



Criteria for Awarding the Rector's Scholarship

I. General provisions

1. The Rector's scholarship may be awarded to no more than 10% of the top students in each field of study. If there are fewer than ten students in a given field, the scholarship may be awarded to one student. Students referred to in item 2, point 1, are not included.
2. The Rector's scholarship:
 - 1) **is awarded** to a student admitted to the first year of studies in the year of taking their maturity exam, and this individual is:
 - a) A laureate of an international Olympiad, or a laureate or finalist of a central-level Olympiad, as outlined in the regulations on the education system, or
 - b) A medalist in at least a national-level sports competition for the title of Polish Champion in a given sport, as stated in the sports regulations,And has met the criteria set forth in the Regulations on Benefits for Students of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW).
 - 2) **May be awarded** to a student who, in the previous academic year, achieved:
 - a) Outstanding academic results, or
 - b) Scientific achievements, or
 - c) Artistic achievements, or
 - d) Sports achievements in competition at least at the national level.
3. A student admitted to SGGW by transfer from another university **may apply** for the Rector's scholarship in the academic year in which they were admitted, based only on academic, artistic, or sports achievements.
4. A first-year student of second-cycle programs may apply for the Rector's scholarship for achievements mentioned in item 2, point 2, obtained during the last year of first-cycle programs that served as the basis for admission to second-cycle programs, provided that:
 - 1) For students starting second-cycle programs in the winter semester, the achievements were obtained in the previous academic year,

- 2) In the current academic year, in the case of a student starting studies from the summer term; this does not apply to students whose break between completing first-cycle programs and starting second-cycle programs lasted no more than one term and was due to SGGW not offering the possibility of enrolling in second-cycle programs in the chosen form of studies.

Provided that these cannot be achievements obtained during a period of extension of the deadline for submitting the diploma thesis.

5. Based on the achievements obtained in the final year of first-cycle programs, a first-year second-cycle student may apply for the Rector's scholarship only once.
6. Scholarship applications are assessed using a point-based system. Scholarship points are awarded for different types of achievements and are cumulative.
7. Maximum scholarship points for various achievements:
- 1) Grade average: 18 points
 - 2) Scientific achievements: 22 points
 - 3) Artistic achievements: 12 points (or 18 points for two fields)
 - 4) Sports achievements: 18 points

The maximum total number of scholarship points is 76.

8. The value of the Rector's scholarship awarded to the best students may depend on the number of scholarship points obtained.
9. The group of students eligible for the Rector's scholarship, as mentioned in item 1, is determined based on **a ranking list** created according to the sum of scholarship points earned for all types of achievements considered when applying for the Rector's scholarship. Each field of study has a single Ranking covering all years, forms, and levels of studies.
10. In the case of students of the same field of study with the same number of scholarship points, and where it is necessary to limit the group in relation to the content of § 33 of the Regulations, the final decision will be based on the grade average from the last year of studies.
11. Students applying for the Rector's scholarship must list all achievements in the application that qualify them to apply for the scholarship. Any achievements not listed at the initial application stage cannot be added later during the review process. A student may receive a scholarship for a specific achievement only once. It is not permissible to re-demonstrate an achievement that has already been assessed by the Scholarship Committee.
12. The documentation submitted must clearly identify and specify the level, location, date of the event, and authorship of the work.
13. Documents confirming achievements, in written form, must bear the organizer's handwritten signature, while documents recorded in electronic form must bear the organizer's trusted signature/personal signature/qualified electronic signature.
14. When submitting an application, the student shall attach to it the originals of the documents confirming their achievements. Scans or photocopies without presentation of the originals will not be accepted.

