



## The conditions of Competition for the Best Dissertations Defended in 2025<sup>1</sup>

VSB - Technical University of Ostrava within the consortium PROGRES 3 announces a Competition for the best dissertations defended in 2025.

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 3 dissertations in each category which will continue to the second round (i.e. up to 15 doctoral theses in total).

#### Categories:

1. Economics, Finance and Management
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. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025.
- Other documents must be submitted:
  - **an application form**
  - **an electronic version of the dissertation** (*format .pdf, or .docx*)
  - **An electronic version of the dissertation summary** (*format .pdf, or .docx*)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 sent to competition administrator email: [lukas.kubac@vsb.cz](mailto:lukas.kubac@vsb.cz) up to 20. 2. 2026 (including).**

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**University administrators will announce the administrator of the competition ([lukas.kubac@vsb.cz](mailto:lukas.kubac@vsb.cz)) the names and contacts of committee members for the second round up to 20. 2. 2026.** In the individual categories, each university may have one representative with respect to the specific specialization the university.

## **2nd round**

In the 2nd round, the progressing works will be sent to the evaluators of the participating universities, who will evaluate the dissertation points according to the criteria, while the dissertation with the most points will win. In case of equality of points, the scoring of the criteria with the highest weight will be decisive, or the evaluators will be invited to an additional evaluation to determine the winner.

The evaluation within the 2nd round will take place from February 20, 2026 to March 12, 2026.

The results of the competition will be published on the PROGRES 3 website after the evaluation: <http://progres3.vsb.cz/en/news/>

## **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 26. 3. 2026
- 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 5 pages *(recommended 10-15 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

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st round                 | up to 20. 2. 2026   |
| 2nd round                 | 21.2. - 12. 3. 2026 |
| Publication of Results:   | 14. 3. 2026         |
| Diplomas giving ceremony: | 26. 3. 2026         |

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

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