

## Rules and Regulations of the 5th edition of the Competition

### ‘The Best BA Thesis Defended by Graduates of Courses: Economics and Economics Taught in English at the University of Łódź’.

#### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The competition for the best BA thesis defended by graduates of courses: Economics and Economics taught in English at the University of Łódź, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Competition’, is organised by the Institute of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Sociology, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Organiser.’ The Competition aims to select the best BA thesis prepared by students of economics defended at the University of Łódź.
2. This is an open Competition organised every year and it runs from 15 July 2025 until 15 October 2025. The Competition is open to authors of theses presented to obtain the professional title of ‘Bachelor’ in the academic year 2024/2025.
3. These Rules and Regulations are an integral part of the application for participation in the Competition and apply to all Participants.
4. By submitting an application for participation in the Competition to the Organiser, the Participant agrees to abide by the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.
5. The Organiser reserves the right to make amendments to the Competition Rules and Regulations and the right to change the dates of the Competition or cancel it.
6. If the Competition is cancelled, the Organiser shall inform the interested Participants about it on the website of the Institute of Economics at least 7 days before the Competition's scheduled start date.

#### II. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. Participants of the Competition must be adult natural persons, who meet cumulatively all conditions set out in paragraph 2 below.
2. To acquire the status of a Competition Participant, the following conditions must be met jointly.
3. The Competition is open to authors of BA theses, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Thesis,’ defended by graduates of the courses: Economics and Economics taught in English at the University of Lodz:
  - a. Theses submitted to the Competition should be delivered to the Organiser in an electronic version, in accordance with the guidelines contained in subpara c.
  - b. Theses should be submitted for the Competition by their authors.

- c. The Thesis with attachments should be send using the application form to the following address: <https://forms.office.com/e/cdhBTWNJGj>

Application form is available on the website of the Institute of Economics at <https://www.ekonomia.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosci>

- d. Incomplete Theses shall not be admitted to the Competition.

### III. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Formal assessment of the compliance of the Theses with conditions referred to in section II of the Rules and Regulations of the Competition and formal admission of Theses for Competition are carried out by employees of the Administration Unit of the Organiser.
2. Substantive assessment of the Theses submitted for the Competition shall be carried out by the Jury of the Competition, hereinafter referred to as the 'Jury.'
3. The Jury is composed of between 3 and 7 members appointed by the Director of the Institute of Economics – the Organiser.
4. From among the authors of the submitted Theses, the Jury will select the winners of the Competition by 15 December 2025.
5. Members of the Jury will be presented with anonymised Theses. The Competition shall be decided respecting the principle of anonymity.
6. When assessing the submitted Theses, the Jury shall consider their originality, factual correctness, approach to problem solving, and the knowledge of the subject-matter literature by their authors.
7. The Jury shall make decisions by majority vote.
8. The decisions of the Jury are binding, final and cannot be changed.
9. Authors of the awarded Theses shall be immediately notified of the results of the Competition.
10. The Organiser reserves the right to contact only the winners of the Competition and supervisors of their Theses.
11. Communication about the results of the Competition, including the names and surnames of the winners and supervisors of their Theses as well as the titles of the awarded Theses, shall be posted on the website of the Institute of Economics.

#### IV. AWARDS

1. The Jury shall award the winners with the following prizes:
  - a) first place winner will receive PLN 2,000;
  - b) second place winner will receive PLN 1,000; and
  - c) third place winner will receive PLN 500.
2. The Jury reserves the right to distribute the prizes differently or to decide not to award them.
3. The winners of the Competition shall receive their prizes if they provide the number of their bank accounts.
4. The prize shall be paid net of tax that the University of Lodz is obliged to withhold in accordance with the Personal Income Act to the bank account indicated by the laureate of the Competition.
5. Laureates' data, such as their names and surnames and the titles of awarded Theses shall be published on the website of the Institute of Economics.

#### V. PARTICIPANT FEE

Participation in the Competition is free of charge.

#### VI. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Pursuant to the Art. 13 para. 1 and 2 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter referred to as the 'GDPR Regulation') we hereby inform that:

1. The administrator of personal data is the University of Lodz with its registered office in Lodz, Narutowicza No. 68, 90-136 Lodz.
2. In any case you can contact the Data Protection Officer via traditional mail at the above-mentioned address with the note: Data Protection Officer of the University of Lodz or by e-mail at the email address: [iod@uni.lodz.pl](mailto:iod@uni.lodz.pl).

3. Personal data include: name (s) and surname, e-mail address, telephone number, and academic title. The laureates of the Competition will also be required to provide their home address details and bank account number. The data will be processed for the purpose of organising and carrying out the Competition ‘The Best BA Thesis Defended by Graduates of Courses: Economics and Economics Taught in English at the University of Lodz’ organised between 15.07.2025 and 15.10.2025 by the Institute of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Sociology of the University of Lodz and communicating with the Participants on matters related to the Competition, documenting its course, including, inter alia, drafting a list of winners and posting it on the website of the Institute of Economics.
4. Personal data, such as name and surname shall be used for promotional, educational, and science dissemination related purposes in University of Lodz social media accounts and channels, i.e., Facebook and YouTube and on the website of the Organiser, the Faculty of Economics and Sociology.
5. Personal data shall be processed on the basis of:
  - a. Art. 6 para. 1 e) of the GDPR Regulation in connection with Art. 2 and 11 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the administrator in connection with the mission of the system of higher education and science with regard to teaching, carrying out research activities, shaping citizen attitudes, and participating in social progress and in developing innovation-based economy);
  - b. Art. 6 para. 1 b) of the GDPR Regulation (processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract);
  - c. Art. 6 para. 1 c) of the GDPR Regulation (processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation and internal acts of law binding in the University of Lodz).
6. Personal data shall be stored for the period necessary to achieve the purpose referred to in paragraph 3 above for the period when financial and accounting documentation of the Competition must be stored at the University of Lodz. In situations provided for by law, personal data may also be processed for the period necessary to determine and pursue possible claims.
7. Participants have the right to:
  - a. access their data,
  - b. rectify their data when they are inconsistent with the actual state,
  - c. delete, limit processing, and transfer data – in cases provided for by law,
  - d. object to the processing of data,
  - e. lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority, which is the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection based in Warsaw, Stawki No. 2.

8. Providing your personal data is voluntary, but necessary to achieve the purposes referred to in section III above.

## VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Any disputes that may arise from participation in the Competition shall be resolved by the court competent for the Organiser's registered office.
2. In matters not regulated by these Rules and Regulations, the provisions of Polish law shall apply.
3. These Rules and Regulations come into force on 07 June 2025.