarded as follows:

1) for a foreign internship or a foreign scholarship lasting shorter than a month - 10 points;

2) for a foreign internship or a foreign scholarship lasting a month or longer than a month - 20 points;

9. For an individual award or a major contribution to producing an achievement for which a team award has been awarded in a highly prestigious contest of an international reach - 40 points.

10. For popularization of science no more than 5 points are awarded. Popularization of science shall be understood as actions aimed at clarifying results of scientific research and presenting issues and problems of science which were tackled outside of the education system as supplementary material to a wide audience.

§9.

Ordinance no. 34/2021 of Rector of the University of Szczecin of the 23rd of February 2021 regarding implementation of the regulations for the Best Young Scientist of the University of Szczecin is null and void.

§10

This ordinance comes into effect on the day of its signing.

*Attachment to ordinance no. 19/2022 of Rector of the University of Szczecin of the 25th of February 2022*

Rector of the University of Szczecin  
through  
the Scientific Council of the Institute  
and the Awards and Commendations Commission

### CONTEST APPLICATION

Application for the Best Young Scientist of the University of Szczecin contest

*Name*

*Surname*

Date of becoming employed at the University of Szczecin or the date of beginning postgraduate studies at the University of Szczecin or education in the Doctoral School of the University of Szczecin:

Primary organizational unit:

List of scientific achievements

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Name and surname of the candidate	Points					
	Publications	Practical application of results of scientific research or development works	Projects	Internships	International individual/team awards	Other activities/popularization of science (to be filled by the Commission)

Declarations:

I hereby declared that the provided information is true.

I am fully aware of the disciplinary liability for making a false declaration.

*Date and legible signature of the candidate*

*Date and legible signature of a superior/supervisor/thesis supervisor\**

Attachments:

- 1) a print-out from the Bibliography Database of the Main Library of the University of Szczecin documenting publications in the assessed period,
- 2) a copy of a document confirming procuring a project or participation in a project,
- 3) a copy of a document confirming undergoing an internship,
- 4) a copy of a document confirming receiving an international individual/team award,
- 5) a copy of a document confirming practical application of results of scientific research or development works (patents, other forms of implementation).