

RULES OF THE "OPEN ACCESS" COMPETITION FOR FINANCING OF OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATIONS UNDER THE "RESEARCH EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE"

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General provisions

1. These regulations apply to the competition for financing publications in open access journals.
2. The competition is financed under the programme named "Research Excellence Initiative", hereinafter referred to as the Initiative, from the funds obtained in connection with the participation of the University in the "Initiative of Excellence – Research University" programme and a 2% increase receipt in subsidies from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education for the period 2020-2025.
3. The unit coordinating the "Open Access" competition is the Science Department.
4. The deadline for submitting applications in the competition is announced on the Initiative's website: www.us.edu.pl/inicjatywadoskonosci.
5. Up to PLN 500,000 is allocated for financing the competition.

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Purpose of the competition

The purpose of the competition is to enhance the visibility of the results of scientific research conducted at the University of Silesia in Katowice by publishing them in open access journals of high prestige and reach. The objective of the competition is to cover the costs related to the mandatory publication fees and open access costs for those journals that guarantee that the publication will be released in the current evaluation period and will have a positive impact on the evaluation of the scientific discipline at the University.

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Beneficiaries of the competition

Financing may be granted to employees of the University of Silesia in Katowice with an ORCID number who submitted a declaration of being classified in the N number of employees conducting scientific activity at the University of Silesia in Katowice and authorized the University to demonstrate their achievements for evaluation purposes. Moreover, their publishing or artistic achievements are affiliated with the University of Silesia in Katowice in the current evaluation period. This condition does not apply to newly hired employees up to 6 months from the date of employment.

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Competition Rules and Guidelines

1. Financing will be granted on a promise basis and may cover the publication of scientific texts under the Open Access model in peer-reviewed scientific journals, for which the minimum number of points determined on the basis of the latest list of journals published by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education is:
 - in the field of humanities: 70 points;
 - in the field of social sciences: 70 points;
 - in the field of engineering and technical sciences: 140 points;
 - in the field of exact and natural sciences: 140 points;
 - in the field of theology: 70 points;
 - in the field of arts: 200 points.
2. Only author whose publication has a chance to be published in the current evaluation period (by the end of 2021) and strengthen the discipline represented by the author may be granted financing.
3. Financing is granted at the request of the director of the institute competent for the discipline represented by the author of the publication.
4. The director may apply for a financing of up to PLN 15,000.
5. In one edition of the competition, the director may apply for funding for a maximum of 5 publications (when the N number of the discipline is ≤ 50) or 10 publications (if the N number of the discipline is greater than 50). The publication is understood as an article before submission to the journal.
6. The online application submitted by the director, available as a form on the website dedicated to the competition, i.e. www.us.edu.pl/inicjatywadoskonosci, should contain: title of the article, authors with affiliations, name of the journal, short summary.
7. The Scientific Council of the Initiative gives positive or negative opinions on the applications. An application with a positive opinion is the basis for granting a financing. If the director applies for financing for more than one publication, each application is submitted and considered separately.
8. Decisions on granting financing are made by the Rector based on the opinion of the Scientific Council of the Initiative.
9. The Rector's decision on granting the financing is final.
10. The director is obliged to submit by 20 December 2021 a report containing a list of the authors of the publication, the names of the journals in which the articles will have been published, the number of points according to the list of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the amount of expenses incurred. The report template is available on the competition's website.

11. Beneficiaries are required to inform about the source of financing their research (by including the following formula in the publication: "Publication financed by the funds granted under the Research Excellence Initiative of the University of Silesia in Katowice" or its equivalent in the language of the publication) and to cooperate in the dissemination of scientific research and popularisation of research results obtained thanks to participation in the competition.

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Final provisions

1. The rules of the competition may change, about which participants will be informed on the page dedicated to the competition.
2. In matters not covered by these regulations, the final decision is made by the Rector.