

**Regulations for the
"Scholarship for international candidates" Admissions Competition
for Individuals Undertaking Studies
at SWPS University
in the 2026/2027 Academic Year**

[General Provisions]

§ 1

1. The Regulations for the "Scholarship for international candidates" Admissions Competition for Individuals Undertaking Studies at SWPS University in the 2026/2027 Academic Year (hereinafter referred to as the "**Regulations**") establish the rules for conducting the "Scholarship for international candidates" competition (hereinafter referred to as the "**Competition**") as part of the admissions procedure for studies in the 2026/2027 academic year.
2. The competition is organized by SWPS University with its registered office in Warsaw at: Warszawa (03-815), ul. Chodakowska 19/31 (also referred to as: "**USWPS**" or the "**Organizer**").
3. The purpose of the Competition is to select prize recipients from among participants who have written the best essay and submitted the required documents in accordance with the criteria specified in § 3 and § 5 of the Regulations. 4. The Organizer will fund prizes for winners in accordance with the Regulations.

[Competition Participants]

§ 2

1. The Competition is intended for candidates (hereinafter referred to as "**Participants**") who wish to undertake first-year undergraduate or graduate studies at SWPS University in full-time mode in the following fields: Psychology (studies in English), Management and Leadership (studies in English), Philology (English Studies), Philology (English Studies with a second language), Computer Science (studies in English), or Design (studies in English), who do not hold Polish citizenship and possess a document that entitles them to apply for admission to an undergraduate program or a uniform integrated master's degree program in the Republic of Poland, as defined in the provisions of generally applicable law and in the terms, procedure, and dates governing the commencement and completion of admissions to study programs at SWPS University in the 2026/2027 academic year.
2. In order to be awarded the prize, a Participant must meet all of the following conditions:
 - 1) the decision granting admission to studies in one of the fields specified in section 1 must become final;
 - 2) the individual must take the oath.

[Conditions of Competition Participation]

§ 3

1. Competition entry applications are submitted via the admissions form available at <https://rekrutacja.swps.pl/>, in the “Competitions and Scholarships” tab. 2. Participation in the Competition requires fulfilling the following conditions:

- 1) registration in the admissions form for studies in one of the fields specified in § 2 section 1 above;
 - 2) submission, via the admissions form, of a properly completed application form, which is enclosed as an appendix to the Regulations and includes acknowledgment of the conditions stipulated in the Regulations;
 - 3) uploading an essay and documents confirming additional social, cultural, sports, or academic activity (in particular, diplomas and certificates) into the admissions form in the “Competitions and Scholarships” tab. The requirements for the essay are listed in § 5. Entry applications must be submitted by July 15, 2026, via the admissions form, subject to section 3.
3. Entry applications may be submitted by candidates who have uploaded the documents required in the admissions procedure for the given field of study into the admissions form and have passed the qualifying examination—if required by the given admissions procedure.
4. Entry applications submitted after the deadline will not be included in the Competition. 5. Each Participant may submit only one entry application for the Competition.

[Rules for Selecting Competition Winners]

§ 4

1. Each entry application submitted correctly in accordance with § 3 sections 1–3 will be evaluated by the Competition Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “**Committee**”). The Rector will issue an order establishing the Committee and specifying its members. Committee Members may participate in meetings and make decisions using means of electronic communication.
2. In total, the Committee will select 10 of the best entry applications from among candidates for undergraduate studies and graduate studies, with the reservation of section 3 and § 2 section 1, and in accordance with the rules specified in § 5 of the Regulations.
3. The Committee’s decision is final and cannot be appealed.
4. Competition results will be announced by July 24, 2026.
5. Winners will be notified of the Competition results via email. Results, in the form of first and last names of winners, will also be published on the <https://english.swps.pl/programs/apply-for-scholarships/study-for-free-scholarships-for-candidates/scholarships-for-international-candidates> website, to which Participants consent.
6. If a competition winner forfeits the prize despite winning the Competition, the Organizer will be entitled to select another winner.

[Entry Application Scoring Criteria]

§ 5

1. Entry applications will be evaluated by the Committee in accordance with the following criteria and scoring scale:
 - 1) evaluation of the essay entitled: “The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence,” Albert Einstein. Discuss the value of intellectual curiosity in your chosen field

- of study or in your community. Describe a time when persistent questioning or seeking knowledge outside the curriculum led you to a significant discovery, a solution to a problem, or a shift in your perspective.—from 0 to 45 points, minimum—20 points;
- 2) involvement in social, cultural, sports, or academic activity and motivation to undertake studies at SWPS University—from 0 to 45 points, minimum—20 points;
 - 3) the English-language grade recorded on the maturity certificate (for undergraduate admissions) or the grade recorded on the higher-education diploma (for graduate admissions)—from 0 to 10 points, minimum—5 points;
2. Formal requirements for the essay: Calibri 11 font, double-spaced lines, 2.5 cm margins. Maximum character count: 1800 characters.
 3. The maximum score achievable in the Competition is 100.
 4. Entries that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Regulations (including the minimum score thresholds listed in section 1 above) will be excluded from substantive evaluation.

