

# Rules of Competition for Students (“Rules”)

FOR THE BEST MASTER’S THESIS IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS

## 1. Objectives of the competition

1. The objective of the competition is to select the best master’s thesis in the field of Applied Mathematics. The thesis could refer to any topic using mathematics to solve any current mathematical problem.
2. The criteria of assessment include original concept, mathematical correctness and practical application of the suggested solution.
3. A master’s thesis which is based on the student’s publications will be particularly high rated.

## 2. Organizer

The organizer of the competition is BNY Mellon (Poland) Sp. z o.o., with its registered office in Wrocław, 50-088, at ul. Swobodna 3 together with The Hugo Steinhaus Centre, acting on behalf of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Wybrzeże Wyspiańskiego 27, 50-370 Wrocław (hereinafter collectively "Organizer").

## 3. Conditions of participation

1. The competition is open to students of public and non-public universities in Poland who are invited to participate.
2. The competition is organized according to these Rules which are available on the website [www.bnymellon.com/pl/en/index.jsp](http://www.bnymellon.com/pl/en/index.jsp).
3. Only a master’s thesis prepared for defense in the student’s course of studies may be submitted.
4. Only a master’s thesis which has already been defended in the academic year 2021/2022 may be submitted.
5. Only a master’s thesis which has been written in English or translated to English may be submitted.
6. Only the author of the master’s thesis may apply and submit the thesis.
7. The deadline for submitting the documents set out at section IV.1 below is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
8. The results of the competition will be announced no later than December 31, 2022.

#### 4. Rules of participation in the competition

1. In order to participate in the competition, participants shall send the following 4 documents by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by e-mail to the following e-mail address [polandcompetition@bnymellon.com](mailto:polandcompetition@bnymellon.com):
  - a. a completed and signed application form (scanned), an original signed copy of the application form will be physically presented by the applicant to the BNY Mellon registered office (above) within 48 hours and not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022;
  - b. the participant's consent for the processing of personal data (scanned), an original signed copy of the consent form will be physically presented by the applicant to the BNY Mellon registered office (above) within 48 hours and not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022;
  - c. evidence of defense of his or her master's thesis or confirmation from the promoter that the thesis was submitted for defense;
  - d. the master 's thesis in electronic PDF format;
2. Incomplete applications, applications without all the above 4 documents, or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

#### 5. Judging panel

The Organizers will establish a judging panel consisting of representatives of the Organizers or other experts.

#### 6. Evaluation criteria

1. Each master thesis will be evaluated by the judging panel for compliance with the topic and content, taking into account such specific factors as: originality, mathematical correctness and usefulness/application value of the suggested solution.
2. A master's thesis which is based on the student's publications will be particularly high rated.
3. Any master's thesis bearing plagiarism will be disqualified and will not be evaluated by the judging panel.

#### 7. Contest stages

1. The deadline to apply is 30th September 2022.
2. The winner will be selected by the judging panel.
3. The results of the competition will be announced on the Organizer's website: [www.bnymellon.com/pl/en/index.jsp](http://www.bnymellon.com/pl/en/index.jsp). The winners of the competition will be notified by e-mail and asked to attend the award ceremony in Wroclaw.
4. The Organizer reserves the right to change the dates of deadlines. In this case, the participants will be notified of the changes via email.
5. The date of the awards ceremony will be announced on the Organizer's website.
6. The Organizer reserves the right to publish the name of and additional information about the winner of the competition as well as the topic of the winning master's thesis, and to include this information in the Organizer's advertising materials and other media published by the Organizer including, without limitation, on the Internet.

## 8. Awards

The Organizer will award the following categories and prizes to the winners of the competition:

- 1st award: 15,000 PLN gross,
- 2nd award: 10,000 PLN gross;
- 3rd award: 5,000 PLN gross.

Financial awards are subject to 10% PIT tax, According to Article 30.1.2 of the Polish Personal Income Tax Act (PIT Act).

## 9. Final provisions

1. Depending on the number of submitted theses, the Organizer reserves the right to change these Rules or to cancel the competition without giving a reason.
2. All costs related to the preparation of their master’s thesis shall be borne by the applicable participant.
3. The selected winner shall consent to the publication of personal data in connection with the announcement of the winner of the competition.
4. All inquiries concerning the competition should be addressed to: Mrs. Lurette Kanas, BNY Mellon Risk & Compliance, R&C Global Centers India / Poland, BNY Mellon Science, R&C Data Officer C/- BNY Mellon (Poland) Sp z o.o. Swobodna 3, Wroclaw, 50-033, Poland. Telephone +48 888 656 927

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