



**RECTOR  
OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

**ORDER**

**ON THE APPROVAL OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING  
INCENTIVES TO RESEARCHERS OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR  
SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

In accordance with Article 43(1)(42) of the Statute of Vilnius University and aiming to promote research activities at Vilnius University:

1. I hereby approve the Description of the Procedure for Granting Incentives to Researchers of Vilnius University for Their Significant Scientific Achievements.
2. I hereby repeal Order of the Rector of Vilnius University No. R-12 of 9 January 2014 “On the Description of the Procedure for Granting Incentives to Researchers of Vilnius University for Their Significant Scientific Achievements”.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING INCENTIVES TO RESEARCHERS OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Description of the Procedure for Granting Incentives to Researchers of Vilnius University for Their Significant Scientific Achievements (hereinafter the 'Description') establishes the criteria for awarding the incentive to scientists for their significant scientific achievements and rules for their assessment and awarding the incentive.
2. Researchers of the University shall be granted incentives for significant scientific achievements in these areas:
  - 2.1. for the best scientific publication prepared by the University researchers;
  - 2.2. for the best international scientific project of researchers of the University (the start of the project must fall within the reporting calendar year);
  - 2.3. for the best applied work by University researchers (patents, licences, commissioned scientific works, commercialisation works of developed products, or other applied works);
  - 2.4. for the best interdisciplinary activity of University scientists.

### **CHAPTER II CRITERIA FOR GRANTING INCENTIVES FOR SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

3. The incentive for significant scientific achievements shall be granted for results achieved during the reporting calendar year.
4. Incentives for significant scientific achievements shall not be granted:
  - 4.1. for works whose authors and/or co-authors were awarded Rector's (hereinafter the 'Rector') Science Award during the reporting calendar year for outstanding academic achievements;
  - 4.2. for papers published in journals whose publishers are disreputable or in other publications (the decision on the level of a publication shall be taken by the Research Affairs Committee of the Senate during the consideration of papers submitted for the incentive).
5. The following criteria shall be taken into account when assessing the nominees for the incentive for significant scientific achievements:
  - 5.1. when assessing the best publication of University researchers in the areas of natural science, technologies, medicine and health, and agriculture, the following shall be taken into account:
    - 5.1.1. the number of authors of a publication submitted for nomination;
    - 5.1.2. the number of University authors of a publication submitted for nomination;
    - 5.1.3. the contribution of University authors to the publication;
    - 5.1.4. the level of a journal which published the publication;
    - 5.1.5. the ranking of a journal among journals in the same field;
    - 5.1.6. the publishing house which published the publication (if a monograph in the field of nature, technology, medicine and health, and agriculture is submitted for nomination).
  - 5.2. When assessing the best publication in the fields of social sciences and humanities by University researchers, the following shall be taken into account:
    - 5.2.1. the number of authors of a publication submitted for nomination;
    - 5.2.2. the number of University authors of a publication submitted for nomination;
    - 5.2.3. the contribution of University authors to the publication;

