Annex to Regulation No. 48

of the Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice

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# Regulations for granting

Distinctions by the Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice

**§ 1 Main provisions**

1. These regulations set out the rules for awarding JM Rector's Distinctions to the University of Silesia in Katowice (hereinafter referred to as Distinctions) - a competition organized by the University of Silesia in Katowice, based at ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice (hereinafter referred to as the University).
2. The University unit coordinating the organization of the Competition is the Student Service Centre (hereinafter referred to as **COS**).
3. Distinctions are granted on the basis of the results of an open competition, which is of a voluntary nature, and one of its goals is to promote the activities and achievements of its winners in public space.
4. Confirmation of receipt of the Distinction is in the form of a congratulatory letter with an indication of selected achievements.
5. In a given edition of the Distinction Competition, apart from the regular competition procedure described in § 2 and § 3, in particular university graduates may be awarded Distinctions that are not subject to the regulation indicated in § 1 para. 7, 8 and 9.
6. Candidates for the Distinctions in the competition procedure specified in § 2 and § 3 respectively must have the following status on the day of submitting the application:
	1. a student or doctoral student of the University;
	2. a participant in the form of education provided by the Open University at the University of Silesia in Katowice (hereinafter referred to as the Open University).
7. It is possible to apply for the Distinction many times, but one can receive it once at each of the following stages of education or participation in the University, presenting activities or achievements from a given learning period:
	1. as a participant in one of the forms of education provided by the Open University (independently for each of them);
	2. as a student of 1st cycle, 2nd cycle, and long-cycles studies, what is

treated collectively as one opportunity to apply for the Distinction;

* 1. as a doctoral student.
1. At each of the above-mentioned stages, it is allowed to demonstrate activities and achievements from the beginning of a given stage to the day on which the deadline for submitting applications passes, and thus, for example, by applying for the Distinction as a doctoral student, the candidate in the application presents the activity and achievements since the beginning of doctoral studies, while when applying for the Distinction as a student, the candidate presents in the application the activities and achievements from the moment of obtaining the student status for the first time, regardless of the programme of study or mode of study.
2. The competition procedure consists of two separate modes. One for participants of selected forms of education within the Open University and the other for students of full-time and part-time 1st and 2nd cycle studies as well as long-cycle studies, as well as participants of full-time and part-time doctoral studies (3rd cycle studies) and doctoral students of doctoral schools.

# § 2 Competition procedure at the Open University

1. Candidates for Distinctions may be participants in various forms of education at the Open University. In the case of these groups of Candidates, the competition procedure for granting Distinctions is conducted by the Open University in consultation with the Distinction Competition Chapter referred to in these regulations.
2. Candidates for Distinctions fill out the Application electronically in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the competition organizer. The Application together with attachments, including signed statements on the processing of personal data (after reading the GDPR information clause), must be submitted by the Candidates at the place, time and in the form indicated by the organizer. The Application and attachments shall not be returned to the Candidates.

# § 3 Competition procedure for students and doctoral students

1. Distinctions are granted as a result of the Distinction competition procedure, which includes, in particular, a qualitative assessment of the Distinctions Competition Chapter and the decision of the Rector. Candidates independently and voluntarily submit their Applications, and their submission is equivalent to the acceptance of these regulations.
2. The basic criterion for awarding Distinctions is the assessment of the value and significance of the projects implemented by the Candidates, as well as the assessment of their individual achievements also against the background of other applications.
3. Distinctions may be granted for outstanding activity and achievements in one or more categories referred to in para. 4. The Candidate may exhibit activities from various areas, provided that in at least one of them an activity lasts over one academic year.
4. The areas of activity and achievements of students and doctoral students have been grouped into the following categories:
	1. scientific achievements - in particular authorship or co-authorship of scientific articles, books, patents, managing own scientific projects or significant participation in projects, giving presentations at scientific conferences of at least national level, representing the University in national and international competitions, working as the main organizer of a scientific conference of at least national level;
	2. artistic achievements - film, theatre, novel, poetry, visual arts, graphics, painting, music, etc. as an author or co-author of e.g. a novel, theatre play, etc.;
	3. sport achievements - any disciplines, victories or participation in competitions and contests at the level of academic, local, regional, national and international championships;
	4. popular science activity – which is directed to people not professionally connected with science, e.g. authorship of popular science publications (especially those available to the public), active participation in science festivals, open days, including in particular the implementation of original ideas of own thematic stands, workshops, lectures, and activities such as conducting popular science classes in schools, organization of scientific and training conferences whose main recipients are people from outside the University, and activity in the media;
	5. social activities - activities undertaken for the benefit of other people, specific social groups, local communities, animals, the natural environment, social integration, professional and sport activation (e.g. social campaigns, charity fundraiser);
	6. cultural activities - implementation of own cultural projects or active participation in them as a performer, e.g. meetings with artists, organization of exhibitions, actions facilitating participation in culture, popularizing reading, Polish or international culture;
	7. initiating and developing student life - e.g. organization of events, meetings, trainings, trips going beyond the study programme.
5. Activities in each of the categories must comply with the study regulations and oaths that the Candidate made when starting his studies at the University.
6. From among the students and doctoral students who will receive Distinctions in a given edition of the Distinction competition, a person or a persons may be selected to be awarded the title of a Student/Doctoral Student of the Year. The Distinction Competition Chapter, referred to in these regulations, decides on the way of selecting winners.
7. If you submit your Application for participation in the competition as a student or doctoral student, the Distinction Competition Chapter reserves the right to conduct a plebiscite through public voting on the University's website, whose aim will be to select from among the Persons who were granted a Distinction a Student/Doctoral Student of the Year in a given edition of the competition.
8. Information on the commencement of the Distinction competition procedure for students and doctoral students is published on the University's website at: [www.us.edu.pl.](http://www.us.edu.pl/) There are also applications available separately for each edition of the Distinction competition, together with instructions on how to complete and submit them.
9. Candidates for Distinctions fill out the Application electronically in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the competition organizer. The Application together with attachments, including signed statements on the processing of personal data (after reading the GDPR information clause), must be submitted by the Candidates at the place, time and in the form indicated by the organizer. The Application and attachments shall not be returned to the Candidates.
10. The competition procedure for students consists of the following stages or only the second stage:
	1. assessment conducted by the College of Interdisciplinary Individual Studies at the University of Silesia in Katowice or at the faculty level by the Dean (who may delegate it to Deputy Deans for Student Affairs and/or Degree Programmes Directors),
	2. Evaluation of the Distinction Competition Chapter and decision of the Rector of the University of Silesia
11. The competition procedure for doctoral students consists of the following stages or only the second stage:
	1. assessment conducted by Heads of Doctoral Studies or in Doctoral Schools (for doctoral students who started doctoral studies after 30 September 2019);
	2. Evaluation of the Distinction Competition Chapter and decision of the Rector of the University of Silesia

