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Methodology 2021

In 2021, the ranking is based on indicators covering the Fellowship competition, Grant competition, Educational Bridges competition and Foundation's School.

The ranking is calculated based on the following data on each university:

- number of full-time master students in the target academic year;
- number of students – participants of the Fellowship competition;
- number of students – winners of the Fellowship competition;
- students' scores in the distance round of the Fellowship competition;
- students' scores in the intramural round of the Fellowship competition;
- number of professors – participants of the Grant competition;
- number of professors – winners of the Grant competition;
- professors' scores of in the Grant competition;
- number of university representatives in Educational Bridges competition;
- number of university representatives – participants of the Foundation's School;
- number of university representatives – winners of the Foundation's School in either individual nomination of in project competition;
- number of applications for the Fellowship competition rejected due to plagiarism;
- number of applications for the Grant competition rejected due to plagiarism.

The above-mentioned data is used to calculate the following ranking indicators:

1. Involvement of university students in the Fellowship competition. This indicator evaluates the involvement of master students of each university in the Fellowship competition. It is calculated as the ratio of the number of students who applied for the competition to the total number of full-time master students in the target academic year.
2. Share of university students – winners of the Fellowship competition among the total number of participants from the university. This indicator represents the quality of the applications. It is calculated as the ratio of the number of students, who won in the Fellowship competition to the number of students, who took part in the competition.
3. Average score of the university in the distance round of the Fellowship competition. This indicator represents the quality of the applications by the students of a particular university in the distance round of the Fellowship competition. It is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores of the students from this university in the distance round.
4. Average score of the university in the intramural round of the Fellowship competition. This indicator represents the quality of the applications by the students of a particular university in the intramural round of the Fellowship competition. It is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores of the students from this university in the intramural round.
5. Average score of university professors in the Grant competition. This indicator represents the quality of the applications by the professors of a particular university, taking part in the competition. It is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores of the professors from this university.
6. Number of university professors – winners of the Grant competition. This indicator represents the quality of the applications. Raw data is used.
7. Participation of university representatives in Educational Bridges competition. This indicator is introduced in 2021 and equals 1 if at least one university representative took part in the competition, and 0 if otherwise;
8. Number of university representatives – participants in the Foundation's School. This indicator is introduced in 2021 and is calculated as the number of university representatives, who took part in the Foundation's School activities.
9. Number of university representatives – winners of the Foundation's School in either individual nomination of in project competition. This indicator is introduced in 2021 and is calculated as sum of the winners of the Foundation's School from a particular university. University representative is considered winner if he/she won at least in one of these nominations;

10. Ratio of applications for the Fellowship competition rejected due to plagiarism to the number of participants from the university. This indicator is calculated as the ratio of the number of applications for the Fellowship competition from a particular university rejected due to plagiarism to the number of students of this university, who took part in the competition.
11. Ratio of applications for the Grant competition rejected due to plagiarism to the number of participants from the university. This indicator is calculated as the ratio of the number of applications for the Grant competition from a particular university rejected due to plagiarism to the number of the professors of this university, who took part in the competition.

The score for each indicator shows the relative position of a university compared to the best university in terms of this indicator. Scores vary from 0 to 1. For all indicators except plagiarism-related 1 is the best result and 0 – the worst. The total score is the sum of scores for all indicators. Penalty indicators for plagiarism are calculated with «minus» and a multiplier of 2.