

Open Science Award 2025

Article I

Aim and rules of the competition

- 1) The aim of the competition is to recognise and highlight specific activities through which academic and research staff, teams and students at the UHK apply the Open Science principles. The competition aims to showcase examples of good practice and encourage the transparent sharing of results, data and knowledge, thereby contributing to the development of an open and responsible scientific culture at our university.
- 2) The following are eligible to participate:
 - a) Individual academics or researchers;
 - b) Research teams;
 - c) Doctoral or Master's students who have demonstrably applied the Open Science principles.
- 3) Interested parties should send a brief description of their example of good practice (300–600 words) containing:
 - a) First name and surname, workplace, contact e-mail address;
 - b) Name of activity;
 - c) A description of how the Open Science principles were applied (e.g. open access to publications, open data, FAIR data, shared code, preprint, pre-registration, open peer review, citizen involvement in research, etc.);
 - d) Link to a specific result (DOI, repository, publication, dataset, website, etc.);
 - e) Brief summary of the contribution (innovation, impact, added value, usability).
 - **Applications must be submitted electronically to the following email address:** lenka.spicanova@uhk.cz
 - **Application deadline:** 30 November 2025

Article II

Evaluation and reward

- 1) An evaluation committee composed of experts in Open Science, science, research and ethics will assess:
 - a) The degree and quality of openness (how the activity fulfils the Open Science principles);
 - b) The impact and contribution of openness to the scientific community or society (reusability);
 - c) The originality and innovation (degree of novelty and creative approach to opening up research);
 - d) The sustainability and transferability of the example of good practice (how well and for how long the activity is sustainable and replicable).
- 2) The **three best examples** will be awarded:
 - 1st place – CZK 10,000
 - 2nd place – CZK 5,000
 - 3rd place – CZK 3,000
- 3) In addition to the financial reward, the winners will be presented on the university website and at a ceremony to promote Open Science.

Article III

Organisational arrangements

- 1) The competition is announced by the Vice-Rector for Science, Research and Knowledge Transfer in cooperation with the Open Science Office.
- 2) Questions about the competition can be directed to Lenka Špičánová, Head of the Open Science Office (lenka.spicanova@uhk.cz).

Article IV

Final provisions

This directive shall enter into force and effect on 13 November 2025.

In Hradec Králové on 13 November 2025

Assoc. prof. Ing. Hana Tomášková, Ph.D.
*Vice-Rector for Science, Research
and Knowledge Transfer*

Intended for: All employees and students of doctoral and Master's study programmes at the UHK

Appendix 1: Application for the Open Science Award competition