II. Criteria for Awarding Scholarship Points for Academic Performance

1. Scholarship points for academic performance are awarded to the 10% of students with the highest average grades obtained for the previous year of studies, provided that the average grade may not be lower than 4.0, and taking into account item 8.
2. For the purposes of the scholarship, the average grade for students applying for the Rector's Scholarship for outstanding academic performance constitutes the arithmetic mean of grades and is calculated from at least three grades in a term, subject to items 3-5.
3. For students who have completed part of their studies at another university, either domestically or abroad, based on a program approved by the Dean/Vice Dean (agreement), the grades from all subjects covered by the agreement are included in the average grade. In the case of studies completed at a domestic university, the agreement and the average grade for scholarship purposes must include at least five grades.
4. A first-year student of second-cycle programs who completed their first-cycle program at a university other than SGGW, when applying for the Rector's Scholarship for outstanding academic performance, is required to submit to the Student Affairs Office (BSS) a certificate from the university where they completed their studies confirming the arithmetic grade point average obtained, by the non-extendable deadline of October 7 in the winter term and March 5 in the summer term, i.e., before the announcement of the preliminary list of the best average grades. The certificate should include the arithmetic average grade obtained in the final year of first-cycle program, the number of subjects taken in the final year, the academic year in which the last term of studies was completed, the grading scale used by the university, the start date of first-cycle program, and the duration of the program as outlined in the program curriculum.
5. For first-year second-cycle students who completed their first-cycle program at a university using a different grading scale than SGGW, the grade average from the final year of first-cycle studies is recalculated as follows:
 - For the scale 2.0 – 5.5
 $\text{SGGW average} = \text{average grade from the last year of first-cycle program} \times 0.909;$
 - For the scale 2.0 – 6.0
 $\text{SGGW average} = \text{average grade from the last year of first-cycle program} \times 0.833.$
6. Scholarship points are awarded in three categories:
 - Cat. I – 18 scholarship points are awarded to 3% of students from the final ranking list based on the average grade. For values between 0.00 and 1.00, the value is rounded up to 1;
 - Cat. II – 12 scholarship points are awarded to 6% of students from the final ranking list, after subtracting the number of students awarded points in Category I;
 - Cat. III – 6 scholarship points are awarded to 10% of students from the final ranking list, after subtracting the number of students awarded points in Categories I and II.

7. When determining the number of students in each category, mathematical rounding is applied: values from 0.00 to 0.49 are rounded down, while values from 0.50 to 0.99 are rounded up (except in the case described in item 8 for Category I).
8. If students with the same grade average are on the border between individual categories, they will be placed in the higher category, and the number of students in the lower category will be reduced accordingly.
9. On October 9 of a given academic year (or on the next working day after that day), **preliminary lists of the best average grades** are created (obtained in the previous year of studies), and for students starting their first year of the second-cycle program from the summer term on March 9. These lists are created for each academic year, form of studies, field, and level of studies.
10. The lists mentioned in item 9 include all students registered for the respective year/term of studies in the academic year for which the list is created (in accordance with the study plan). The lists of the best average grades, without an average indicated, include, among others, first-year students of second-cycle programs who started these studies more than a year after the planned completion date of their first-cycle programs, as well as students who completed their first-cycle programs at another university and, before the deadline for creating the lists of the best average grades, did not submit the certificate referred to in item 4. These lists are not final and may be modified according to the principles outlined in item 11.
11. During the period from the announcement of the preliminary lists of the best average grades until October 15, a student's average grade may be corrected upon the student's request, based on documented, final academic results. The corrections made are taken into account in the final lists of the best average grades.
12. Upon expiry of the deadline specified in item 11, the lists referred to in item 9 become the final lists of the best averages, while in the case specified in item 11, **final lists of the best average grades** are created.
13. Scholarship points are awarded to the group of no more than 10% of the best students from each final list of the best average grades who simultaneously meet the criteria set out in item 1. In the event that the last person in the aforementioned group of students has the same average grade as the next persons on the final list of the best average grades, those persons shall also be included in the group to which scholarship points are awarded.

III. Criteria for Awarding Scholarship Points for Scientific Achievements

A. General Rules

1. Scholarship points for scientific achievements are awarded for:
 - 1) Active participation in conferences/reviews of scientific clubs (hereafter: conferences) and competitions/olympiads/tournaments/exhibitions (hereafter: competitions), or