- 5.2.4. national or international significance of the monograph (or study);
- 5.2.5. critical research and scientific textological preparation of compiled and prepared fundamental (historical, linguistic, literary, cultural, religious, political, social or legal thought, etc.) Lithuanian historical source, the significance of the publication of the source for Lithuania and internationally;
- 5.2.6. the level of the journal which published the publication and the ranking of the publication among other journals in the same field (if an article in the field of humanities and/or social sciences was nominated).
- 5.3. When assessing the best international research project of University researchers, the following criteria shall be taken into account:
  - 5.3.1. the source of funding (the project must be funded from international research funds);
  - 5.3.2. the number of project partners if the University is a project coordinator;
  - 5.3.3. the number of project partners and its visibility if the University is a project partner;
  - 5.3.4. the amount of project funds allocated to the University.
- 5.4. When assessing the best applied work by University researchers, the following criteria shall be taken into account:
  - 5.4.1. the monetary value of the know-how sold;
  - 5.4.2. European, USA, Japanese, or Korean patents obtained whose property rights are held by the University;
  - 5.4.3. the work of University researchers installed at the company and material or other benefit received by the University;
  - 5.4.4. large-scale commissioned work implemented by University researchers;
  - 5.4.5. outstanding applied research performed by University researchers in the fields of humanities and social sciences.
- 5.5. When assessing the best interdisciplinary research project of University researchers, the following criteria shall be taken into account:
  - 5.5.1. the science areas and/or fields represented by the research work (scientific publications, research applied work) submitted for the nomination;
  - 5.5.2. interdisciplinarity of the research work (scientific publications, research applied work) submitted for nomination (by assessing the activities carried out and the expected outcome);
  - 5.5.3. other criteria established in Items 5.1, 5.2 and/or 5.4 of the Description.
- 6. When assessing the nominations by taking into account the set of criteria, no single criterion is decisive.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING AND GRANTING INCENTIVES FOR SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 7. University core academic units shall no later than 1 March submit the following to the Department for Research and Innovation of the University Central Administration (hereinafter the 'Department') by means of the University document management system:
  - 7.1. according to the proposals to the University's Rector on the incentive for significant scientific achievements under a form provided in Annex to the Description (hereinafter the 'proposals'). Proposals are made for the previous calendar years. University's core academic units can submit no more than two proposals according to the fields indicated in Item 2 of the Description.
  - 7.2. The extract of the protocol of the meeting of the Council of the University's core academic unit approving the proposals.
- 8. The Department shall submit the proposals to the Research Affairs Committee of the University Senate, which shall consider them until 1 May in accordance with the criteria specified in Item 5 of the Description and submit a list of researchers proposed to the Rector for the incentive and reasoned explanations for the assessment of every work proposed for the incentive.

9. The Research Affairs Committee of the University Senate shall select no more than three nominations from the areas specified in Item 2 of the Description and submit them to the Rector. The total number of nominations proposed according to the areas indicated in Item 2 of the Description shall not exceed ten within one calendar year.

10. The list of researchers nominated for the incentive shall be approved by the order of the Rector of the University.

11. The researchers of the University are annually awarded the signs of remembrance for significant scientific achievements during a meeting of the University's Senate at the end of the academic year.

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Annex  
to the Procedure for Granting  
Incentives to Researchers  
of Vilnius University  
for Their Significant Scientific  
Achievements

**(Form of the Proposals for the Incentive by the Rector of Vilnius University for Significant Scientific Achievements)**

**PROPOSALS FOR THE INCENTIVE BY THE RECTOR OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FOR  
SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

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**(name of the core academic unit)**

1. Best scientific publication (in the fields of natural sciences, technological sciences, medicine and health sciences, and agricultural sciences):

Entry No.	Authors of the publication	Title and bibliographic description of the publication	Number of authors	Number of University authors	Area, field	Contribution of University authors to the publication
1.						
2.						

*Indicate no more than two publications.*

Reason for proposal:

*(Indicate the reasons for selecting the work submitted for the incentive and the author (team of authors))*

2. Best scientific publication (in social sciences and humanities):

Entry No.	Authors of the publication	Title and bibliographic description of the publication	Number of authors	Number of University authors	Area, field	Contribution of University authors to the publication	Significance of the publication for Lithuania and internationally
1.							
2.							

*Indicate no more than two publications.*

Reason for proposal:

*(Indicate the reasons for selecting the work submitted for the incentive and the author (team of authors))*

3. Best international research project:

Entry No.	Project title and source of funding	Project promoters	Project value	Amount of project funds for the University	University's role (coordinator/partner)	Start of project	End of project
1.							
2.							

*Indicate no more than two projects.*

Reason for proposal:

*(Indicate the reasons for selecting the work submitted for the incentive and the author (team of authors))*

4. Best applied work:

Entry No.	Type of work ( <i>patents, licences, commissioned scientific works, commercialisation of developed products, or other applied works</i> )	Authors of the work	Monetary value ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Number of authors	Number of University authors	Area, field	Description ( <i>indicate the significance of the work, impact, contribution by University authors to the work</i> )
1.							
2.							

*Indicate no more than two works.*

Reason for proposal:

*(Indicate the reasons for selecting the work submitted for the incentive and the author (team of authors))*

5. Best interdisciplinary scientific activity:

Entry No.	Type of work ( <i>publication, applied work, etc.</i> )	Title and bibliographic description of the work	Number of authors	Number of University authors	Areas, fields	Description ( <i>reason for interdisciplinary, contribution by University authors to the work</i> )
1.						
2.						

*Indicate no more than two works.*

Reason for proposal:

*(Indicate reasons for selecting the work submitted for the incentive and the author (team of authors))*