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Article 1 Introductory Provisions

The Directive on Student Scientific and Professional Activity (Študentská vedecká odborná činnosť, hereinafter "ŠVOČ") is an internal regulation of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (hereinafter "VŠTE in Prešov") under Section 31(1)(o) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act) (hereinafter the "Act"), which VŠTE in Prešov issues after due discussion and approval in the bodies of VŠTE in Prešov in accordance with the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 31(2)(g) of the Act). ŠVOČ is a form of creative activity of students to which a student is entitled under Section 91(1)(f) of the Act, and it supports the fulfilment of the tasks of VŠTE in Prešov in research, development and other creative activities (Section 7 of the Act) in accordance with Directive VŠTE No. 8/2026 Strategy for the Development of Science and Research (Smernica VŠTE č. 8/2026 Stratégia rozvoja vedy a výskumu).

ŠVOČ represents an opportunity for the student to become acquainted with the basic invariants of scientific work. This form of cooperation gives students the opportunity to develop their professional knowledge and to demonstrate their analytical skills in areas related to their studies at VŠTE in Prešov. A student may work as a student research assistant at any unit by agreement with the supervisor and the head of the unit. The position of student research assistant is not financially remunerated, but it enables students to gain experience of practical scientific work under the guidance of experienced supervisors and at the same time teaches them to present the results of their work in writing as well as in the form of a presentation at the ŠVOČ conference.

The aim of ŠVOČ is to motivate students to systematic professional and scientific work, to support the further education of students and the ability to present the results of their work before an audience. In addition to valuable experience, participants also gain additional experience for selection procedures for study stays abroad under the Erasmus+ programme (Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme (Smernica č. 3/2025)). The best papers are also rewarded each year with a financial award, which is provided as a scholarship from the own resources of VŠTE in Prešov under Section 92(2) and Section 115 of the Act and the Scholarship Rules of VŠTE in Prešov (Štipendijný poriadok).

In connection with ŠVOČ, VŠTE in Prešov also motivates students to take part in non-student scientific conferences. A teacher of VŠTE in Prešov should guide the best students, provided they show sufficient competence, not only towards presentation at the ŠVOČ conference but also towards presentation at standard scientific conferences intended for researchers.

In line with this, the principle applies that the winner of ŠVOČ automatically acquires the right to free participation in the scientific conference organised annually by VŠTE in Prešov.

A ŠVOČ paper must be the result of the student's own creative activity and must satisfy the requirements of academic integrity (Section 2(b) and Section 101 of the Act). The use of artificial intelligence tools in preparing a ŠVOČ paper is permissible only in accordance with Section 8 of the Act and with Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 on the Use of Generative AI by Students and Academic Staff (Smernica VŠTE č. 23/2026); the student is obliged to state truthfully the extent and manner of the use of artificial intelligence (Section 93(3)(d) of the Act). The rights to a work created by a student within ŠVOČ belong to the student unless otherwise agreed; VŠTE in Prešov may use a ŠVOČ paper for non-commercial and promotional purposes (Section 93(3) of Act No. 185/2015 Coll., the Copyright Act, as amended).

Article 2 Competition Rules of ŠVOČ at VŠTE in Prešov

The Competition Rules of ŠVOČ at VŠTE in Prešov apply only to university students. ŠVOČ takes place in a single section in which all students compete regardless of field, level and year of study.

A ŠVOČ paper addresses a selected and approved topic and is prepared under the guidance of a consultant. The consultant is a teacher of the relevant department (Department of Economics, Management and Marketing or Department of Social Sciences) (internal consultant) and, by agreement with the head of the relevant department, may also be a practitioner (external consultant).

Topics addressed in ŠVOČ papers are proposed on their own initiative by the students – authors, who agree the topic with a teacher of the relevant department or with the external consultant.

A ŠVOČ topic is as a rule addressed by one student. A ŠVOČ competition paper meets all the requirements set out in the relevant directive on publication activity; if no such directive has been issued, the formal requirements of Directive No. 4/2025 on the Requirements for Final Theses (Smernica č. 4/2025) apply mutatis mutandis. A ŠVOČ competition paper is submitted to the relevant department by the set deadline, in electronic form through the academic information system AiS2 (hereinafter "AiS2") or from the student's institutional e-mail address (Section 95(4) of the Act), unless the department determines otherwise.

The institutional round of the ŠVOČ competition takes place before a competition committee on a date determined by the schedule of the relevant academic year (Section 73(3) of the Act). The exact date of the ŠVOČ competition must be set in the timetable of the ŠVOČ competition for the relevant academic year. The institutional round of the ŠVOČ competition is public. The institutional round of the ŠVOČ competition may also be held online or in hybrid form via the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov; a student of a study programme delivered by the distance method (Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning) may present his or her paper online. In an online competition, publicity is ensured by publishing the joining link on the website of VŠTE in Prešov, and the competition committee evaluates the papers in a closed session held in a separate room of the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov accessible only to its members.

The ŠVOČ competition committee consists of a chair and 2 members from VŠTE in Prešov, appointed by the Rector. An external member or members, as a rule a practitioner or practitioners, may also be appointed to the competition committee. The course of the competition is directed by the chair of the competition

committee. In the order determined in advance by the committee, the chair invites the individual competitors, or the representatives of competing teams, to present their paper.

In their presentation the competitors state in particular the objectives of the paper, the procedure and methods of solution, and the most important results and findings obtained in working on the topic. The chair of the competition committee allows the competitors to respond to any comments and questions and opens a discussion on the competition paper, during which anyone present may put questions to the competitors and raise comments or suggestions. After these questions have been answered, the chair closes the discussion.

After all papers have been presented, the competition committee carries out an overall evaluation of the competition papers in a closed session, and the chair publicly announces the results and closes the competition. An award is granted to a ŠVOČ competition paper that receives a prize. VŠTE in Prešov may take participation in ŠVOČ and its results into account when granting scholarships under the Scholarship Rules (Section 92(2) and Section 115 of the Act); the results of ŠVOČ are published on the website of VŠTE in Prešov (www.vste.sk) to the extent set out in Section 140(4) of the Act.

Article 3 Related Regulations

Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act), in particular Sections 7, 8, 31, 73, Section 91(1)(f), Section 92, Section 93(3)(d), Sections 95, 101, 115 and 140; Act No. 185/2015 Coll., the Copyright Act, as amended (Section 93(3)); Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education, as amended (Section 3(3)(h)).

Internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov: Statute of VŠTE in Prešov (Štatút VŠTE v Prešove); Directive VŠTE No. 8/2026 Strategy for the Development of Science and Research; Directive VŠTE No. 21/2026 Study Rules (Študijný poriadok); Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 on the Use of Generative AI by Students and Academic Staff; Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning; Directive No. 4/2025 on the Requirements for Final Theses; Directive No. 5/2025 Code of Ethics (Etický kódex); Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme; Scholarship Rules of VŠTE in Prešov.

Article 4 Final Provisions

This internal regulation repeals Directive No. 3/2011 on ŠVOČ and ŠVOK of 8 March 2011.

This wording replaces the original wording of Directive VŠTE No. 22/2026 on Student Scientific and Professional Activity approved on 20 April 2026.

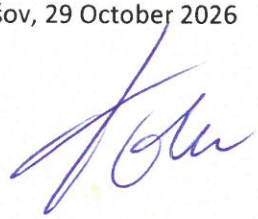
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