

# POLISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY KRAKÓW BRANCH

### Regulations of the Master's Thesis Competition defended in the academic year 2023/2024

#### §1 General provisions

- 1) The Faculty Competition for Master's Thesis, hereinafter referred to as the "Competition", is organized by the Polish Pharmaceutical Society, Kraków Branch (PTFarm O/Kraków), hereinafter referred to as the "Organizer". PTFarm O/Kraków appoints from among the Members of the Management Board a person responsible for conducting the Competition or delegates a selected independent researcher of the Faculty to perform this function.
- 2) The Competition is organized under the patronage of the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Jagiellonian University Medical College.
- 3) The co-organizers of the Competition are the District Chamber of Pharmacists in Kraków and the National Chamber of Laboratory Diagnosticians.
- 4) Students from the Young Pharmacy Section of PTFarm O/Kraków and students from other student organizations, including student research clubs, operating at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Jagiellonian University Medical College, may take part in the preparation of the Competition.
- 5) The Competition aims to select and award the best master's thesis in the field of pharmacy and in the field of medical analytics for further stages of the National Competition for Master's Thesis organized by the Main Board of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society and Stowarzyszenie Kolegium Medycyny Laboratoryjnej in Poland, respectively, as well as to award the best works in the fields of cosmetology and drug discovery and development.
- 6) The prerequisite for the Competition is the submission of at least 3 master's theses in the field of pharmacy.

#### §2 Rules for participating in the Competition and submitting works.

- Only people who have defended their master's thesis in pharmacy, medical analytics, cosmetology or drug discovery and development at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Jagiellonian University Medical College in the 2023/2024 academic year can participate in the Competition.
- 2) Competition participants consent to the processing of their data for the Competition and sign information that they have read the rules of the Competition.
- 3) The application of the participant to the Competition is made by the master's thesis supervisor in consultation with the Head of the Department / Department and the Graduate.
- 4) The submitted work may not be a fragment of a doctoral or habilitation dissertation. The thesis submitted to the Competition should be distinguished by very good grades obtained during its defence and the graduate examination. Each work is reviewed again.
- 5) An application to the Competition is done via sending to the e-mail address: konkursmgrwf@cm-uj.krakow.pl documents listed below:
  - a. an application form signed electronically (for example with qualified signature or trusted profile signature) or scanned document with signature and stamp
  - b. a contest to the processing of the data for the Competition signed electronically (for example with qualified signature or trusted profile signature)
  - c. master's thesis in PDF format
- 6) Competition works may be submitted until March 3rd, 2025.



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7) The organizer reserves the right to change the deadline for submitting documents upon a justified request of the Dean's Office or the Faculty Units.

#### §3 Rules for selecting the winners

- 1) The Competition for Master's theses consists of two stages:
  - a. the stage of qualifying master's theses for the Competition
  - b. final of the Competition
- 2) The works submitted to the Competition will be assessed and qualified for the final by the Competition Committee according to the following criteria:
  - a. compliance with the content of the work with its title 1-10 points
  - b. editorial level of the work 1-10 points
  - c. substantive level of the work, including:
    - i. the originality of the research topic and its validity 1-5 points
    - ii. research level of work 1-5 points
    - iii. the manner and degree of use of data from the literature 1-5 points
    - iv. degree of achievement of the assumed research goals 1-5 points
- 3) Out of all the works submitted for the Competition, works that have obtained at least 30 points will be qualified for the Final of the Competition.
- 4) Each Participant will be informed at least 14 days before the planned Final about qualifying the work for the next stage or its rejection.
- 5) The order in which the works will be presented in the Final of the Competition will be decided by a draw, the results of which will be presented no later than 3 days before the Final.
- 6) The final presentation of works will be assessed by the Competition Commission. In the 10 minutes multimedia presentation there will be assessed:
  - a. editorial level of the presentation 1-5 points
  - b. significance of the information contained in the presentation 1-5 points
  - c. content-related and complete answers to questions asked by the Competition Committee and present guests 1-5 points
- 7) The total number of points obtained by individual Participants in both stages will decide the place in the general classification of the Competition. Based on the general classification winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be selected.
- 8) Additionally to the general classification, the Competition Commission will select the winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the fields of pharmacy and medical analytics (as stated in &1 point 5). The Competition Commission has the right to award 1st place in the field of cosmetology and two distinctions.
- 9) One graduate of pharmacy and one graduate of medical analytics will be referred to the National Competitions.
- 10) If two or more Participants score the same number of points, they will be placed ex aequo, while only one Participant indicated by the Competition Commission will be referred to the National Competition.

### §4 Competition Commission

- 1) The Competition Committee consists of:
  - a. One representative of the Dean's Authority and one representative of the Board of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society, Kraków Branch
  - b. Four independent representatives of the Scientific Staff of the Faculty of Pharmacy of



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- 2) The composition of the Competition Commission is selected after the collection of competition works is completed.
- 3) The Competition Committee may not include the Supervisors and the Chairs of the Departments from which the works were submitted to the Competition.
- 4) Point 3 does not apply if the submitted works come from at least 75% of the Departments of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Jagiellonian University Medical College. In such a situation, the composition of the Competition Committee is decided by the President together with the Presidium of the Board of PTFarm Kraków Branch or an independent Research Worker authorized by the President of PTFarm Kraków Branch.

### §5 The Final of the Competition

- 1) The final of the Master's Thesis Competition will be held on **April 5, 2025, at 9:30** in hybrid form: on-line on MS Teams and at the Faculty Council meeting room of prof. A. Zejc (Faculty of Pharmacy JUMC, Medyczna 9, Kraków).
- 2) After the presentation of all the works and adding up the points, the results of the Competition will be announced.
- 3) The awarding of prizes and distinctions will take place on a date agreed with the winners of the Competition.

#### **§6 Final Provisions**

- 1) The Organizer allows, in special cases, to amend the regulations upon prior notification of the Competition Participants and Members of the Competition Committee.
- 2) The Competition Committee has the right to final interpretation of the regulations at all stages of the Competition.
- 3) The decisions of the Competition Committee are final and are not subject to the appeal procedure.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF Polish Pharmaceutical Society Kraków Branch

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