

Criteria for Awarding Incentive Scholarships to Full-time Doctoral Students for the Academic Year 2023/2024

In the academic year 2023/2024, incentive scholarships will be provided to full-time doctoral students financed from central sources based on specific criteria. These scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional performance during their doctoral studies. The incentive scholarship will be disbursed in addition to the standard scholarship and will be paid out during the month of December.

Please note that students who successfully defended their dissertations during the summer session will not be eligible for this award, as they will no longer be considered regular doctoral students in December.

The evaluation of students' activities for the academic year will be conducted by the Scientific Council of the institute, working in collaboration with supervisors and department guarantors. This evaluation will take place in July and August of the respective academic year. To determine the eligibility for the incentive scholarship, the assessment will refer to the criteria outlined in Appendix No. 1.

To qualify for an incentive scholarship, students must accumulate a minimum of 20 points within the academic year being evaluated. The proposal for the scholarship nomination must be submitted electronically by the statutory representative of the organization on behalf of the entire organization to the member of the Presidium of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) responsible for doctoral studies and the relevant member of the Presidium of SAS by August 31. It is imperative that the proposal adheres to the format provided in Appendix No. 2.

The proposals will be reviewed during the September meeting of the SAS Presidium. During this meeting, the amount of the incentive scholarship will also be determined based on the current circumstances. The SAS Presidium reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the submitted data.

The criteria for awarding incentive scholarships to full-time doctoral students financed from central sources have been officially approved by the SAS Presidium during a meeting held on October 12, 2023.

These criteria will become effective on the day following their publication on the SAS website. Bratislava,

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the President of the SAS

Appendix No. 1

Activity	Number of points
Obtaining at least 60 credits per academic year	5
Obtaining at least 60 credits for the evaluated academic year if it was the first year of study	10
Obtaining a Doktograd or other research grant as an principal investigator	10
Obtaining a Quality Certificate for the submitted - filed unfunded Doktograd project	8
Filing a Doktograd project - the allocation of points is excluded with the allocation of points for obtaining a Doktograd or Quality Certificate	3
Lecture at the all-academic seminar of doctoral students	5
Active participation in the SAS doctoral student competition (no award)	5
An award received in the SAS doctoral student competition (including honorable mention)	10
Participation in a student competition organized by a university, college or SAS institute (not competitions with compulsory participation)	3
Active participation (the student presents) at a domestic extra-institutional conference (this category also includes mixed Czech and Slovak or Czech conferences) lecture/poster	4/2
Active participation (student presents) at an international conference selected lecture/lecture/poster	10/5/3
Publication as the first or corresponding author in a journal registered in WoS	15
Co-authored publication in a journal registered in WoS	10
Publication as the first or corresponding author in a journal registered only in SCOPUS (not simultaneously in WoS)	8
Co-authored publication in a journal registered in SCOPUS (not in WoS)	5
Publication as the first or a corresponding author in a journal registered in another internationally recognized database specific to the given field of study (the author will justify the database in a note to the proposal)	8
Co-authored publication in a journal registered in another internationally recognized database specific to the given scientific field (statutory author will justify the database in a note to the proposal)	5
Publication (not an abstract) in a peer-reviewed scientific journal not registered in WoS or SCOPUS or in a peer-reviewed collection	3
Monograph chapter – only a monograph with new results, not overview books - (at least 1 author sheet)	6
Monograph - only a monograph with new results, not overview books	20
Completion of a foreign internship lasting at least 30/60/90 days	10/15/20
Participation in an international summer school/university	3
A citation for a publication in which the student is the first or corresponding author	2

Comments to the Appendix:

1. Inclusion of the DoktoGrant - the application for the DoktoGrant is counted in the academic year in which, if successful, student will begin work on the project. Thus, applications submitted at the end of AY (academic year) 2022/2023 will be included in AY 2023/2024 with the number of points according to success. Applications filed in July-August 2024 shall be included in AY 2024/2025.
2. The lecture at the all-academic seminar of doctoral students – it is a new program, it has been held twice so far, it will be held again in the autumn, and three selected representatives of three science departments give lectures. They will receive the appropriate points.
3. The Student Scientific conference (ŠVK) of universities and colleges belongs to the box: Participation in a student competition organized by a university, college or SAS institute (not competitions with a mandatory participation). It is not possible to register them as participating in a domestic conference at the same time.
4. For domestic and/or foreign conferences, points are awarded only for personal presentation - i.e. if the student participated in the conference as a co-author of 3 posters/lectures, and was a presenter at one, only that one is counted. The presenting author is always indicated when registering for the conference, in the program and often in the proceeding.
5. 10 points is given to a lecture at international conferences, which do not allow a free choice of presentation of the paper, but the lectures are selected from the registered abstracts and the rest are classified as posters. At the same time, these conferences cannot be organized by the doctoral student's workplace. Otherwise, the lecture at the international conference is evaluated with 5 points.
6. An international conference is understood to be a conference organized by a foreign institution abroad, or a domestic institution in Slovakia with a numerically significant participation of foreign scientists. The Czech Republic is not considered a foreign country. Student conferences are counted as student conferences even if students from abroad participated in them.
7. Only scientific works are considered publications, works published in daily/weekly/monthly periodical social/tabloid press are not included in publication activities.
8. If the specifics of the specialization do not express the contribution of the authors in their order, the statutory representative will justify this in a footnote to the student's evaluation.
9. Only contributions in proceedings that are not output from the conference are counted. Outputs from the conference, abstracts or longer texts that have been scored as conference contributions are not scored a second time.
10. In general, each activity can be reported only once, not duplicated in two different boxes, it means e.g. active participation in a conference with an abstract or extended text (although in the range of several pages, as long as it does not significantly exceed the content of the presentation itself) in a published collection or in an attachment to a scientific journal must be reported as an active participation in a conference according to the type of conference and is not counted as a publication at the same time. If a competition is part of the conference (e.g. a competition for the best poster or the best lecture by a young scientist) and the student filed

his/her contribution to the competition, it is not counted as another separate contribution, since it is the same presentation for which he received points as for the poster or a lecture.

11. The publication can be included as an author's monograph if the student has a substantial authorship share (publication with 1-2 authors). In addition, a monograph is a work with a scope of at least 3 author's sheets. For large author collectives, it should be included as a chapter in a monograph.

12. If the two first authors are listed as "contributed equally", both are considered first authors.

13. Publications are reported in the AY (1. 9. 202n – 31. 8. 202(n+1)) in which they were published. It is also possible to include a publication that during this time interval was provably accepted for publication (not one that is in the review process, even if it developed positively), but it is no longer possible to include it again when it comes out. Each publication can be included within one AY only.

14. In the case of citations, it is not decisive when the cited work was published, but when the work with the citation was published, or when the citation appeared in the WoS database. That is, for example this year's reporting does not include citations in works published before 1/9/2022. For citations that appeared around the turn of the academic year, it is possible to include them in the "previous" or "following" year, but always in one AY only.