

Rules and Regulations of the Santander Prize for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz 2025

Summary

In this section we present general information about the competition. Details can be found in following sections of the [Rules and Regulations](#).



What will you gain in the competition

The prize in the competition is a one-time financial support in the amount of 2000 PLN for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz for their individual achievements and/or social involvement. There are 30 prizes in the competition.



How will you participate in the competition

- Submit your application via the [Santander Open Academy](#) platform by 24 April 2025.



What conditions do you need to meet

- You must be a student or doctoral student of the University of Lodz on the date of [sending your application](#) and awarding the prize;
- You must accept these rules and regulations and agree to our personal data processing;
- You must confirm acceptance of the prize at Santander Open Academy – if you win the competition.



Pay special attention to the following

- The competition consists of two [recruitment stages](#).
- [Keep track of the status](#) of your application on your Santander Open Academy account and in the messages we will send you to the email address indicated in your application..



Mind these dates

- By 24 April 2025 – submit your application via the Santander Open Academy platform
- By 29 April 2025 – we will let you know if you are progressing to the second stage of recruitment
- By 19 May 2025 – complete the application form and attach the required documents
- By 3 June 2025 – we will inform you if you are among the winners
- Between 3 June 2025 and 9 June 2025 – confirm your acceptance of the award at the Santander Open Academy

- In the Rules and Regulations we describe the rules of the competition. Please read them before you send in your application.
- When we use the phrases:
 - "you" – it means any person who can participate in the competition,
 - "we" or "the university" – it is the University of Lodz.
- We have highlighted important information with a red box.
- Some terms in the text have definitions. We have put them in the Glossary. We have marked the first use of these terms with an underline.
- In all matters related to these Rules and Regulations you can contact us at:
wspolpraca@uni.lodz.pl

Organiser

1. These Rules and Regulations define the rules of **the Santander Prize for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz 2025**.
2. The organiser of the competition is the University of Lodz.
3. Our registered office is located at Narutowicza 68, 90-136 Łódź.

Participants

Who can take part in the competition

4. You can take part in the competition if you meet the following criteria:
 - a) You have the status of a student or doctoral student at our university on the date the application is sent and the prize is awarded.
 - b) You have a weighted average of more than 3.5 from your last completed semester (this does not apply to first-year uniform master's students).
 - c) You have accepted the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and consented to our personal data processing (in accordance with [Appendix 1](#)).
5. If you are completing two study programmes, you can apply for the award in one programme.

Who cannot take part in the competition

6. You cannot take part in the competition if you are not a student or doctoral student of the University of Lodz.
7. You have a weighted average of less than or equal to 3.5 in the last completed semester of studies (this does not apply to first-year uniform master's students).
8. You are member of the Santander Prize Committee.

How to apply

9. Recruitment is carried out in two stages.

10. Stage one:

- a) Complete and submit your application via the Santander Open Academy platform by 24 April 2025. Enter (mandatory fields to be completed have been marked with "*"): country of residence*; name of university*; name and surname*; email*; date of birth*; gender*; phone*; nationality*; professional status*; highest level of education obtained*; year of commencement and completion of current or highest level of education*; specialisation*; *, student index number (student or doctoral ID card)*; faculty name*; field of study*; level of study*; year of study*; mode of study*; accept the Rules and Regulations* and give your consent to the processing of your data in accordance with Appendix 1 Information clause on personal data processing*;

11. Stage two:

- a) Between 29 April 2025 and 19 May 2025, complete the application form for the second stage of recruitment with:
- bank account number,
 - a weighted average of the grades from the last completed semester, in the case of first-year uniform master degree students the result from the matura exam in mathematics (basic level),
 - documents confirming achievements in academic or non-academic activity not earlier than 1 January 2024, such as: certificates, diplomas, translations of certificates issued in foreign languages,
 - completed [Appendix No. 2 to these Rules and Regulations Student or doctoral student's achievements in the period from 1.01.2024.](#)

You may attach a maximum of 5 supporting scans and/or photos of documents in the form of 1 file (for each of the scoring criteria indicated below) in .pdf or jpg format not exceeding 10MB.

