

## Ladies and Gentlemen

You are kindly invited to participate in the following competitions:

1. the award for the best cited author in 2026,
2. the award for the best scientific publication by an author published in 2025,
3. the award for the best publishing doctoral student in 2025,
4. the award for the youngest first author of a scientific publication published in 2025,
5. the award for the most valuable implementation in 2025.

For details of each of these competitions, please refer to the regulations below. Whenever the following words are used in the regulations: author, employee, doctoral student, student, candidate, laureate, they refer to persons of different sexes.

Applications for the competitions should be sent to the Centre for the Support of Science by email to [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by **17 April 2026**.

## **Rules of the Competition for the award of His Magnificence the Rector of Lodz University of Technology for the best cited author in 2026**

1. The Rector of Lodz University of Technology announces a competition for the award for the best cited author in 2026. The prize is awarded in the form of a grant and should be used to intensify the research work carried out with the participation of the winner of the competition. The prize cannot be used for salaries. The prize must be used by the end of the calendar year in which it is awarded
2. The purpose of the competition is to boost research activities and promote outstanding scientific achievements of the University's staff.
3. Participants in the competition may only be employees of TUL for whom the University is the primary place of work.
4. The value of the prize is PLN 25,000 gross. The funds will be transferred to the account of the unit in which the Winner of the competition is employed. The decision on how to distribute the amount constituting the prize is made by the Laureate with the consent and agreement of the head of the unit.
5. In each of the scientific disciplines in which the University is authorised to confer degrees and whose representatives have been entered into the competition, the author whose publications have achieved the highest citation rate will be selected. The citation analysis will be carried out by the TUL Library after the closing of the call for entries for the competition. The evaluation criterion will be the FWCI (Field-Weighted Citation Impact) index determined on the same day using the SciVal tool (based on data from the Scopus database). Only citations of papers with Lodz University of Technology affiliation will be taken into account. The winner of the competition will be selected from among the authors selected in this way. The award will be given to the author whose publications obtain the highest total FWCI. The prize referred to in point 4 will be transferred to the unit in which the Winner of the competition is employed. The best-cited authors from each discipline will receive commemorative diplomas.
6. The award referred to in Section 4 may be received only once.
7. Candidates for the award are to be proposed by discipline heads. The application should indicate the name of the candidate and the discipline he/she represents. The discipline head may propose a maximum of three candidates
8. Applications should be sent to the Science Support Centre by e-mail to [rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by 17 April 2026.
9. Further information about the competition can be obtained from the Centre for the Support of Science at the internal telephone number 20 52 or 20 44 and at [rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl).
10. The winner of the competition and the best cited authors from each discipline will be informed of the results of the competition by email.
11. The names of the participants who took part in the competition, together with the results obtained, will be published on the website of Lodz University of Technology.
12. The competition organiser reserves the right to cancel the competition without stating the reason.

**Rules of the Competition for the Award of His Magnificence the Rector of Lodz  
University of Technology  
for the author of the best scientific publication published in 2025**

1. The Rector of Lodz University of Technology announces a competition for an award for the author of the best scientific publications published in 2025. The prize is awarded in the form of a grant and should be used to intensify research work carried out with the participation of the Winner of the competition. The prize cannot be used for salaries. The prize must be used by the end of the calendar year in which it is awarded.
2. The purpose of the competition is to boost the research and publication activities of the University's staff.
3. Participants in the competition can only be employees for whom the University is the primary place of work.
4. The value of the award is PLN 25,000 gross. The funds will be transferred to the account of the unit in which the Winner of the competition (author or team of authors) is employed. The decision on how to distribute the amount constituting the prize is made by the Laureate with the consent and agreement of the head of the unit.
5. The evaluation criterion will be the points specified at the date of the announcement of the competition: 1) the current ministerial list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed materials from international conferences and 2) the current ministerial list of publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed scientific monographs.
6. The following achievements published in 2025 and bearing the TUL affiliation may be submitted to the competition: 1) publications in journals, 2) conference papers in peer-reviewed procedure of international conferences and 3) scientific monographs or chapters in peer-reviewed scientific monographs. In the case of achievements published in both hard copy and electronic versions, the date of printing of the achievement will be taken into consideration; if the achievement has only an electronic version, the date of its publication on the Internet will be taken into consideration.
7. In each of the disciplines in which the University is authorised to confer degrees and whose representatives have been entered for the competition, the author or team of authors of achievements with the highest number of points according to the ministerial lists referred to in item 5 will be selected. The Laureate of the competition will be selected from among the authors or teams of authors thus selected. The Winner of the competition will be the author or team of authors who obtains the highest number of points for the achievements with the highest score according to the ministerial lists referred to in item 5. If several authors or teams of authors obtain the same number of points, the order of the competition will be determined by the number of points for publications ranked lower in the ministerial lists. The prize referred to in point 4 will be transferred to the unit where the Winner of the competition is employed. Authors of the best scientific publications in each discipline will receive commemorative diplomas.
8. Candidates for the award are proposed by the discipline heads. The application should indicate the name of the candidate and the discipline they represent. The submission should also include full bibliographic details of the achievements and their point values. Each submission should be accompanied by a copy (PDF file) of the page of each achievement on which the title, author(s), affiliation and name of the publisher are indicated.
9. Applications should be sent to the Science Support Centre by email to [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by 17 April 2026.
10. Further information about the competition can be obtained from the Science Support Centre at the internal telephone number 20 52 or 20 44 and at [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl).

