

The Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business in Rijeka adopted on September 24, 2024, the Regulations on the awarding of the annual prize „Best EFRI Doctoral Candidate Award“ for the most significant annual scientific contribution through the publication of papers in scientific journals of doctoral candidates of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Rijeka (hereinafter: the Regulations), which were adopted on September 16, 2024, at the 307<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Council.

**Regulations on the awarding of the annual prize „Best EFRI Doctoral Candidate Award“  
for the most significant annual scientific contribution by a doctoral candidate at the  
Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Rijeka**

**I. General Provisions**

Article 1

These Regulations define the criteria and procedure for awarding the annual prize called “**Best EFRI Doctoral Candidate Award**” and it is awarded for the most significant annual scientific contribution through the publication of papers in scientific journals of doctoral candidates of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Rijeka; it is awarded by the Dean. The prize consists of a written commendation and a cash voucher.

Article 2

The prize can be awarded to all doctoral candidates who have published a scientific paper/papers in scientific journals indexed in the Scopus database and/or the Web of Science Core Collection database (in the citation indices Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) and/or Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) in the previous calendar year and who fulfill the criteria specified in Article 4.

The prize is awarded to permanently highlight and promote the excellence of the Faculty’s doctoral candidates through publishing as many scientific papers as possible in relevant scientific journals, thereby recognising the scientific excellence of the doctoral candidates.

**II. Award Committee**

Article 3

The Committee for Postgraduate Studies and Doctorates is responsible for awarding the prize (hereinafter: the Committee).

### **III. Award Criteria**

#### Article 4

Doctoral candidates of the Faculty who are enrolled in the doctoral study in Economics and Business Economics are only entitled to the prize if their scientific papers fulfill the following criteria:

- The paper must be published in a journal with a visible year of publication; the year of publication of the journal must be identical to the year for which the prize is awarded;
- The paper must be indexed in the Scopus and/or Web of Science Core Collection database (in citation indices Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) and/or Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI));
- The name of the parent institution on the published paper must include the correct name of the Faculty (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business);
- The doctoral candidate must not have any debts to the Faculty;
- The paper must be included in the candidate's file, i.e. it must have been evaluated by the Committee for Postgraduate Studies and Doctorates at the time of publication of the Call for Applications.

### **IV. Awarding Procedure**

#### Article 5

The decision to initiate the award procedure and the amount of the cash voucher for the current year shall be adopted at the Faculty Council meeting in March. The doctoral candidate may use the cash voucher for participation in international conferences and/or professional trainings abroad with the written consent of the supervisor.

Once the award procedure has been initiated, the Committee for Postgraduate Studies and Doctorates in collaboration with the Faculty Library draws up a joint report containing the list of papers that fulfill the criteria set out in Article 4. The report is published on the Faculty's Intranet.

The Committee rates the papers based on the data obtained as described in Article 6 and forwards the proposal for awarding the prize to the doctoral candidate with the most points accumulated on the basis of one or more papers to the Faculty Council.

#### Article 6

The Committee shall award points on the basis of the following criteria:

Paper in Q1 journals – 4 points

Paper in Q2 journals – 3 points

Paper in Q3 journals – 2 points  
Paper in Q4 journals – 1 point.

The number of points for each published paper is divided by the number of authors in each of the papers considered.

The classification of scientific journals into quartiles (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) is based on the Journal Citation Report (JCR) and Scimago citation databases according to the report published in the calendar year for which the prize is awarded. The Subject Category information that is most favourable for the doctoral candidate is taken into account. JIF and SJR quartiles which are always the most favourable for the doctoral candidate are taken into account.

If several doctoral candidates have the same quartile-based score, the factors of the journals' impact published in WoSCC according to JCR published in the calendar year for which the prize is awarded will be added. In the event that several doctoral candidates still fulfill the same criteria for awarding the prize, the prize will be awarded to the doctoral candidate whose papers have the most citations in other papers indexed in WoSCC/Scimago. If several doctoral candidates still fulfill the same criteria for the award, it shall be awarded to the doctoral candidate with the most published scientific papers in the calendar year.

The chairman of the Committee shall elaborate on the reasons for awarding the prize at the Faculty Council meeting at which the Dean of the Faculty awards the prize.

## **V. Final Provisions**

### Article 7

These Regulations shall enter into force on the eighth day following their publication on the Faculty's website.

Amendments to these Regulations shall be adopted in the same manner as they were adopted.

Dean  
Prof. Saša Drezgić, Ph.D.

These Regulations were published on the Faculty website on September 25, 2024.

Secretary  
Tatjana Pavičić, LL.M.

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