



Pursuant to Article 30 of the Statute of the Jožef Stefan International Postgraduate School (hereinafter IPS), the IPS Senate adopted on 11 February 2025 the following

REGULATIONS ON RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE JOŽEF STEFAN INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

1.

The present Regulations specify the types of recognition awards given by the Jožef Stefan International Postgraduate School and the criteria for their conferment.

I Student Recognition Awards

2.

IPS recognition awards given to students:

- Gold Certificate of Distinction for Outstanding Master Thesis/Doctoral Dissertation - “*summa cum laude*”,
- Certificate of Distinction - “*cum laude*”,
- Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Extracurricular Activities at IPS.

IPS recognition awards are given to IPS students and graduates for their accomplishments achieved during their studies.

The candidate selection procedure for the Gold Certificate of Distinction and the Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Extracurricular Activities at IPS begins with a call for applications adopted by the Senate and published on the IPS website.

3.

The Gold Certificate of Distinction is awarded for an outstanding master thesis or doctoral dissertation (up to 5 certificates per year).

The Certificate of Distinction is awarded to top students for their exceptional academic performance under the criteria set out in Article 6 of these Regulations. The Certificate of Distinction is awarded to students at the Diploma Ceremony upon meeting the criteria.

The Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Extracurricular Activities at IPS is awarded each year to students whose work and dedication contributed significantly to the development of extracurricular activities at the IPS.

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The Gold Certificate of Distinction consists of a certificate and a recommendation letter signed by the Dean and the President.



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The Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Extracurricular Activities at IPS consists of a certificate.

5.

Selection criteria for the Gold Certificate of Distinction for Outstanding Master Thesis/Doctoral Dissertation:

- Candidates eligible for the Gold Certificate of Distinction for Outstanding Master Thesis/Doctoral Dissertation in each call for proposals are students who defended their master thesis or doctoral dissertation in the period from 1 January of the three years preceding the year of the call for proposals until the date on which the call for proposals is published;
- Applications shall be submitted by supervisors of master theses/doctoral dissertations who prepare a detailed proposal co-signed by a member of the thesis evaluation committee;
- Each supervisor may propose one master thesis or doctoral dissertation;
- The Senate shall appoint an independent professional committee consisting of four members, which shall examine the applications and propose a list of recipients to the Senate. In the selection procedure, originality of the scientific approach, as well as the contribution to science and applicability of the results shall be considered.

The proposal of the professional committee shall be decided upon by the Senate. The Gold Certificate of Distinction is awarded once a year at the Diploma Ceremony.

6.

Selection criteria for the Certificate of Distinction:

- Candidates eligible for the Certificate of Distinction are all students whose weighted average grade of their studies was 9.50 and upwards;
- Students who published in the scope of their doctoral dissertation at least one original scientific article in a high-ranking journal from the field (A"), or two articles in the top quarter, or filed an international patent application, or in the scope of their master's thesis at least one original scientific article in a journal in the field included in the Web of Science with a JCR impact factor in the top two quarters or an international patent application – all of the above with single first authorship.

The IPS Secretariat verifies that the listed conditions for awarding the award are met in the student file and in the Cobiss database before the final thesis is considered by the Study Commission.

The awarding of the award is decided by the Senat following the proposal of the Study Commission.

The Certificate of Distinction is awarded at the first scheduled Diploma Ceremony.

7.

Selection criteria for the Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Extracurricular Activities at IPS:

- Candidates eligible for the Certificate of Recognition are students who have contributed significantly to the development of extracurricular activities at the IPS in the period between



1 October and 30 September of the previous academic year for which the certificate is awarded;

- A detailed proposal shall be submitted by a supervisor or the Dean;
- Professional committee from Article 5 shall review the applications and propose to the Senate a list of candidates for the recognition award;
- In the selection procedure, students' contribution to the development of extracurricular activities, actions and involvement in IPS bodies shall be considered.

The proposal of the professional committee shall be decided upon by the Senate. The Certificate of Recognition is awarded once a year at the Diploma Ceremony.

8.

The Senate decision is final and is not subject to an appeal.

9.

Student recognition awards are granted at the first scheduled Diploma Ceremony after the Senate approval. Gold Certificates of Distinction are presented in alphabetical order.

The design of the recognition awards and the contents of the recommendation letters shall be decided upon by the Dean.

II Higher Education Teachers, Associates and Junior Experts Recognition Awards

10.

Recognition awards given to higher education teachers, associates and junior experts:

- Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Teaching Work,
- Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Professional Work that contributed to the development and activity of the school.

Both Certificates of Recognition consist of a certificate.

11.

Applications for the recognition awards from the previous article shall be submitted by IPS employees or contractual partners in the form of detailed proposals. Applications for the Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Teaching Work may also be submitted by the Student Council, also in the form of a detailed proposal.

A maximum of one Certificate of Recognition per each category from the previous Article shall be awarded each year. The recipients of the Certificate of Recognition shall be selected by the Senate upon the proposal of the professional committee from Article 5 of these Regulations.

The Certificate of Recognition is awarded once a year at the Diploma Ceremony.



III IPS Honorary Recognition Awards

12.

IPS honorary recognition awards:

- IPS Golden Emblem and
- Janez Vajkard Valvasor Medal.

The “IPS Golden Emblem” is awarded to individuals as an honorary recognition of exceptional contributions to the development and establishment of IPS at home and in the international environment, and for considerable achievements in the field of education and research that contribute significantly to the reputation of the IPS.

The “Janez Vajkard Valvasor Medal” is awarded to individuals from IPS partner institutions as an honorary recognition of their long-term development-oriented vision and outstanding achievements in fostering innovation, especially by directly integrating the achievements of basic research in joint development projects with the IPS, which also include staff development at a postgraduate level.

13.

Both honorary recognition awards are issued in the form of certificates.

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The initiative for the honorary certificates shall come from the IPS President, Dean, or three members of the Senate. The recipients of the honorary recognition awards shall be selected by the Senate upon the proposal of the professional committee from Article 5 of these Regulations.

15.

The honorary recognition awards are presented by the IPS President at a special ceremony.

IV Final Provisions

16.

These Regulations shall come into force on the day of the adoption by the Senate.

Dean:

Prof. Dr. Milena Horvat

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