

15 let od podelitve prvih 'Dekanovih nagrad' za znanstvenoraziskovalno delo študentov na Medicinski fakulteti Univerze v Mariboru

Leta 2007 je vodstvo Medicinske fakultete Univerze v Mariboru (MF UM) na predlog prodekanje za raziskovalno delo sklenilo, da je treba spodbujati znanstvenoraziskovalno delo študentov, in uvedlo 'Dekanove nagrade' za najboljše študente na področju raziskovalnega dela na MF UM. S tem smo želeli, da študentje pridobijo izkušnje na področju raziskovanja, hkrati pa možnosti za vrednotenje raziskovalnega dela v času študija. Tako so študentje pridobili možnost, da kandidirajo s svojo raziskovalno nalogo za Perlachovo nagrado UM, ki se podeljuje za najboljše raziskovalne naloge študentom na UM vsako leto na različnih področjih študija.

Prve 'Dekanove nagrade' so bile podeljene pred 15 leti, in sicer 1. decembra 2008 na dan MF UM. Od takrat se nagrade podeljujejo vsako leto. Od leta 2010 se poleg teh nagrad podeljujejo še 'Dekanova priznanja' za vsa raziskovalna dela, ki so pokazala visoko kakovost, a se za nagrade niso uvrstila v najožji izbor. Nagrade in priznanja slovesno podeli vsako leto dekan in prodekan za raziskovalno dejavnost MF UM ob dnevu fakultete. Ob podelitvi nagrad se predstavi življenjepis nagrajenca in raziskovalno delo.

Z 'Dekanovimi nagradami' in 'Dekanovimi priznanji' želimo na fakulteti spodbujati znanstvenoraziskovalno dejavnost študentov na dodiplomskem študiju, saj smo prepričani, da je to izjemno dobra popotnica za nadaljnje raziskovalno delo pri opravljanju zdravniškega poklica. Hkrati jih motiviramo k vpisu na podiplomski študij po zaključenem študiju medicine. Diplomanti, ki so prejeli 'Dekanovo nagrado' MF UM ali Perlachovo nagrado UM, so tako enakovredni diplomantom ljubljanske MF, ki so prejeli Prešernovo

Fifteen years since the presentation of the first Dean's Awards for scientific research by students at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Maribor

In 2007, the management of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Maribor (the MF UM), concluded that scientific research by students must be encouraged after a proposal was received by the vice dean for research. Consequently, the Dean's Awards were introduced for the best students in the field of research at the MF UM. The aim was to help our students gain necessary research experience and to enable evaluation of their research during their studies. Our students' research papers are also eligible for Perlach's Award at the UM, which is presented annually to the UM students with the best research papers in various fields of study.

The first Dean's Awards were presented 15 years ago on December 1, 2008, on the day of the establishment of the MF UM. Since then, the awards have been presented each year. Since 2010, in addition to the Dean's Awards, Dean's Acknowledgements have been presented for research of high quality that was not shortlisted for awards. Awards and acknowledgements are presented each year by the dean and vice dean for research activity at the MF UM on the day of the establishment of the faculty. After the presentation of the Dean's Awards, a short biography of the prize winner and research is reported with a short introduction.

With the Dean's Awards and Dean's Acknowledgements, we wish to encourage scientific research activity by undergraduate students, because we are convinced that doing so provides excellent experience that supports students' pursuit of further

nagrado MF Univerze v Ljubljani (UL) ali Prešernovo nagrado UL pri točkovanju za pridobitev specializacije. Komisija za znanstvenoraziskovalne zadeve (KZRZ), ki jo vodi prodekanja za raziskovalno dejavnost na MF UM, vsako leto povabi nosilce predmetov dodiplomskega študija k oddaji tem za raziskovalne naloge, ki jo predlagajo habilitirani učitelji UM. Predlagane teme morajo biti poslane KZRZ do 30. junija tekočega študijskega leta. Razpis tem z imeni mentorjev na predlog KZRZ potrdi v mesecu oktobru Senat MF UM. Ves postopek je podrobno opredeljen v Pravilniku o častnih nazivih, nagradah, priznanjih in pohvalah Medicinske fakultete Univerze v Mariboru – UPB2, št. 012/2019/2. KZRZ poda vsako leto predlog ocenjevalcev za raziskovalne naloge, ki jih potrdi Senat MF UM. Vsako raziskovalno nalogo ocenjujejo trije ocenjevalci po merilih, ki jih določa pravilnik. Mentor ali somentor pri ocenjevanju ne sodelujeta. KZRZ na osnovi mnenja ocenjevalcev raziskovalnih nalog predlaga Senatu MF UM predloge za tri 'Dekanove nagrade' – zlato, srebrno in bronasto. KZRZ tudi oceni, ali so ostala dela glede kakovosti upravičena do 'Dekanovih priznanj', in jih predlaga Senatu MF UM v potrditev.