- b) Between 3 June 2025 and 9 June 2025 – confirm acceptance of the award at the Santander Open Academy.

12. We will not evaluate applications that are incomplete or do not meet the conditions set out in the Rules and Regulations.

13. You can check your application status at any time at Santander Open Academy.

14. If you have any issues with sending the application, contact us at: wspolpraca@uni.lodz.pl

Rules for choosing winners of the competition

15. We have appointed the Santander Prize Committee, which will make the decision on the award. This decision is final and cannot be appealed against.

16. The Committee consists of:

- a) a representative of the Centre for External Relations and Social Responsibility of the University,
- b) a representative of the Centre for Education and Student Affairs,
- c) a representative of the Centre for Education and Student Affairs,
- d) a representative of the URSS (University Student Government Council).
- e) a representative of the **International Relations Office**

17. The Santander Prize Committee will assess the applications according to the scoring criteria adopted in accordance with [Appendix No. 2 to these Rules and Regulations Student or doctoral student's achievements](#):
- a) Academic or enrolment performance at university – max. 5 points
 - a weighted average of grades not lower than 3.5 from the last completed semester of studies;
 - result from the matura exam in mathematics (basic level).
 - b) Social involvement and commitment to the University of Lodz – max. 30 points
 - activity in student organisations, conference organisation, popularisation activity;
 - or the benefit of the university (e.g. volunteering, involvement in student initiatives);
 - outside the university.
 - c) Professional and personal development – max. 35 points
 - national and international internships and traineeships;
 - completed training courses, obtained certificates;
 - trips abroad of an educational or scientific nature.
 - d) Scientific activity – max. 10 points
 - scientific publications;
 - participation in scientific research projects of regional, national and international range;
 - participation in conferences of regional, national and international range (active and passive, in the case of active, the title of the speech should be given).
 - e) Competitions – max. 20 points.
18. The Committee has the right to verify the credibility of documents and information submitted by the applicant.
19. After the selection of winners in the second stage of recruitment, we will create a waiting list.
20. If someone resigns or does not confirm acceptance of the prize by the deadline – we will pass it on to the next person from the waiting list.
21. Persons selected from the waiting list will have to confirm acceptance of the prize by the deadline.

Prizes

What is the prize in the competition

- 22. The prize is a one-time financial support in the amount of 2000 PLN.
- 23. Within the funds provided by Santander Universidades, we will award 30 prizes in the amount of 2000 PLN (in words: two thousand 0/100 PLN) including at least:
 - a) 5 prizes for first-year students,
 - b) 5 prizes for doctoral students of the university Doctoral Schools,
 - c) 20 prizes for other students.
- 24. The prize may be granted regardless of other scholarships and benefits received by you from other sources.

When and how will you receive the prize

- 25. You will receive your prize in the form of a transfer to the bank account you have indicated.
- 26. The prize will be paid by 30 June 2025 at the latest.
- 27. You cannot exchange your prize for another prize or transfer it to anyone.

Will you pay a tax on the prize

- 28. You will not pay tax on the prize because:
 - a. The purpose of the competition is to reward the best candidates selected in the competition in the fields of science, culture, arts and sports in accordance with **the rules for the selection of competition winners** indicated in these Rules and Regulations.
 - b. The prize does not exceed the amount of 2000 PLN and is exempt from personal income tax under Article 21(1)(68) of the Act of 26 July 1991 on Personal Income Tax.