- 2) Ranked placements/awards/honors earned at conferences and competitions related to the student's scientific activities, or
 - 3) Authorship or co-authorship of a publication as mentioned in § 15 section 8, items 4-5 of the Regulations.
2. Scholarship points for scientific achievements are not awarded for:
- 1) Passive participation in conferences, competitions, symposia, scientific sessions,
 - 2) A scientific article constituting an editorial, abstract, extended abstract, letter, erratum, editorial note.
 - 3) Articles or publications that have not yet been published (are under review or in print),
 - 4) Participation in open lectures, workshops, or outdoor meetings,
 - 5) Meetings with company or institution representatives,
 - 6) Business and recruitment competitions,
 - 7) Training,
 - 8) Presenting the same paper or poster at the next conference.
3. In the case of co-authorship of a work for which the student has achieved first/second/third place at a conference or competition, or has been honored/awarded at a conference or competition, points are distributed proportionally among the co-authors. The principle of proportional distribution of points among co-authors also applies to publications. When determining the number of scholarship points for co-authorship of a work for which the student has achieved a ranked placement, award, or honor, the principle of mathematical rounding is applied, with each person receiving at least 1 point.

B. Conferences

1. Active participation in a conference is understood as delivering a lecture, presenting a presentation, or presenting a poster.
2. The following categories of conferences are distinguished:
 - 1) **International**:
 - Held outside the territory of Poland, or
 - Held within Poland, provided that the official language is a foreign language and representatives from at least 3 countries actively participated (excluding students studying at SGGW under the Erasmus exchange).
 - 2) **National** - with active participants from at least three universities/research centers.
 - 3) **Local** - other conferences that do not meet the criteria described in points 1) and 2).
3. Points are awarded as follows:
 - 1) for active participation in a conference:

Cat. I	-	4 points	at international level,
Cat. II	-	3 points	at the national level,
Cat. III	-	2 points	at the local level.

These points do not accumulate and are awarded only once, based on participation in the highest category of the conference.
 - 2) For achieving first, second, or third place at a conference:

conference category	1st Place/Prize	2nd Place/Prize	3rd Place/Prize	Honorable Mention
Category I	15 points	14 points	13 points	1 point
Category II	10 points	9 points	8 points	1 point
Category III	5 points	4 points	3 points	1 point

4. To document participation in the conference, the student must attach the following to the application:
 - 1) A certificate issued by the conference organizer that includes:
 - Clear identification of the location, date, and level of the event,
 - The topic of the student's work (submitted to the organizer),
 - The names of the presenter and co-authors,
 - The name of the prize received (honorable mention, prize, placement, etc.).

In the case of honorable mentions/prizes/placements that are not confirmed in the manner described above, the Committee may not grant scholarship points.
 - 2) Conference regulations specifying the rules for prizes and participation in the event (does not apply to students who apply for points solely for participation),
 - 3) Book of abstracts/conference program containing, – list of participants/speakers. The material must allow identification of the organization or country they represent, as appropriate.
5. If the conference regulations state that an honorable mention is the only form of recognition, it should be treated equally with an award, as mentioned in item 3(2).

C. Competitions

1. The following categories of competitions are distinguished:
 - 1) **International:**
 - Held outside the territory of Poland, or
 - Held within Poland, provided that the official language was a foreign language and representatives from at least 3 countries actively participated (excluding students studying at SGGW under the Erasmus exchange),
 - 2) **National** - other competitions.
2. Points are awarded as follows:
 - 1) for active participation in a competition:

Cat. I	-	4 points	at international level,
Cat. II	-	3 points	at the national level.

These points do not accumulate and are awarded only once, based on participation in the highest category of a competition.
 - 2) For achieving first, second, or third place in a competition:

category	1st Place/Prize	2nd Place/Prize	3rd Place/Prize	Honorable Mention
Category I	15 points	14 points	13 points	1 point
Category II	10 points	9 points	8 points	1 point

3. If the competition regulations stipulate that only teams may participate, each team member receives the full number of scholarship points for the achievement.
4. To document participation in the competition, the student must attach the following to the application:
 - 1) A diploma/certificate issued by the competition's organizer that includes:
 - Clear identification of the competition, its location, date, and level of the event,
 - The topic of the competition work (submitted to the organizer),
 - The name of the participant(s),
 - The name of the prize received (honorable mention, prize, placement, etc.).In the case of honorable mentions/prizes/placements that are not confirmed in the manner described above, the Committee may not grant scholarship points,
 - 2) The competition regulations specifying the rules for awarding and participating in the event.
 - 3) A list of participants with the list of universities/research centers represented by them, including the represented country for international competitions.