11. The Winner and the authors of the best scientific publications in each discipline will be informed of the results of the competition by e-mail.
12. The names of the participants who took part in the competition, together with the results obtained, will be published on the website of Lodz University of Technology.
13. The competition organiser reserves the right to cancel the competition without stating the reason.

**Rules of the Competition for the award of His Magnificence the Rector of Lodz  
University of Technology  
for the best publishing doctoral student in 2025**

1. The Rector of Lodz University of Technology announces a competition for the award for the best publishing PhD student in 2025. The prize is awarded in the form of a grant and should be used to intensify the research work carried out with the Laureate of the competition. The award cannot be used for salaries. The prize must be used by the end of the calendar year in which it is awarded.
2. The aim of the competition is to boost the research and publication activities of doctoral students at TUL.
3. Participants in the competition may be doctoral students of the TUL Interdisciplinary Doctoral School.
4. The value of the award is PLN 10 000 gross. The funds will be transferred to the account of the unit in which the Laureate is working on his/her doctoral thesis. The decision on how to distribute the amount is made by the Laureate with the consent and agreement of the unit head. If the Laureate of the competition does not have the status of a doctoral student or is not employed at the University at the time of the awarding of the prize, the prize should be used to enhance and develop the research of other doctoral students pursuing their thesis at a given unit, which is done at the request of the head of that unit.
5. The evaluation criterion will be the points specified at the date of the competition announcement: 1) the current ministerial list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed materials of international conferences and 2) the current ministerial list of publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed scientific monographs.
6. The following achievements published in 2025 and bearing the TUL affiliation may be submitted to the competition: 1) publications in journals, 2) conference papers in peer-reviewed procedure of international conferences and 3) scientific monographs or chapters in peer-reviewed scientific monographs. In the case of achievements published both in hard copy and in electronic form, the date of printing will be taken into account; if an achievement has only an electronic version, the date of its publication on the Internet will be taken into account.
7. In each of the disciplines in which the University is authorised to confer degrees and whose representatives have been entered for the competition, the doctoral student with the highest number of points according to the ministerial lists referred to in section 5 shall be selected. The Laureate of the competition shall be selected from among the doctoral students thus selected. The winner of the competition will be the doctoral student with the highest number of points according to the ministerial lists referred to in section 5. If several doctoral students obtain the same number of points, the order of the competition will be determined by the number of points for publications ranked lower in the ministerial lists. The prize referred to in point 4 will be transferred to the unit in which the Winner of the competition carries out his/her doctoral thesis. The best-published doctoral students in each discipline will receive commemorative diplomas.
8. The award referred to in section 4 may be received only once.
9. Candidates for the award are proposed by the heads of disciplines at the request of the supervisor. The application should indicate the name of the candidate and the discipline he/she represents. The submission should include full bibliographic details of the achievements and their point values. Each submission should be accompanied by a copy (PDF file) of the page of each achievement on which the title, author, affiliation and name of the publisher are indicated.
10. Applications should be sent to the Science Support Centre by email to [rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by 17 April 2026.

11. Further information about the competition can be obtained from the Science Support Centre at the internal telephone number 20 52 or 20 44 and at [rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:rncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl).

12. The Winner and the best-publishing doctoral students from each discipline will be informed of the results of the competition by e-mail.

13. The names of the participants who took part in the competition, together with the results obtained, will be published on the website of Lodz University of Technology.