Personal data protection

- 29. We are the controller of your personal data to which we will have access in connection with the competition.
- 30. We will only process your personal data to fulfil the purpose of the competition in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and our statutory activities.
- 31. You provide us with your personal data voluntarily. It is necessary for us to be able to carry out the competition.
- 32. We process your personal data in accordance with applicable laws, in particular Polish data protection legislation and the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 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 (hereinafter: "GDPR").
- 33. We undertake to respect the security of your personal data, collected in connection with the competition, and keep it confidential.
- 34. We will ensure protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and accidental loss, destruction or damage by means of appropriate technical or organisational measures.
- 35. Your data is confidential and may not be published or disclosed to third parties without your prior written or electronic consent. The obligation to keep your personal data confidential is imposed on us during the competition and after its termination or expiry and is not limited in time.
- 36. In **Appendix 1**, we implement the information obligation set out in Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR towards the candidates and participants in the competition.
- 37. The recipient and separate controller of the personal data processed on the Santander Open Academy platform is Universia Holding, S.L., with its registered office in Ciudad Grupo Santander, Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), NIP B82976515 in accordance with the [Privacy Policy](#), [General Conditions of Use](#).

Final provisions

38. We take responsibility for the competition and its proper conduct.
39. You agree to these Rules and Regulations by submitting your application on the Santander Open Academy platform.
40. All matters not covered in these Rules and Regulations will be decided by the President of the Santander Prize Committee.
41. These Rules and Regulations shall come into force on the date of publication on Santander Open Academy.

Glossary

Terms in alphabetical order	Explanation of terms as used in the Rules and Regulations
Recruitment stage	The competition consists of two recruitment stages. In the first stage, submit your application via the Santander Open Academy platform by 24 April 2025. If you qualify for the second stage of the recruitment, you will receive a notification to complete your application with the required documents and information.
Santander Prize Committee	The Santander Prize Committee evaluating applications from students and doctoral students.
Competition	The aim of the competition is to provide financial support to students and doctoral students of the university who stand out for their individual achievements in social activities and/or artistic, sporting or scientific achievements.
Matura exam result in mathematics (basic level)	Check on your high school diploma.
Waiting list	A waiting list of candidates for the award is prepared in case the selected winners resign or do not accept the award by the deadline.
Prize	The Santander Prize for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz 2025, which is a one-time financial support in the amount of 2000 PLN.
Organiser	The organiser of the competition is the University of Lodz, Narutowicza 68, 90-136 Lodz.
Confirmation of acceptance of the award	To confirm your acceptance of the prize, log in to the Santander Open Academy platform, enter the competition page and select "Accept and Continue"
Rules and Regulations	Rules and Regulations of the Santander Prize for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz 2025
Santander Open Academy	Santander Group's global platform, available at www.santanderopenacademy.com/pl , where you can find information about the competition and only use it to send a successful application.
Santander Universidades	This is a global initiative to support Santander Group higher education, implemented in Poland by Santander Bank Polska
Application status	<p>To check the status of your application, log into your Santander Open Academy account (using the email from which you sent/submitted your application) and access the competition page.</p> <p>Your application can have the following statuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft – when you start completing it and select the "save draft" button. This application is not

	<p>submitted and will not be evaluated by the Santander Prize Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted – your application has been successfully submitted. You can view and edit it until the recruitment is closed. Under evaluation – your application is being evaluated, you can see it but you cannot edit it. Accept the scholarship – the Committee has awarded you the scholarship, we are waiting for your confirmation of acceptance of the prize. Accepted scholarship – we have received confirmation from you that you have accepted the prize. Rejected – the Commission has not awarded you a prize in this competition. You are no longer taking part in the competition. Waiting list – your application is on the waiting list. If one of the selected winners does not accept the award, we will grant it to the next person on the waiting list.
Weighted grade average from the last semester of studies	Check here (§39(6)(d)) how to calculate it or contact your Dean's Office.
Sending the application	Filling in the application form on the Santander Open Academy platform, the successful submission of which is confirmed by Santander Open Academy via email.
Winner	A person awarded in the competition.