D. Publications

1. Scholarship points are awarded for a scientific article **published** in:
 - 1) A scientific monograph listed in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education's (MNiSW) register, current on the last day of the application submission.
 - 2) A scientific journal or peer-reviewed proceedings from international conferences listed in the MNiSW's register, current on the last day of the application submission,depending on the number of points assigned to the given journal. These points are divided proportionally among the co-authors. The maximum number of points for a chapter in a monograph, an article in a journal (hereinafter referred to as: publication) is 18.
2. Publications must meet the requirements set out in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of February 22, 2019, on the evaluation of the quality of scientific activity (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 661, as amended).
3. For the publication of one chapter in a scientific monograph published by a publisher listed in the current register mentioned in item 1(1), scholarship points are awarded according to the formula:

$$\text{number of points for publication in a monograph} = \frac{\text{number of points acc.to the list}}{\text{number of co – authors}}$$

provided that:

- 1) For the publication of a chapter in a monograph published by a “Level I – 80 points” publisher, the student receives a maximum of 12 points,
 - 2) For a publication in a monograph published by a “Level II – 200 points” publisher, the student receives a maximum of 18 points.
4. For publishing an article in a scientific journal or peer-reviewed proceedings from an international conference listed in the current register, as mentioned in item 1(1), scholarship points are awarded according to the formula:

$$\text{number of points for publication in a journal} = \frac{\text{number of points acc. to the list}}{\text{number of co – authors}}$$

provided that:

- 1) For a publication by a publisher listed with a score not exceeding 70 points according to the list, the student receives a maximum of 12 points,
- 2) For a publication by a publisher listed with a score of 70 points or more according to the list, the student receives a maximum of 18 points.
5. Points for scientific publications are cumulative if earned for different articles, provided that the maximum number of points that can be obtained is 22.
6. The student documents their scientific publications as follows:
 - 1) A copy of the title page with the name and surname of the student - author and co-author of the article highlighted, and
 - 2) A scan of the cover of the monograph/journal in which the publication appeared, containing:
 - the publisher's name,
 - the ISBN, ISSN, DOI number,
 - place and date of publication, and
 - a photocopy of the page from the MNiSW list with the journal's item number marked.

IV. Criteria for Awarding Scholarship Points for Artistic Achievements

1. Scholarship points are awarded for artistic achievements, such as:
 - 1) A national or international award received in a literary, musical, composing, dance, theatrical, film, visual arts, or photography competition, or one involving the cultivation of traditions, provided that participation in it was preceded by a qualifying stage consisting of selecting, from among all submitted works/entries, those which qualify for further competition in the given contest,
 - 2) Artistic achievements resulting from active participation in dance and music groups affiliated with SGGW (LZA Promni, SGGW Choir, SGGW Chamber Choir, SGGW Representative Orchestra, AKTEON).
2. The following categories of events are distinguished:
 - 1) **International:**
 - Held outside the territory of Poland,
 - Held in Poland, provided that representatives from at least 3 countries actively participated (excluding students studying at SGGW under the Erasmus exchange),
 - 2) **National** - with participants representing at least 3 institutions/centers.
3. Points are awarded as follows:
 - 1) For active participation in an art competition/review/festival:

Cat. I	-	4 points	at international level,
Cat. II	-	3 points	at the national level.

These points do not accumulate and are awarded only once, based on participation in the highest category of an event.
 - 2) for achieving first, second, or third place in:

Category	1st Place/Prize	2nd Place/Prize	3rd Place/Prize	Honorable Mention
Category I	8 points	6 points	4 points	1 point
Category II	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

4. Points awarded for obtaining placement in competitions/reviews/festivals are cumulative if they are obtained in different fields. If multiple achievements have been obtained **in the same field**, scholarship points are awarded **for one achievement only**, the one with the highest score.
5. Co-authorship of a work that has been awarded is scored proportionally to the number of co-authors. When determining the number of scholarship points for co-authorship, the rule of mathematical rounding is applied, with each person receiving at least 1 point.
6. For team competitions, each team member receives the full number of scholarship points for the achievement.
7. Scholarship points are not awarded when the same artistic work is awarded more than once.
8. To document participation in art competitions/reviews/festivals, the student must attach the following to the application:
 - 1) Diploma/certificate from the competition's organizer or team leader containing:
 - Clear identification of the competition, its location, date, and level of the event,
 - The topic of the student's work (submitted to the organizer),
 - The name of the participant(s),
 - The name of the prize received (honorable mention, prize, placement, etc.),
 - 2) The regulations of the competition,
 - 3) The composition of the jury (the information about the jury should allow clear confirmation of the professionalism of at least half of the jury members).

