

Criteria for providing a motivational scholarship to full-time doctoral students for the academic year 2025/2026.

Full-time doctoral students who achieve above-standard results during their studies will be awarded a motivational scholarship, which will be paid to them together with the standard scholarship in November or December.

Students who defended their dissertations during the summer cannot be nominated for the award, as they will no longer be full-time doctoral students in December.

The activities of students for the academic year will be evaluated by the institute's scientific council, in cooperation with supervisors and guarantors, in July/August of the relevant academic year. The table in Appendix No. 1 will be used for the evaluation.

Activities that took place from 1. 9. 2025 to 31. 8. 2026 are reported.

The statutory representative of the organization is responsible for the accuracy of the data.

To be awarded a motivational scholarship, it is necessary to obtain at least 20 points in the evaluated academic year.

The proposal must be submitted exclusively by filling out the attached electronic form according to Appendix No. 1 and according to the comments to the table. The proposal must be submitted in one Excel file for the entire organization.

Until 31 August, the proposal is electronically sent by the statutory representative of the organization to the member of the Presidium of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (P SAS) for education and doctoral studies and to the email address vedeckavychova@urad.sav.sk

Sending proposals by post is not required.

The proposals will be discussed at the September meeting of the P SAS, which will also determine the current amount of the incentive scholarship based on the current situation.

The P SAS reserves the right to check the accuracy of the data.

The criteria will be updated annually. Criteria for providing a motivational scholarship to full-time doctoral students were approved by the Presidium of the Slovak Academy of Sciences at a meeting on March 12, 2026, and shall enter into force on the day following their publication on the website of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

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Appendix No. 1

	Activity (minimum 20 points are necessary)	Number of points
1	Achieving at least 60 credits per academic year	5
2	Achieving at least 50 credits for the evaluated academic year if it was the first year of study	5
3	Receiving "Doktogram" or another research grant as a responsible researcher	10
4	Obtaining a Certificate of Quality for an unfunded "Doktogram" project	8
5	"Doktogram" project submission - the allocation of points is excluded if the points for obtaining a "Doktogram" or Quality Certificate are given	3
6	Participation in an academic-wide seminar or course of the Doctoral School of the Slovak Academy of Sciences	2
7	Active participation in the SAS doctoral student competition (without award)	5
8	Award received in the SAS doctoral student competition (including honorable mention)	10
9	Participation in a student competition organized by a university, college or SAS institution (not competitions with mandatory participation, e.g. ŠVK)	3
10 – 11a	Active participation (the student presents) at a local extra-institutional conference (this category also includes mixed Czech and Slovak or Czech conferences) lecture/poster; +1 point when winning a prize in a conference competition	4/2
12 – 13a	Active participation (student presents) lecture/poster at an international conference; +2 points when winning a prize in a conference competition	5/3
14	Active participation (the student presents) at a local extra-institutional conference (this category also includes mixed Czech and Slovak or Czech conferences) – „Flash“ presentation	2
15	Active participation (student presents) lecture/poster at an international conference – „Flash“ presentation	3
16	Publication as the first or corresponding author in a journal registered in WoS	15
17	Co-authored publication in a journal registered in WoS	10
18	Publication as the first or corresponding author in a journal registered in SCOPUS (not simultaneously in WoS)	8
19	Co-authored publication in a journal registered in SCOPUS (not simultaneously in WoS)	5
20	Publication as the first or corresponding author in a journal registered in another internationally recognized database specific to the given field of study (the statutory representative justifies the database in a note to the proposal)	8
21	Co-authored publication in a journal registered in other internationally recognized database specific to the given scientific field (the statutory representative justifies the database in a note to the proposal)	5
22	Publication (not an abstract) in a peer-reviewed scientific journal not registered in WoS nor SCOPUS nor in a peer-reviewed collection	3
23-24	Monograph chapter: scientific monograph (with new results) / professional monograph (review book)- at least 1 author's sheet	6/2
25-26	Scientific monograph (new results) / professional monograph (review book)	15/4
27-29	Completion of a foreign internship lasting at least 30/60/90 days	10/12/15
30	Participation in the international season (summer/winter) school/university	4
31 -32	Participation in domestic / international workshop	2/3
33	Citation for a publication that was created during doctoral studies and in which the student is the first or corresponding author	2
34	Participation in popularization activities reported in the institute's annual report (max. 3 activities)	1

Comments on the table

- a) Counting a Doctoral Grant – Application for a Doctoral Grant is counted in the academic year in which it would begin processing if successful. For example, applications submitted at the end of the 2023/2024 academic year will be counted in 2024/2025, with points assigned based on success. Applications submitted in July–August 2025 will be counted in the 2025/2026 academic year.
- b) Participation in an academic-wide seminar or course of the Doctoral School of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.
- c) Student conferences of Universities and Higher Education Institutions – These belong under the category: Participation in a student competition organized by a university, higher education institution, or the Slovak Academy of Sciences (excluding competitions with mandatory participation). They cannot simultaneously be recorded as participation in a domestic conference.
- d) Points for Conferences – Points for domestic and international conferences are awarded only for personal presentations. If a student co-authored three posters/lectures but presented only one, only that presentation is counted. The presenting author is always indicated in the conference registration, program, and in the proceedings.
- e) Definition of an International Conference – An international conference is the one organized by a foreign institution abroad or by a domestic institution in Slovakia with a significant number of foreign scientists. The Czech Republic is not considered abroad. Student conferences are counted as student conferences even if they were attended by students from abroad.
- f) Publication Criteria – Only scientific papers are considered publications. Articles published in daily, weekly, or monthly periodicals, including social or tabloid press, do not qualify as publication activities.
- g) Author Contribution in Certain Fields – If the specifics of the field do not reflect the authors' contribution to their ranking, the statutory body justifies this in a footnote to the student's evaluation.
- h) Counting Contributions in Proceedings – Only contributions in proceedings that are not direct outputs from a conference are counted. Conference outputs, abstracts, or extended texts that have been already scored as conference contributions are not scored a second time.
- i) Avoiding Duplicate Entries – In general, each activity can only be reported once and cannot be duplicated across different categories. For example, active participation in a conference with an abstract or extended text (even if several pages long) published in proceedings or as an appendix in a scientific journal should be reported as active conference participation and not counted separately as a publication.
- j) Monographs – A publication can be considered as an author's monograph if the student has a significant authorship share (typically 1–2 authors). Additionally, a monograph must contain at least three author sheets (1 author sheet = 36 000 characters including spaces). In the cases involving large author teams, the work should be classified as a chapter in a monograph.
- k) Equal Contribution in Authorship – If the first two authors are listed as “contributed equally”, both are recognized as the first authors.
- l) Publication Reporting in the Academic Year (AY) – Publications are reported in the AY for the period September 1, 202 n – August 31, 202 $(n+1)$ in which they were published. A publication that has been officially accepted within this time frame (not just under review) can be counted, but it cannot be reported again once published. Each publication can only be counted in one AY.

- m) Citations – The relevant date for citations is when the citing work was published or when the citation appeared in the WoS database, not when the cited work was published. For example, the current year's report will not include citations in works published before September 1, 2025. Citations appearing around the transition between academic years can be counted in either the previous or next year, but not both. Citations are only counted for a publication that was created during the doctoral study as its output, and the student is the first or corresponding author on this publication.
- n) Participation in Popularization Activities – For participation in popularization activities that are sufficiently significant and listed in the institution's annual report, 1 point is awarded for 1 activity; a maximum of 3 activities can be listed.