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The Pascal Award for Young Scientists at Ilia State University

1. Ilia State University has established the Pascal Award, a special monetary award of 3000 GEL, to encourage the participation of young scientists in research activities.
2. The Pascal Award shall be granted to a young scientist affiliated with Ilia State University in recognition of a significant international publication, which must be presented as an academic article.
3. Scientists who have not yet reached 36 years of age at the time of application may apply for the Pascal Award.
4. The award may be granted to a single author for a maximum of two articles, provided the author meets the age requirements specified in Paragraph 3 of this rule.
5. An application for the Pascal Award must include the following documents:
 - a) a letter addressed to the rector in which the candidate expresses their desire to submit the publication for award consideration;
 - b) a document confirming the candidate's affiliation¹ with Ilia State University (such as a certificate, agreement, or other official document);
 - c) a copy of the candidate's ID card; and a copy of the published scientific article.
6. To be eligible for the Pascal Award, the article must be published in a peer-reviewed international journal in the Clarivate Analytics database and indexed within the corresponding search engine. The award will be granted to authors of articles published in journals with a high Eigenfactor Score². However, for articles in the humanities, publication in any thematic

¹ The candidate must not have violated the terms of affiliation.

² The journal's Eigenfactor Score reflects the density of the citations network of the journal's cited content over the past five years and is based on data from the Journal Citation Reports database in the Clarivate Analytics database. It takes into account both the number of citations and the sources of these citations, meaning sources with higher citations counts have a greater impact on the citation network than those with fewer citations. Self-citations are not considered when calculating the Eigenfactor Score. The list of journals in the relevant field for the Pascal Prize will be ranked according to the Eigenfactor Score, from highest to lowest. The prize is awarded to articles published in journals that rank within the top 50% of the list.

journal indexed in the Clarivate Analytics database and reflected in its search engine will be sufficient to meet the eligibility criteria.

7. The candidate must hold an academic or research position at Ilia State University or be a currently enrolled student.
8. The award may be granted to a candidate who is the first or second author of the article.
9. Publications submitted by invited personnel working within the framework of a scientific grant will not be considered for the award, except for candidates stipulated in Paragraph 7 of these regulations.
10. Doctoral candidates may submit articles as long as they comply with the requirements of their specific doctoral program.
11. A student's supervisor or co-supervisor may be listed as a co-author of the article but may not be listed as the first author.
12. If the article has multiple authors and the first author and the second author meet the requirements outlined in Paragraph 7, the award of 3000 GEL will be distributed equally between the two authors.
13. In the case outlined in Article 12, the application described in Article 5 must be submitted by the group of authors who meet the requirements specified in this rule.
14. The article must be published on or after January 1, 2014.
15. The analysis and evaluation of the data provided in the candidate's application will be conducted by the Quality Assurance Office at Ilia State University. The conclusions of the Quality Assurance Office will be submitted to the University Rector and the Head of Administration for a final decision.

Transitional Provision:

Applications for the Pascal Award will not be considered from those candidates who have received two or more Pascal Awards prior to August 1, 2024.