Vsak študent se lahko prijavi le na eno raziskovalno nalogo. Največje število študentov, ki lahko sodelujejo pri eni nalogi, je tri.

Število prejetih raziskovalnih nalog se nenehno povečuje. Prvo leto so prispele le tri naloge. Povprečno študentje oddajo 10 nalog letno. V prvih letih je bilo prejetih povprečno 7 do 8 nalog, v zadnjih osmih letih pa med 12 in 13.

Izjemno smo veseli, da so študentje vedno bolj aktivni na raziskovalnem področju, kar nas navdaja z optimizmom glede nadaljnjega raziskovalnega dela na MF UM. Verjamem, da bodo raziskovalno delo nadaljevali tudi pozneje kot zaposleni zdravniki na različnih področjih medicine in s svojim raziskovalnim delom prispevali k razvoju medicinske znanosti.

Študentje so z mentorji objavili številne znanstvene članke v mednarodno priznanih revijah, strokovne članke, objavili znanstvene in strokovne prispevke na konferencah in številne povzetke znanstvenih in strokovnih prispevkov na konferencah, kar kaže na odmevnost njihovih raziskav v širšem raziskovalnem prostoru.

research in medical occupations. Simultaneously, we motivate students to enroll in postgraduate studies after completing their undergraduate medical studies.

Our graduates who have received the Dean's Award or Perlach's Award at the UM are comparable to graduates of the Medical Faculty of Ljubljana who have received the Prešeren's Award from the MF of the University of Ljubljana (the UL) or the Prešeren's Award from the UL, in terms of their specialization scoring.

Each year, the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Maribor (the RCFM), headed by the vice dean for research activity at the MF UM, invites subject holders of undergraduate studies to submit topics for research papers, which are suggested by habilitated teachers at the UM. Suggested themes must be sent to the RCFM by June 30 of the current academic year. The call for themes together with the names of mentors is validated at the suggestion of the RCFM in October by the Senate of the MF UM. The entire procedure is defined in detail in the Regulation of Honorary Titles, Awards, Recognitions and Commendations of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Maribor – OCT2 no. 012/2019/2. Each year, the RCFM proposes evaluators for research papers that are confirmed by the Senate of the MF UM. Each research paper is assessed by three evaluators according to criteria specified in the list of rules. Mentors and co-mentors do not cooperate in the evaluation. The RCFM, on the basis of opinions of the evaluators of research papers, proposes three Dean's Awards—gold, silver and bronze—to the MF UM Senate. The RCFM also evaluates quality of the other research papers for consideration for Dean's Acknowledgements and proposes them to the MF UM Senate for confirmation.

Each student may apply for one research paper only, and a maximum of three students can participate in one paper.

The number of submitted research articles is continually increasing. In the first year, only three papers were received. In the first years, an average of seven to eight papers were received and, in the past 8 years, between 12 and 13 papers were received.

Po 15 letih smo lahko ponosni na raziskovalno delo študentov in hvaležni številnim mentorjem, ki jih s svojim znanjem in zagnanostjo nesebično spodbujajo na njihovi raziskovalni poti.

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*Znanost ni nič drugega kot slika resnice.
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Viri:

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We are delighted that our students are increasingly active in research, and we are optimistic regarding prospects for further research at the MF UM. I believe that students will continue to conduct research as physicians in various fields of medicine, and their research will contribute to the development of medical science.

Students, together with their mentors, have published numerous scientific articles in internationally renowned journals, scientific and professional contributions in conference proceedings; and numerous summaries of scientific and professional contributions at conferences, thus indicating that their studies have a high profile in the wider research community.

After 15 years, we can be proud of the research conducted by our students and grateful to numerous mentors, who, with their knowledge and enthusiasm, have unselfishly encouraged students along the research path.

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*Science is but an image of the truth
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