14. The competition organiser reserves the right to cancel the competition without stating the reason.

**Rules of the Competition for the Award of His Magnificence the Rector of Lodz  
University of Technology  
for the youngest first author of a scientific publication published in 2025**

1. The Rector of Lodz University of Technology announces a competition for an award for the youngest first author of a scientific publication published in 2025. The prize is awarded in the form of a grant and should be used to intensify the research work carried out with the participation of the winner of the competition. The award cannot be used for salaries. The prize must be used by the end of the calendar year in which it is awarded.
2. The purpose of the competition is to encourage students and doctoral students to undertake research work and to support the development of the University's young staff.
3. Participants in the competition may be students, doctoral students of the TUL Interdisciplinary Doctoral School and young academics for whom the University is the primary place of work.
4. The value of the prize is PLN 10,000 gross. The funds will be transferred to the account of the unit in which the Winner of the competition is employed or in which the student or doctoral student conducted the research that is the basis for the publication. The decision on how to distribute the award amount is made by the Laureate with the consent and agreement of the unit's head.
5. The following achievements published in 2025 and bearing the affiliation of TUL may be submitted for the competition: publications in journals or conference papers in peer-reviewed materials from international conferences - included in the ministerial list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed materials from international conferences valid on the day the competition is announced; and scientific monographs or chapters in peer-reviewed scientific monographs published by publishing houses included in the ministerial list of publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed scientific monographs valid on the day the competition is announced. The co-author of the submitted achievement must be an employee of the University carrying out research in disciplines in which the University is authorised to confer scientific degrees.
6. The prize will be awarded to the youngest author of the achievement referred to in item 5, in which that person is indicated in: 1) the first place among its authors, or 2) in another position if an alphabetical order of authors was adopted in the creation of the list of authors, or 3) in another position if its contribution and the contribution of the first author and possibly other authors on the list were determined as equal contribution.
7. Applications for the award are submitted by the authors or scientific supervisors. The submission should indicate the author's date of birth and full bibliographic details of the achievement together with its point value. Each submission should be accompanied by a copy (PDF file) of the page of the achievement on which the title, authors, affiliation and name of the publisher are indicated.
8. Applications should be sent to the Science Support Centre by email to [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by 17 April 2026.
9. Further information about the competition can be obtained from the Science Support Centre at the internal telephone number 20 52 or 20 44 and at [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl).
10. The Winner will be informed of the results of the competition by email.
11. The names of the participants who took part in the competition, together with the results obtained, will be published on the website of Lodz University of Technology.
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**Rules of the Competition for the Award of His Magnificence the Rector of Lodz  
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for the most valuable implementation in 2025**

1. The Rector of Lodz University of Technology announces a competition for the award for the most valuable implementation in 2025. The prize is awarded in the form of a grant and should be used to intensify the research work carried out with the participation of the winner of the competition. The prize cannot be used for salaries. The prize must be used by the end of the calendar year in which it is awarded.
2. The purpose of the competition is to promote applied research and development work carried out at the University. In the competition, implementation is understood as the practical application of a research study resulting from a cooperation agreement between TUL and an industrial plant or company.
3. Participants in the competition can only be employees of TUL for whom the University is the primary place of work.
4. The value of the prize is PLN 40,000 gross. The funds will be transferred to the account of the unit in which the Winner of the competition (author or team of authors) is employed. The decision on how to distribute the amount constituting the prize is made by the Winner with the consent and agreement of the head of the unit.
5. An entry to the competition may concern an author or a team of authors. In case some of the authors of the implementation are employed outside TUL, only those authors who are employees of TUL may apply for the award.
6. The award will be given to the author or team of authors of the technical solution whose implementation has generated the greatest financial revenue for the University in 2025. In the case of multi-party contracts where TUL is not the sole implementer of the implementation, the revenue that the implementation has brought to TUL must be demonstrated.
7. Submissions of implementations that form the basis of the award are made by the authors of these solutions. Each submission should be accompanied by:
  - information about the author(s) of the R&D work (name, surname, name of the TUL unit in which they are employed) and the value of the commercialisation;
  - a scan of the contract or notarial deed certifying the value of the financial benefit to TUL obtained as a result of this implementation;
  - a scan of the confirmation issued by the unit's administration that the notified implementation has been entered into the POL-on system.
8. Applications should be sent to the Science Support Centre by email to [ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl](mailto:ncwn@adm.p.lodz.pl) by 17 April 2026.
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