If participation in the competition is not confirmed in the manner described above, the Committee may refuse to award scholarship points unless there is no doubt about the professionalism of the jury members.

V. Criteria for Awarding Scholarship Points for Sports Achievements

1. Scholarship points for sports achievements are awarded in the following categories:
 - 1) Cat. IA – Achievements in the Olympic Games, World Championships, World University Championships, European Championships, European University Championships, Universiade, World Cup, European Games, World Games, European University Games, or the aforementioned events organized for people with disabilities, as well as membership in the Polish national team.
 - 2) Cat. IB - Achievements in Polish Championships, Polish Cup (general classification), Academic Polish Championships (general classification), or the aforementioned events organized for people with disabilities, and playing in the top national league in a given sport discipline (final table).
 - 3) Cat. II - Achievements in Academic Polish Championships (university type classification), AZS Polish Championships, Academic Polish Cup, National

Finals of the First-Year Students Games, AZS Main Board Cup, AZS Polish Integration Championships, or the aforementioned events organized for people with disabilities, and playing in the second national league in the given sport discipline (final table).

2. In the case of both individual and team competitions, the more favorable result, either individual or team, is considered. The student receives points for only one sport achievement, the one with the highest score.
3. Scholarship points are awarded for the highest-scoring achievement in sports in which Polish sports associations, referred to in the Act of June 25, 2010, on Sport (Journal of Laws of 2026, item 95), operate, or in sports sections operating within AZS SGGW.
4. The student documents their participation in competitions and sports achievements with a diploma or certificate issued by the sports association/club whose colors they represent, or a certificate from the organizers confirming participation in the competition. The confirmation should include the name of the sport, date, rank, and location of the event, as well as the achieved position.
5. The number of scholarship points awarded for a specific rank in a given category is outlined in the following table:

Competition Rank/ Achieved Position		Number of Scholarship Points for Achieved Position					
		1 - 36					
Cat. IA	Olympic Games, World Championships, World University Championships, European Championships, European University Championships, Universiade, World Cup, European Games, World Games, European University Games, <i>or events of this rank for people with disabilities</i> , and membership in the Polish national team (senior and youth levels)	18					
Competition Rank/ Achieved Position		Number of Scholarship Points for Achieved Position					
		1	2	3	4	5 – 8	9 - 16
Cat. IB	Polish Championships, Polish Cup (general classification), Academic Polish Championships (general classification), <i>or events of this rank for people with disabilities</i> , and playing in the highest national league in the given discipline (final table)	18	16	14	12	9	6

Competition Rank/ Achieved Position		Number of Scholarship Points for Achieved Position				
		1	2	3	4	5 - 8
Cat. II	Academic Polish Cup, AZS Polish Championships, Academic Polish Championships (university type classification), National Finals of the First-Year Students Games, AZS Main Board Cup, AZS Polish Integration Championships, <i>or events of this rank for people with disabilities,</i> and playing in the second national league in the given discipline (final table)	13	11	9	7	6

VI. Criteria for Awarding Scholarship Points for Students Admitted to the First Year of First-Cycle Programs

1. The Rector's scholarship is awarded to a student admitted to the first year of studies in the year of taking their final high school exams, and this individual is:
 - 1) A laureate of an international Olympiad, or a laureate or finalist of a central-level Olympiad, as outlined in the regulations on the education system,
 - 2) A medalist in at least a national-level sports competition for the title of Polish Champion in a given sport, as stated in the sports regulations.
2. Scholarship points for Olympiads are awarded as follows:
 - Laureates of an international Olympiad - 18 points
 - Laureates of a central-level Olympiad - 12 points
 - Finalists of a central-level Olympiad - 6 points
3. A medalist in at least a national competition for the title of Polish Champion receives 18 scholarship points for sports achievements.
4. A student may apply for points based on one highest-scored achievement, regardless of the year in which it was obtained.