# § 4 Distinction Competition Chapter

1. JM Rector appoints the Distinction Competition Chapter for a given edition of the competition, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.
2. Members of the Chapter cannot apply for the Distinction.
3. The Chapter consists of a student representative, a representative of doctoral students and at least two persons distinguished in previous editions of the Competition. In the case of persons who have received a Distinction in previous editions of the Distinction Competition, the criterion for their selection, in addition to their consent, is their availability and the possibility of full involvement in the work of the Chapter.
4. A Chapter Secretary may be appointed from among the members of the Chapter.
5. The list of Chapter members is made public on the University's website.
6. The Chapter, in consultation with JM Rector, decides on the number of people distinguished, depending on the number and quality of the Applications submitted.
7. During its work, the Chapter may consult persons knowledgeable about the activity of a given Candidate.

# § 5 Statements and personal data submitted by Candidates

1. The following data is collected from the candidate for the Distinction:
	1. at the registration stage:
		1. name and surname,
		2. student registration number (applies to students and doctoral students),
		3. e-mail address,
		4. telephone number;
	2. in the case of persons who are to receive the Distinction:
		1. correspondence address, only if the person agrees to receive a written invitation to the JM Rector's Distinctions gala,
		2. year and place of birth,
		3. name of the place where the person receiving the Distinction permanently resides, which is a place of life activity,
		4. school, in case of school pupils, and completed high school for university students and doctoral students,
		5. three photos in high resolution, if consent is given to use them, including image dissemination

The above data can be sent by e-mail to the address wyroznienia@us.edu.pl, only by persons who are to receive the Distinction. Providing the above data is voluntary, however, if they are not provided, it is not possible to proceed to the next stages of the competition procedure.

1. The Candidate for the Distinction, by submitting his Application, accepts these regulations and shall submit the following statements:
	1. Criminal liability statement;
	2. Declarations of consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes of this competition, including the plebiscite of Distinguished Persons and participation in the Distinctions Gala;
	3. Declaration of consent to the dissemination of the image;
	4. Declaration of the status of a student or doctoral student of the University or a participant in the form of education provided by the Open University.
2. The content of the GDPR information clause and the statements referred to in paragraph 2 points 2-3 constitute Annex 1 to these Regulations. The content of the statements referred to in paragraph 2 points 1 and 4 and constitutes Annex 2 to these Regulations.
3. The statements referred to in paragraph 2 submitted by Candidates who are minors, require the consent of one of the parents or their legal guardian.
4. Students and doctoral students who list their scientific achievements in the Application by showing publications, additionally submit the following statement: "I declare that all scientific publications which I present in the Application were affiliated at the University of Silesia in Katowice or did not have affiliation."
5. Submission of the statements referred to in paragraph 2 is voluntary and takes place in the form of written acceptance in the Application. However, refusal to submit them is tantamount

as resignation from candidacy to the Distinction, except for the declaration of consent to the dissemination of the image;

# § 6 Confirmation of the achievements

1. Substantive assessment in the Distinction Competition procedure is subject to the appropriate application. For formal assessment, the Candidate for the Distinction is required to submit in electronic form documentation confirming the reported achievements and activities, unless the application indicates the lack of such necessity. Various forms and joint certificates are recognized, i.e. one type of documentation may confirm a number of achievements or actions taken.
2. Documentation includes, in particular, certificates, opinions, references, press materials, links to materials available on the Internet.
3. Lack of confirmation of the reported achievement means that it will not be taken into account when assessing the application, unless it is indicated in the form that such confirmation is not needed. The exception is a justified situation in which the Candidate does not have the documentation for a given achievement or activity, however, he is obliged to inform the organizer about this fact when submitting the application in an electronic version.
4. At the request of the Distinction Competition Chapter, the Candidate for Distinction is required to submit originals of submitted certificates, which shall be returned to the Candidate.

# § 7 Final provisions

1. Cases not regulated in these regulations shall be decided by JM Rector.
2. The official announcement of the results will take place during the Distinction ceremony.