Appendix 1. Information clause on personal data processing

Pursuant to Article 14(1) and (2) of Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 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 (hereinafter: "GDPR"), we hereby inform you that:

1. The Controller of personal data is the University of Lodz with its registered office at Narutowicza 68; 90-136 Łódź.
2. In any case, the Data Protection Officer may be contacted at the above-mentioned mailing address with a note: Data Protection Officer, or by e-mail at: iod@uni.lodz.pl.
3. Your personal data will be processed for the purpose of the organisation, execution and promotion of the Programme, the publication of information about the results and winners, the awarding of the Prize and the possible establishment, investigation or defence against claims.
4. The Candidates' personal data have been obtained from Universia Holding, S.L., with its registered office in Ciudad Grupo Santander, Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), NIP B82976515 within the framework of the described Programme.
5. Your personal data is processed:
 - a. as it is necessary for the execution of a contract to which the data subject is a party, or to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR),
 - b. on the basis of your consent to the processing of personal data - in situations where a provision of law or a concluded contract does not give grounds for processing (Article 6(1)(a) GDPR).
6. Categories of processed personal data include:
 - a. country of residence;
 - b. name;
 - c. surname;
 - d. address e-mail;
 - e. date of birth;
 - f. gender;
 - g. phone number;
 - h. nationality;
 - i. professional status;
 - j. highest level of education completed;
 - k. year of commencement and completion (projected) of education of the present or highest level of education;
 - l. specialisation.
7. Personal data will be kept for the period necessary to fulfil the purpose for which it was collected. With regard to:
 - a. prize winners – personal data will be stored for the period necessary, in accordance with the regulations on the national archive resource and the state archives, other legal provisions and the University internal regulations;
 - b. candidates who did not receive the prize – personal data will be deleted after the list of Award Winners has been drawn up by the Awards Committee.
8. The recipient of your personal data will be Universia Holding, S.L., with its registered office in Ciudad Grupo Santander, Avda de Cantabria s/n, 28660 Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), NIP B82976515, since, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 3(3) of the Rules and Regulations of the Santander Universidades Prize for students and doctoral students of the University of Lodz 2025, it will inform Candidates of the results of their application through its platform.

Recipients of personal data may also be entities authorised by law or entities to which the Controller has entrusted the processing of personal data on a contractual basis.

9. You have the right to:
 - a. access your data,
 - b. rectify your data when it is not accurate,
 - c. erase, limit the processing and transfer your data – in cases provided for by law,
 - d. withdraw your consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of the processing that was carried out before the withdrawal of consent,
 - e. to object to the processing of your personal data,
 - f. lodge a complaint to the supervisory authority, which is the President of the Personal Data Protection Office, based in Warsaw at Stawki 2.

Appendix 2 to the Rules and Regulations

STUDENT/DOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

in the period from 1.01.2024

Application for the participant to be completed and attached to the Santander Open Academy platform at Stage Two of the Recruitment open from 29 April to 19 May 2025

Please briefly describe your achievements from 1 January 2024 according to the categories below. Please attach relevant evidence (diplomas, certificates, print screens, etc.) to each achievement.

1. Social involvement and commitment to the University of Lodz (max. 30 points).
<u>a) activity in student organisations, conference organisation, popularisation activities</u> -
<u>b) activity for the benefit of the University of Lodz (e.g. volunteering, involvement in student initiatives)</u> - -
<u>c) social activity outside the university</u> - -
2. Professional and personal development (max. 35 points)
<u>a) national and international internships and traineeships</u> - -
<u>b) completed training courses, obtained certificates</u> - -
<u>c) trips abroad of an educational or scientific nature</u> - -
3. Scientific activity max. 10 points
<u>a) scientific publications</u> - -
<u>b) participation in scientific research projects of regional, national and international range</u> - -
<u>c) participation in conferences of regional, national and international range (active and passive, in the case of active participation, the title of the speech should be given)</u> - -

4. Competitions

max. 20 points

#	<u>Name of the competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place taken</u> (winner, finalist, participant)	<u>Stage*</u>		
				<u>international</u>	<u>national</u>	<u>regional</u>
<u>1.</u>						
<u>2.</u>						
<u>3.</u>						

* put x in the appropriate field