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Rector's Directive

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Rules for Awarding the Rector's Award for the Best Publication Outputs from Doctoral Research Nadpis

Article 1

Introduction

- (1) This Directive applies to all parts of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague (hereinafter called "CZU"), except for the CZU Estate, CZU Forest, and CZU Winery. It sets forth the rules for awarding the Rector's Award for the best publication outputs resulting from doctoral students' research (hereinafter referred to as the "Rector's Award").
- (2) The Rector's Award is awarded within the framework of a competition (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition"), which is announced by the Rector each academic year via the university's information systems, through an official announcement or newsletter (hereinafter referred to as the "Rector's Information").

Article 2

Applications and Deadlines

- (1) The Competition is open to applicants who, in the relevant academic year, are:
 - a. enrolled in a full-time or part-time doctoral study program;
 - b. graduates of a full-time or part-time doctoral study program; or;
 - c. students who have interrupted their full-time or part-time doctoral studies.
- (2) For the purposes of the Competition, the academic year shall be defined as the period from 1 October of the year preceding the announcement of the Competition to 30 September of the year in which the Competition is announced.
- (3) Applications must be submitted by the publication's author in the form of a written request accompanied by the publication, addressed to the Science and Research Department of the Rector's Office at CZU. The publication must list CZU
- (4) as the author's affiliation. Submissions must include either a copy of the published article or confirmation of acceptance for publication. In the case of accepted but unpublished manuscripts, a version showing the authors' order must be attached.

The deadline for submitting works to the Competition is 30 September of the calendar year unless otherwise specified in the Rector's information.

Article 3

Competition Rules

- (1) For the Competition, a scientific publication is a paper published in a scientific journal with an impact factor (a journal indexed in the Journal Citation Index of the Web of Science – classified as a "Jimp-type" result). Eligible types of publications include those labeled as "article," "review," or "short communication." Publications designated as "abstract" or "proceedings" are not eligible. Only papers published or accepted for publication within the academic year defined in Article 2(2) are eligible, and the submitting author must be listed as the first author.
- (2) An author may submit multiple publications to the Competition; however, each must be submitted separately.
- (3) A publication submitted in a previous academic year may not be resubmitted, even if published in the academic year in which the current Competition applies.
- (4) Submitted publications will be ranked based on the journal's score:
 - a. Publications will be ranked by the AIS (Article Influence Score) percentile within the relevant FORD (Field of Research and Development) category. If a journal is classified under multiple FORDs, the ranking will be based on the lowest percentile.
Example: If a journal ranks 25th out of 530, the resulting percentile = $25/530 = 0.04717$.
 - b. The top-ranked article will have the lowest percentile value.
 - c. All percentile values will be based on the current Journal Citation Reports (Web of Science) as of 30 September, the Competition's closing date.
- (5) The financial award shall be disbursed on dates and in a manner communicated to the recipients, preferably at the earliest opportunity following confirmation of the publication's inclusion in the *Nature Index*.

Article 4

Awarding of Competition Winners

- (1) Authors of the highest-ranked publications will receive a Rector's Award certificate and a financial Award during an official ceremony. The amount of the financial reward is based on the maximum funds allocated to the Competition for the given academic year and will be distributed as follows:
 - 1st Award: 18 % of the total allocated funds
 - 2nd Award: 15 % of the total allocated funds
 - 3rd Award: 12 % of the total allocated funds
 - 4th Award: 10 % of the total allocated funds
 - 5th Award: 7 % of the total allocated funds

6th–10th Awards: 20 % of the total allocated funds, to be distributed equally among recipients

11th–20th Awards: 18 % of the allocated funds will be distributed equally among recipients. In the case of ties at or beyond 20th place, all authors with equal points will share the Award equally.

The Award money will be reimbursed according to the dates and procedures communicated to the award recipients.

¹If the amount of CZK 200,000 will be allocated for the Competition for the respective academic year, the amount of the Award will be: 1st Award CZK 36,000, 2nd Award CZK 30,000, 3rd Award CZK 24,000, 4th Award CZK 20,000, 5th Award CZK 14,000, 6th-10th Award CZK 8,000 / 1 Award winner, 11th-20th Award CZK 3,600 / 1 Award winner.

Article 5

Final Provisions

- (1) This Directive shall enter into force and effect on the day of its announcement.
- (2) This directive repeals Rector's Directive No. 6/2021 is hereby repealed.