



The conditions of Competition for the Best Dissertation Defended in 2017¹

VSB - Technical University of Ostrava within the consortium PROGRES 3 announces a Competition for the best dissertation defended in 2017.

The competition will take place in two rounds.

1st round

The first round of the competition will take place internally at universities. During this process each university can choose a maximum of 2 dissertations in each category which will continue to the second round (i.e. up to 10 doctoral theses in total).

Categories:

1. Economics and Finance,
2. Raw Materials, Energy and the Environment
3. Health and Applications in Healthcare
4. Information Technology and Electrical Engineering,
5. Competitive Engineering and Materials Research

Conditions:

- Registered dissertations must be defended in the period of 1.1. - 31. 12. 2017. *(In exceptional cases, the dissertation can be defended in December 2016).*
- Other documents must be submitted:
 - **an application form**
 - **a printed version of the dissertation** *(sufficient eg. spiral binding)*
 - **an electronic version of the dissertation** *(format .pdf, or .docx)*
 - **a printed version of a dissertation summary written in English**
 - **An electronic version of the dissertation summary** *(format .pdf, or .docx)*

¹ The organizer reserves the right to change the rules of action, duration, the amount of remuneration, as well as the cancellation of the event without giving any reason.

The application form, the dissertation and its summary must be submitted to the competition administrator **up to 22. 2. 2018 (including).**

Competition administrator:

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University administrators will announce the administrator of the competition (lukas.kubac@vsb.cz) the names of committee members for the second round up to 22. 2. 2018. In the individual categories, each university may have one representative with respect to the specific specialization the university. It is not necessary to have a representative in each category.

(Note.: If it is possible, a member of the committee should not be a dissertation supervisor. It is recommended but not required.)

The dissertations in the electronic form along with their summaries continuing to the second round will be available to committee members for review from 22. 2. 2018.

2nd round of the competition will be held in VSB - TUO on 9. 3. 2018.

The nominated dissertations will be evaluated by committees consisting of experts from each category. The committee will meet together for the evaluation at VSB-TU Ostrava on 9. 3. 2018 at 10 o'clock a.m.

Members of each committee will elect a chairman, who will manage the discussions in the committee.

Prizes and awards

- Each of the category winners, whose work is placed on the 1st place in category, will receive a cash prize of 7.000, - CZK.
These winners will also receive a diploma at the ceremony of the Scientific Board of VSB-TU Ostrava, which will be held on 28. 3. 2018
- The authors of dissertations on the 2nd or 3rd place in each category will receive diplomas.
- Authors, whose dissertation participated in the second round but were not placed at the 1.-3. positions, will receive a certificate of participating in the competition.

The evaluation criteria:

- quality and originality of the dissertation,
- theoretical or practical benefits of the dissertation,
- depth of the analysis examined the problem and the methodology used,
- quality and level of processing of dissertation.

Requirements for summary of dissertation:

- **The English language**
- extent of at least 15 pages

Recommended structure for summary of dissertation:

- Cover Sheet (name of school and faculty, designation The summary of the dissertation, the author's name, title of work, name of the study program and field, elaboration year),
- annotation (maximum one page)
- contents,
- an introduction to the issues and the current state of the topic,
- aim of the thesis and used methods of work,
- a brief synopsis of the dissertation,
- results of the dissertation, contribution to the development of theory and social practice,
- the conclusion, suggestions and recommendations,
- a list of references.

Schedule of the competition

End of the 1st round	22. 02. 2018
The 2nd round	9. 03. 2018
Diplomas giving ceremony:	28. 03. 2018

After the competition, the results will be published on PROGRES 3 website:

<http://progres3.vsb.cz/en/news/>