

Annex to Regulation No. 75
of the Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice of 3 June 2026

Rules and Regulations of The ICEQ International Teaching Excellence Award Competition

§ 1. General Provisions

1. The "ICEQ International Teaching Excellence Award" competition, hereinafter referred to as the "Competition", is organised as part of the regular event – the International Congress on Education Quality (ICEQ).
2. The main aim of the Competition is to honour academic teachers and teaching teams for outstanding achievements in innovative and effective teaching, as well as to promote a culture of quality in education and the exchange of best educational practices.
3. The Competition is organised by the University of Silesia in Katowice – Leader of the Academic Consortium – Katowice City of Science (hereinafter referred to as the "consortium").
4. The Competition is open to all and has an international scope. It is aimed in particular at academic staff representing domestic and foreign higher education institutions.
5. Depending on the Organiser's capabilities, the Competition may be held on a regular basis.

§ 2. Competition Categories

Awards and distinctions are presented in the following five areas (categories), which promote modern models of education in higher education institutions:

- 1) **Inclusive and Socially Responsible Teaching** – the award in this category is granted for initiatives that increase access to education and promote inclusivity; in particular, actions aimed at creating a welcoming environment and appropriate learning conditions, promoting universal values, and implementing projects of high public benefit are recognised;
- 2) **Inter-university, Inter-sectoral and International Cooperation** – the award in this category is granted for projects carried out by inter-faculty and inter-university teams, including activities undertaken in cooperation with the socio-economic environment, aimed at building an integrated teaching community and making the educational process more practical;
- 3) **Green and Digital Transformation in Education** – the award in this category is granted for initiatives focused on responsible production and consumption, the implementation of innovative teaching methods centred on sustainable development, as well as for the effective, yet ethical and responsible, use of digital tools, including artificial intelligence, in the process of creating innovative educational resources;

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- 4) **Education Cycle – Process Improvement** – the award in this category is granted for a systematic approach to improving the quality of education through the implementation of a full-cycle process and its refinement, the results of which serve as a model of good practice: from data analysis, through implementation and the development of recommendations, to the monitoring of outcomes;
- 5) **Personalisation and Individualisation of Education** – the award in this category is granted for the implementation of flexible learning pathways, the execution of innovative projects aimed at the individualisation and personalisation of education, and original mentoring programmes.

§ 3. Conditions of Participation

1. Eligible to participate in the Competition are individual academic staff members and teaching teams led by an academic staff member employed at a higher education institution.
2. Entries must relate to teaching initiatives that have been implemented during the two calendar years preceding the current edition of the Competition.

§ 4. Assessment Criteria

Entries will be assessed on their merits based on the following universal criteria:

- 1) Innovation: a novel approach to teaching methodology and a creative combination of theory and practice;
- 2) Effectiveness and usefulness: a tangible, positive impact on the quality of education and the level of students' preparedness for the challenges of the modern job market;
- 3) Impact and sustainability: adaptability and the potential for implementing the proposed solutions in other units or institutions;
- 4) Alignment with values: promoting inclusive attitudes, accessibility, and the principles of green and digital transformation.

§ 5. Competition Procedure and the Competition Jury

1. Competition entries must be submitted by the specified deadline using the official form available on the ICEQ website. The entry form may be completed in Polish or English.
2. The application should be submitted by the person specified in § 3(1) (the leader of the teaching team or, in the case of an individual, the academic teacher) in the relevant category. Where the application concerns a teaching team, the leader shall obtain a statement from the other members of that team confirming: their consent to participate in the Competition, that they have read the GDPR information notice, and their acceptance of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. The statement shall be attached to the application form. A template for the declaration is attached to these Rules and Regulations.
3. The application referred to in paragraph 2 must be approved by the institution employing the applicant.
4. The applicant referred to in paragraph 2 may submit only one initiative in the current edition of the competition.

5. Applications are assessed by the Competition Jury, comprising representatives of the Academic Consortium – Katowice City of Science selected by the Organiser, as well as experts invited by the Organiser. The Jury is appointed by the ICEQ Programme Council prior to the start of each new edition of the Competition.
6. The Competition Jury makes decisions by open ballot, by a simple majority of votes, with the participation of at least half of those eligible to vote, whilst maintaining full impartiality and confidentiality throughout the evaluation process.

§ 6.

