

## **Rules of the competition and prizes "FUTURE INVENTION" organized by the Open University at the University of Silesia in partnership with the Euro Science Open Forum 2024**

### **§1**

#### **General provisions**

1. The regulations define the terms and conditions of the "FUTURE INVENTION" competition, hereinafter referred to as the Competition.
2. The organizer of the competition is the Open University at the University of Silesia, with headquarters at 4 Uniwersytecka Street, 40-007 Katowice, hereinafter referred to as the Organizer.
3. Persons who have registered to participate in the Competition under the terms of these Regulations are hereinafter referred to as Participants, and after the announcement of the results and recognition as winners of the Competition – Laureates.
4. The sponsor of the prizes is the Organizer. The competition is conducted within the European Union from April 8, 2024 until the day of the awards ceremony, the date of which will be agreed with the participants.
5. Ukrainian children residing and studying in the territory of the Republic of Poland may also participate in the competition.
6. Participants of the Competition may be children and youth aged six to fifteen years, and the Competition is divided into age categories. The first category includes children in grades 0-3 (or aged 6-10), and the second category includes youth in grades 4-8 (or aged 11-15).
7. Each Participant may submit only one entry/work.
8. The competition consists of two stages.
9. Participation in the Competition is free and voluntary.

### **§2**

#### **Purpose of the Competition**

1. The aim of the Competition is to develop passion, creativity, improve technical, logical, cognitive, and general developmental skills of children and youth, as well as to select the best competition work presenting an idea for an innovative

invention that would be possible to realize at a higher stage of scientific development and would be helpful to humanity.

### **§3**

#### **Competition procedure**

1. A necessary and sufficient condition for participation in the Competition is to prepare and deliver, in the specified form and within the specified deadline, the competition work and the required documents related to the protection of personal data (§6).
2. A Participant may submit a competition work in the form of a drawing, model, graphic design or video, description, video blog, photograph.
3. Entries must be submitted from April 8, 2024, to May 17, 2024, until 3:00 PM.
4. Competition works along with the required documents must be delivered to the Organizer's headquarters by the above-mentioned deadline.
5. Entries may be submitted and delivered in person, in which case a parent/legal guardian must accompany the Competition Participant during submission and delivery of the work. Entries may also be delivered by registered mail, along with a signed declaration and GDPR document, to the following address: Open University at the University of Silesia in Katowice, 4 Uniwersytecka Street, 40-007 Katowice.
6. The competition has a two-stage evaluation. In the first stage, the works will be collected, which will then be evaluated by a five-person Commission, consisting of scientists and experts from various scientific fields. Ten works will be selected for the second stage, five from each age category.
7. In the second stage, the creators of the ten selected works will participate in scientific consultations in the form of an Open Spac. The competition commission will select thematically experts/scientists for each selected work. Experts will be selected according to the theme of the work performed. The creator of the work and their parent/legal guardian must participate in the consultations. In justified cases, the possibility of conducting consultations online is allowed.
8. After the consultations, Participants will have 14 days to make changes to their works and deliver the refined work to the Organizer's headquarters.
9. After delivering the final works, the Competition Commission will meet again to select two winning inventions, one from each age category.
10. When evaluating competition works, the Competition Commission will consider positive and clear associations of the work with the assumptions of the Competition. The works must be independent, coherent, and innovative. Competition works cannot be plagiarized or show significant similarity to

previously known ideas and solutions using graphic signs of other widely known entities.

11. Organizers are not obliged to present arguments that formed the basis for the selection of winning works or those that advanced to the second stage of the Competition.
12. The decision of the Competition Commission appointed by the Organizer is final and not subject to appeal.
13. The results of the competition will be announced during the awards ceremony, which will take place at the Organizer's headquarters the date of which will be agreed with the participants.

#### **§4**

##### **Prizes**

1. The prize in the Competition is a material prize, a set of gadgets, and a diploma, as well as free participation, in the next school year, in classes of the Children's University of Silesia or the Youth University of Silesia.
2. The value of the prizes for each participant will not exceed PLN 2000. In accordance with art. 21 sec. 1 point 68 of the Act of July 26, 1991, on personal income tax, the aforementioned. Prize is exempt from personal income tax.
3. In case of impossibility to contact the Laureates or resignation by the Laureate from the prize, the Organizer may award the prize to another Participant.

#### **§5**

##### **Rights to use the submitted works**

1. Participation in the Competition is equivalent to the free and unlimited transfer of proprietary copyrights to the Organizer on the following fields of exploitation: printing in any number of publications in any circulation, use on the Internet and in other forms of recordings suitable for distribution (e.g., magnetic, electronic, optical media, CD-ROM, circulation, computer memory), as well as presenting works at events organized by the Open University at the University of Silesia with consent for their public use.
2. The Competition Organizer reserves the right to interfere with the graphical representation of competition works (such as graphic processing, using fragments of works, graphic modification, etc.) for promotional and advertising activities.
3. During the awards ceremony, photographic documentation may be prepared capturing the images of Participants. The Organizer reserves the right to publicly use, record, and reproduce them, use them for promotional and advertising purposes, place them in the press, media, the Internet, and other forms of

recordings suitable for distribution, with the author's data, without temporal and quantitative restrictions.

4. Delivering works confirms familiarity with the Regulations and thus expresses consent to the use of works and the image of Participants in whole and in part to the extent specified above.
5. Granting the aforementioned rights does not entail the obligation to pay remuneration to the Participant.

## **§6**

### **Protection of Personal Data**

1. Personal data of Competition Participants will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), hereinafter referred to as GDPR, as well as the Information Security Policy at the University of Silesia in Katowice, introduced by Rector's order No. 153 of the University of Silesia dated October 15, 2018, as amended.
2. The GDPR information clause along with statements of consent constitute an attachment to these Regulations.
3. Since the Competition Participants are children and adolescents, i.e., minors, participation in the Competition requires the consent of a parent/legal guardian for the processing of their personal data.

## **§7**

### **Final Provisions**

1. By participating in the Competition, the Participant declares that they have read and accepted the provisions of these Regulations.
2. In accordance with the idea of the Competition and the conditions of these Regulations, the Organizer will publicly disclose (i.e., in the media, Internet, and promotional materials of the Open University at the University of Silesia) information about nominated individuals and Competition Laureates.
3. In all matters not regulated by these Regulations, the provisions of the Civil Code, GDPR, and the Act on Copyright and Related Rights apply.
4. These Regulations come into force upon publication on the website [www.us.edu.pl](http://www.us.edu.pl).