[Competition Prizes]

§ 6

1. Winners of the Competition are awarded a cash prize in an amount equal to the annual tuition fee payable in a single installment system for the first year of studies in the winner's selected field of study in full-time mode, subject to § 2 section 1, only for the duration of the first year of study.
2. The Organizer reserves the right to fund additional prizes and awards. 3. A winner who receives the prize and, in subsequent academic years, meets all of the following conditions:
 - 1) meets the requirements for registration for the subsequent year of study,
 - 2) obtains an average grade at least 0.1 higher than the average grade of the entire year group in the winner's field, level, and mode of study—will receive a scholarship for academic achievements from SWPS University's own fund, constituting the equivalent of one year's tuition.
4. The prize will expire and the winner will no longer be entitled to receive it if:
 - 1) the individual in question loses student status at SWPS University or receives permission to take a leave of absence; or 2) they receive permission to change their field of study, faculty, or study mode or level.
5. The prize is set-off against the tuition fee. The winner acknowledges that the prize may not be paid out to them but will be allocated by the Organizer towards the tuition fees in the selected field of study in full-time mode in the given academic year.
6. The prize is subject to taxation in accordance with tax law. 7. An additional cash prize will be added to the value of each prize referred to in section 1, equivalent to the flat-rate income tax for natural persons due for winning the Competition, amounting to 11.11% of the value of the given prize. The winner acknowledges that this amount may not be paid out to them but will be allocated by the Organizer towards paying the tax due for winning the Competition.
8. Before paying out the prize, the Organizer will calculate and remit the flat-rate income tax for natural persons due for winning the Competition to the relevant tax office. Winners are obligated to provide the Organizer with any information required to fulfill taxpayer obligations.

[Final Provisions]

§ 7

1. The Organizer reserves the right to not award any prizes if none of the entries meet the requirements outlined in these Regulations.
2. The decision to award a prize is signed by the Chair of the Committee.
3. The Organizer will not return any entries received.
4. Any concerns and information regarding Competition organization should be directed to the Organizer (email: admissions@swps.edu.pl).
5. The Regulations are available on the Organizer’s website at:
<https://english.swps.pl/programs/apply-for-scholarships/study-for-free-scholarships-for-candidates/scholarships-for-international-candidates>.
6. Information about the Competition contained in any promotional or advertising materials is for reference only. For binding information, refer to these Regulations.
7. In all matters not covered by these Regulations, decisions are made by the Organizer.

Appendix:

- *Application form.*

*appendix to
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**Application Form
 —“Scholarship for international candidates” Admissions Competition
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 in the 2026/2027 Academic Year**

First and last name:

..... Address of

residence:

Telephone number:

..... Email address:

..... **Your essay:**

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..... (city and date)

(legible signature)

Declaration

I hereby declare that I have read the Regulations for the "Scholarship for international candidates" Admissions Competition for Individuals Undertaking Studies at SWPS University in the 2026/2027 Academic Year, I accept its contents and undertake to abide by the provisions contained therein.

..... (city and date) (Participant's signature)

Personal Data Processing Notice

Data controller's identity and contact information

- The data controller with respect to the personal data of Participants is SWPS University with its registered office in Warsaw at ul. Chodakowska 19/31, 03-815 Warszawa. • The data controller can be contacted via the e-mail address: admissions@swps.edu.pl or in writing to the address of the registered office of the University with the note "Scholarship for international candidates" on the envelope.

Data Protection Officer

- The Controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer (hereinafter: "IOD") who may be contacted by email at iod@swps.edu.pl or in writing to the address of the controller with the note "IOD" on the envelope. The IOD can be contacted on all matters concerning the processing of your personal data and the exercise of rights related to data processing.

Purpose and period of data processing

- Personal data will be processed for the following purposes:
 - a) to conduct the "Scholarship for international candidates" admissions competition in accordance with the provisions of its regulations; the legal basis for processing is the legitimate interest of SWPS University (Article 6 section 1(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation [hereinafter: "GDPR"]). The legitimate interest of SWPS University constitutes conducting the competition in accordance with the provisions of its regulations;
 - b) in relation to the personal data of the winner—to fulfill obligations under tax law; the legal basis for processing is (Article 6 section 1(c) of the GDPR);
 - c) to defend against possible claims; the legal basis for processing is the legitimate interest of SWPS University (Article 6 section 1(f), hereinafter: the "GDPR"). The legitimate interest of SWPS University constitutes defense against possible claims.
- Your personal data will be processed until the end of the 2026 calendar year. After this period, data may only be processed for the purpose of fulfilling legal obligations.

Who will process your personal data

- Your personal data will be processed by employees and associates of SWPS University involved in conducting the competition.
- The personal data of winners may be disclosed in the scope and manner outlined in the regulations. As a result, an undetermined number of people may gain access to that data.
- Your data may be forwarded to entities rendering services for SWPS University, specifically to entities providing IT services (including those offering *GSuite for Education* tools), document archiving and destruction services, or courier and postal services.

Your rights

- You have the right to request: access to your data, its rectification, deletion, restriction of its processing, and data portability. You are also entitled to object to data processing for reasons related to your particular situation for purposes related to the legitimate interest of the data controller.

- If the basis for processing is your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the legitimacy of previous processing based on that consent.
- You have the right to file a complaint with the supervisory authority responsible for personal data protection (in Poland: the President of the Personal Data Protection Office).

Additional information

- The provision of personal data is voluntary but necessary to participate in the competition, as specified in the regulations. Refusal to provide the data will result in exclusion from participating in the competition.
- The data controller will refrain from any automated decision-making, including by means of profiling, based on your personal data.