Prizes and Distinctions

1. In each of the competition categories referred to in § 2, the Competition Jury shall select one winner and award them in the manner described in the first sentence of paragraph 2. In addition, in each of the competition areas (categories), the Competition Jury may award no more than two honourable distinctions to Competition participants other than the winners. In justified cases, the Competition Jury may decide not to select and award a winner or to award honourable distinctions in a given category.
2. Winners shall receive prizes in the form of certificates confirming the presentation of the ICEQ International Teaching Excellence Award in the relevant category. Those receiving honourable distinctions shall receive certificates of participation in the Competition, in which their honourable distinction is noted.
3. Depending on the availability of funding, additional prizes may be awarded. Additional prizes are not guaranteed, and the preceding provision shall not constitute grounds for any claims in this regard.

§ 7.

Personal Data

1. The controller of the personal data of Competition participants within the meaning of Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), hereinafter referred to as the GDPR, is the University of Silesia in Katowice.
2. The personal data of Competition participants will be processed in accordance with the GDPR, the Information Security Policy at the University of Silesia in Katowice, introduced by Regulation of the Rector of the University of Silesia No. 187/2025, and the Personal Data Security Policy, introduced by Regulation of the Rector of the University of Silesia No. 188/2025.

§ 8.

Final Provisions

1. The announcement of the results and the awards ceremony will take place during the opening of the International Congress on Education Quality. The date of the opening of the International Congress on Education Quality is published on [the Congress's official website](#).
2. Information about the winners is made public on [the Congress's official website](#).
3. Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

4. A condition of participation in the Competition is that participants familiarise themselves with the GDPR information notice for Competition participants; in the case of participants who are members of teaching teams but are not registering those teams for the competition, they must also submit a declaration of consent to participate in the Competition, confirming that they have read the GDPR information notice and accept the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. The text of the GDPR information notice is included in the application form.

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**GDPR Information Notice for participants of the
'ICEQ International Teaching Excellence Award'
competition**

1. Personal Data Administrator

The Administrator of your personal data is the University of Silesia in Katowice, represented by the Rector. The Administrator can be contacted as follows:

- 1) by post to the address: ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice;
- 2) by email: administrator.danych@us.edu.pl.

2. Data Protection Officer

You can contact the Data Protection Officer regarding any matters relating to the processing of personal data and the exercise of your rights in connection with such processing, as follows:

- 1) by post to the address: ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice;
- 2) by e-mail: iod@us.edu.pl.

3. Purpose and legal basis for personal data processing

Your personal data will be processed for the purposes of participating in the competition 'ICEQ International Teaching Excellence Award' and for activities related to the conclusion of these competitions, including the publication of the list of winners and awardees.

The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is Article 6(1)(c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 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, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation):

1. fulfilling the legal obligation incumbent on the Administrator, i.e. financial, bookkeeping and accounting settlements arising from the funding of the Competition and the archiving of documents in accordance with the Act of 14 July 1983 on the National Archival Resources and Archives;
2. the performance of the university's public task, consisting in particular of conducting scientific research, disseminating scientific and cultural achievements during the competition; and acting for the benefit of local and regional communities (Article 11(1)(3), (9) and (10) of the Act of 20 July 2018 on Higher Education and Science).

The provision of personal data is voluntary but necessary in order to take part in the competition. If the data is not provided, it will not be possible to achieve the above-mentioned purpose.

4. Period of personal data processing

We will process your personal data for the period necessary to conduct the competition and in accordance with the archival regulations of the Administrator, i.e. the Uniform Material List of Files (JRWA) of the University of Silesia in Katowice, the data will be archived.

5. Source of personal data of Competition participants/members of teaching teams

In cases where the application concerns a teaching team, we have obtained the personal data of the Competition participants from the application form submitted by the leader of the teaching team advancing the teaching initiative.

6. Data recipients

We can share your personal data with public bodies or entities authorised to obtain such data based on the effective legal regulations.

The personal data of Competition winners, i.e. their first and last name, academic title/degree, affiliation, competition category, and a description of the submitted teaching initiative, will be published on the competition website at: www.iceq.pl

7. Rights related to personal data processing

You shall have the following rights to personal data processing:

- 1) access your personal data;
- 2) request rectification of your personal data which are incorrect and obtain completion of incomplete personal data;
- 3) right to request the removal of your personal data, in particular in the case of withdrawal of your consent for processing, when there are no other legal grounds for personal data processing;
- 4) request restriction in the processing of your personal data;
- 5) right not to be subject only to automated decision-taking, including profiling;
- 6) the right to lodge a complaint to a supervisory body dealing with the protection of personal data, i.e. President of the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection.

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