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## **Tallinn University of Technology Junior Researcher of the Year Statute**

### **1. General provisions**

1.1 This statute applies to organisation of the competition of the Tallinn University of Technology Junior Researcher of the Year (hereinafter competition) and announcing junior researcher of the year.

1.2 For the purposes of the statute, junior researcher means a member of TUT teaching or research staff, who has been awarded Doctoral level degree or equal foreign qualifications, who was 35 years of age or less on 31 December of the year preceding announcement of the competition.

1.3 The competition aims to find out the most successful junior researcher of the year preceding announcement of the competition.

1.4 The purpose of finding out the junior researcher of the year is to:

1.4.1 acknowledge research of TUT junior researchers and the related social activity;

1.4.2 increase motivation of TUT junior researchers to work.

### **2. Organisation of the competition**

2.1 The competition shall be organised by TUT Research Administration Office (hereinafter RAO) by using the funds intended for the implementation of the TUT motivation system.

2.2 The Rector shall announce the competition and approve the schedule for conducting the competition in December each year. [entered into force 27.11.2013 by directive No. 305]

### **3. Conditions for participation in the competition**

3.1 The junior researcher of the year candidate may be nominated by the junior researcher himself or herself, the supervisor of his or her doctoral thesis, the head of his or her structural unit or at least two members of TUT membership by a joint application.

3.2 In order to participate in the competition, the following shall be submitted to RAO:

3.2.1 a motivated proposal;

3.2.2 additional materials at the discretion of the nominator of the candidate.

3.3 The candidate's CV must be available in the public portal of the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS).

### **4. Election of the junior researcher of the year**

4.1 The junior researcher of the year shall be elected at the meeting of the Committee for Research of the TUT Council (hereinafter Committee for Research).

4.2 The junior researcher of the year shall be elected based on the following criteria:

4.2.1 active participation in the research, including:

4.2.1.1 management of R&D projects or participation in R&D projects as the principal executor;

4.2.1.2 outstanding research results and publication thereof;

4.2.1.3 appearance at professional scientific forums;

4.2.2 supervision of a doctoral student/students;

4.2.3 involvement of pupils/students in R&D;

4.2.4 research awards and acknowledgements;

4.2.5 participation in organisation of research activities.

4.3 When electing the junior researcher of the year, the Committee for Research has the right to take into account additional factors arising from the additional materials submitted for the competition.

## **5. Approval of the results of the competition and presenting an award to the junior researcher of the year**

5.1 The results of the competition shall be approved by the Rector.

5.2 The TUT junior researcher of the year shall be awarded a certificate of honour at the festive meeting of the Anniversary of the Republic of Estonia. The junior researcher of the year shall sign the TUT book of honour.

5.3 The Director for Finance shall award a prize to the junior researcher of the year on the proposal of the Committee for Research.

5.4 A certificate of honour to the junior researcher of the year shall be prepared in compliance with the TUT brand and identification graphics collection.