

Open Science Award 2026

Article I

Aims and Rules of the Competition

- 1) The aim of the competition is to recognise and highlight specific examples of good Open Science practice implemented at the University of Hradec Králové, through which academic and research staff, research teams or students at UHK apply the principles of Open Science. The competition promotes the transparent sharing of research results, data, methods and findings and contributes to the development of an open and responsible scientific culture at UHK.
- 2) The following are eligible to participate in the competition:
 - a) individual academic or research staff at UHK;
 - b) research teams involving UHK staff or researchers;
 - c) students enrolled in doctoral or master's degree programmes at UHK who can demonstrate that they have applied the principles of Open Science.
- 3) The subject of the assessment is the specific activity submitted or the example of good practice, not the entrant's overall scientific output.
- 4) The submitted activity must have a demonstrable link to the University of Hradec Králové. The competition entrant must have carried out the activity or made a significant contribution to it as part of their work, studies or research at UHK.
- 5) If the submitted entry is a publication, dataset, software or other research output for which authors' affiliations are normally stated, the University of Hradec Králové must be listed as the entrant's affiliation. This condition does not apply to activities or outputs for which an affiliation is not normally stated; in such cases, the link to UHK must be demonstrated by other appropriate means.
- 6) In the case of co-authored or team-based outputs, the entrant must describe in the application their specific contribution to the application of Open Science principles. Mere authorship or co-authorship of an output, without a demonstrable contribution to its openness or to a related Open Science activity, is not sufficient.

- 7) Activities or results published or carried out between 1 January 2025 and the deadline for applications may be submitted to the competition. In the case of long-term activities, a significant output, development or demonstrable use must have taken place during this period.
- 8) The mere publication of an article under an Open Access model is not, in itself, considered a sufficient example of good practice. The application must explain the entrant's active contribution to the openness, transparency and reusability of research.
- 9) An activity that has already been recognised in a previous edition of the UHK Open Science Award may not be submitted again. A significantly developed follow-up activity may be submitted, provided the applicant clearly describes the new elements and added value.
- 10) The application must include a brief description of the example of good practice, between 300 and 600 words in length, and the following details:
 - a) first name and surname, workplace and contact email address; in the case of a team, a list of its members and their workplaces;
 - b) the title of the activity and the date or period of its implementation;
 - c) a description of how Open Science principles were applied (e.g. open access to publications, open data, FAIR data, shared code, preprints, preregistration, open peer review, citizen participation in research, etc.);
 - d) a link to the specific output (DOI, repository, publication, dataset, website, etc.);
 - e) a description of the relationship between the output and UHK, and, where relevant, the affiliation stated for the output;
 - f) a description of the entrant's specific role and contribution to the application of Open Science principles;
 - g) a brief summary of the contribution (innovativeness, impact, added value, usability).
 - **Applications must be submitted electronically to the following email address: lenka.spicanova@uhk.cz**
 - **Deadline for applications: 30 October 2026**

Article II

Eligibility Check, Evaluation and Award

- 1) Before the applications are submitted to the evaluation panel, the Open Science Department (OSD) shall carry out a formal check of the applications. In particular, it shall verify compliance with the conditions of participation, the link between the proposed activity and UHK, the relevant period, the completeness of the application and the functionality of the links provided.
- 2) The OSD may ask applicants to provide additional information or clarify specific details. The organiser may exclude from the evaluation any application that does not meet the competition conditions, contains information that cannot be verified, or contains false or misleading information.
- 3) An evaluation panel comprising experts in Open Science, science, research and ethics shall assess:
 - a) the extent and quality of openness (the extent to which the activity fulfils the principles of Open Science);
 - b) the impact and benefits of openness for the scientific community or society, including the reusability of the outputs;
 - c) originality and innovation (the degree of novelty and creative approach to opening up research);
 - d) the sustainability and transferability of the example of good practice (the quality, long-term sustainability and replicability of the activity);
 - e) the applicant's demonstrable contribution to the application of Open Science principles.
- 4) Members of the evaluation panel must not have a conflict of interest in relation to a submitted activity; in particular, they must not be the author, co-author or a member of the team submitting the application.
- 5) **The three best examples** shall receive the following awards:
 - 1st place – CZK 10,000
 - 2nd place – CZK 5,000
 - 3rd place – CZK 3,000
- 6) In addition to the financial reward, the winners will be featured on the university website and at a meeting promoting Open Science.

Article III

Organisational Arrangements

- 1) The competition is organised by the Vice-Rector for Science, Research and Knowledge Transfer in collaboration with the Open Science Department.
- 2) Enquiries regarding the competition may be directed to Lenka Špičánová, Head of the Open Science Department (lenka.spicanova@uhk.cz).

Article IV

Final Provision

This Directive shall enter into force and effect on the date of its signature.

In Hradec Králové on 30 September 2026.

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

Intended for: All staff and students on doctoral and master's degree programmes at UHK.

Appendix 1: Competition application form
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