Annex No. 2

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Eligibility Criteria and Procedure of Competitions for Increased State Academic Scholarships Awarded for Academic Achievements

1. An increased state academic scholarship for academic achievements shall be awarded, provided that these achievements satisfy the following criteria:

а) the student has only “excellent” grades over the course of 2 (two) consecutive interim assessment periods, preceding the dates of competition;

b) during the previous year[[1]](#footnote-1) the student received an award (prize) for his/her project and (or) experimental and R&D results;

c) during the previous year the student became a first-place winner or a prize-winner of academic events held by HSE or other educational institutions, as well as public and research organizations, including international, Russian nation-wide, industry-specific or regional Olympiads[[2]](#footnote-2), contests, competitions, or any other events focused on revealing student academic achievements[[3]](#footnote-3).

2. If during the previous year the student had to retake an examination (test) for no valid reason, the increased state academic scholarship for academic achievements stated in p. 1a hereof shall not be awarded.

3. The number of students entitled to increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements as per p. 1a hereof cannot exceed 10 percent of the total number of students receiving such scholarships.

4. Candidates for increased state academic scholarships awarded for academic achievements may take part in 1 (one) of the following competitions:

4.1. competition for students who during the previous year received an award (prize)[[4]](#footnote-4) for his/her achievements in project work or experimental or R&D activities[[5]](#footnote-5), or became prize-winners at events held by HSE or other educational institutions, as well as public and research organizations, including international, Russian nation-wide, industry-specific or regional Olympiads[[6]](#footnote-6), contests, competitions, or any other events[[7]](#footnote-7) focused on identifying students’ academic achievements, which were held throughout the year preceding competition dates[[8]](#footnote-8).

4.2. competition for students who demonstrated academic achievements over 2 (two) consecutive interim assessment periods preceding the competition dates.

5. The number of increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements, which are allocated pursuant to the results of each competition procedure, as specified in paragraph 4, shall be established by the University-wide Scholarship Committee.

6. Eligibility criteria for candidates applying for increased state academic scholarships awarded for academic achievements, in the framework of the competition procedure specified in p. 4.1., are as follows:

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| No. | Criteria | Score |
| 21 | During the previous year, the student has received an award (prize) for his/her project or experimental and R&D results[[9]](#footnote-9) | 5 |
| 32 | The student became a first-place winner or a prize-winner at an Olympiad, contest or competition, as well as other events focused on identifying students’ academic achievements, which were held during the previous year (only events requiring personal attendance are eligible)  | Winner  | Prize-winner (Place 2 or 3) |
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|  | 2.1 international event[[10]](#footnote-10) | 15 | 10 |
|  | 2.2 Russian nation-wide event[[11]](#footnote-11) | 10 | 5 |

7. Pursuant to the competitive procedure set forth in p. 4.2 hereof, in addition to compliance with the requirements specified in p. 1a hereof, a student applying for an increased state academic scholarship for academic achievement must have better personal percentile values than other students in the most recent two semesters preceding the competition dates.

The following algorithm is used to calculate student percentiles for the purposes of assigning increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements:

1) all the grades earned over most recent semester that appear in the current student rating are taken into account (if a student missed an assessment for a valid reason, the grade earned at the first retake shall be considered);

2) a credit-rating value for each student is calculated, i.e. the sum of grade\*credits values for each course;

3) a normalized credit-rating value for each student is established, i.e. a credit-rating value (2) is multiplied by the normalization ratio (the maximum number of credits an x-year student enrolled in this degree programme can earn divided by the number of credits actually earned by a given student);

4) a list of x-year students enrolled in a given degree programme is drawn up by normalized credit-rating value in a decreasing order;

5) a student is assigned a place in the aforementioned list; the first place is assigned for the highest credit-rating value;

6) a student's percentile is then calculated, which is expressed as a percentage: the student's place (5) minus 1, divided by the number of x-year students enrolled in a given degree programme;

7) steps 1) - 6) are repeated for the second to last semester. The sum of both percentile values is calculated;

8) a list of percentile values over the 2 most recent semesters is drawn up in increasing order;

9) if two or more applicants have the same percentile values, an annual weighted average grade for each student is calculated, if the latter is also identical, then the annual average grade is established for each student, after which a student is assigned a place in the final list.

1. The previous year refers to 365 days preceding the dates of competition [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Except for Olympiads for HSE students and graduates [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If increased state academic scholarships are awarded to Master’s students, their achievements shown prior to their admission to HSE Master’s programmes shall be taken into account, provided that such achievements were recognized during the year preceding the competition dates. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Achievements in terms of project activities can be confirmed by certificates, diplomas or letters of recognition attesting to the high quality of project results. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. A certificate on implementation of experimental and R&D results. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Except for Olympiads for HSE students and graduates [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Results obtained at subject-specific competitions, contests, including case championships, hackathons, etc. (i.e. academic events aimed at identifying student knowledge in a given field), which require personal attendance, shall be considered. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. If increased state academic scholarships are awarded to Master’s students, their achievements shown prior to their admission to HSE Master’s programmes shall be considered, provided that such achievements were recognized during the year preceding the competition dates. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Such results and relevant supporting documents must be presented in person [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. An international event for the purposes of this document is an event organized by several institutions with main offices located in different countries or an event which is positioned as international according to its official regulations [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. A Russian nation-wide event for the purposes of this document is an event organized by several institutions with main offices located in different Russian regions or an event which is positioned as a nation-wide event according to its official regulations [↑](#footnote-ref-11)