

Approved by order No 209 of 5 November 2025 of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs

In force from: 05.11.2025

The Olympiads, Competitions and Elective Courses Considered by the University Upon Admission Under Special Criteria

Pursuant to subsection 8 (2) of the Requirements for the Admission to the First and Second Levels of Study at Tallinn University of Technology, established by Regulation No 1 of 15 February 2022 of the Senate of Tallinn University of Technology, I hereby approve the special criteria applied by the university for admission under special criteria:

1. Participation in the final round of any of the following Estonian National Subject Olympiads in the group of 11th- or 12th-grade students (or receiving an invitation to the final round in 2020), shall be taken into account upon admission to all study programmes:
 - 1.1 Mathematics Olympiad
 - 1.2 Physics Olympiad
 - 1.3 Chemistry Olympiad
 - 1.4 Informatics Olympiad
2. Ranking in the top ten in the final round of any of the following Estonian National Subject Olympiads in the group of 11th- or 12th-grade students (or in the preliminary round of 2020 if no final round was held), or ranking among the top twenty in the overall upper secondary school ranking, shall be taken into account upon admission to all study programmes:
 - 2.1 History Olympiad
 - 2.2 Biology Olympiad
 - 2.3 Geography Olympiad
 - 2.4 Linguistics Olympiad
 - 2.5 Earth Science Olympiad
 - 2.6 Economics Olympiad
 - 2.7 TalTech School Mathematics Olympiad
 - 2.8 Social Studies Olympiad
 - 2.9 Open Astronomy Competition
 - 2.10 Open Physics Competition
 - 2.11 Open Chemistry Competition
 - 2.12 Open Mathematics Competition
 - 2.13 TalTech Economics Competition for High School Students
 - 2.14 Physics competition "Kajakas"
 - 2.15 TalTech Technology Olympiad
3. Participation in any of the following international competitions as an upper secondary school student shall be taken into account upon admission to all study programmes:
 - 3.1 Baltic Geography Olympiad (Baltic IGeo)
 - 3.2 Baltic Chemistry Competition
 - 3.3 Baltic Olympiad in Informatics (BOI)
 - 3.4 European Girls' Olympiad in Informatics (EGOI)
 - 3.5 European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO)
 - 3.6 European Physics Olympiad (EuPhO)
 - 3.7 European Geography Olympiad
 - 3.8 European Union Contest for Young Scientists
 - 3.9 European Student Startup Competition
 - 3.10 Mathematics competition Baltic Way
 - 3.11 Nordic-Baltic Physics Olympiad (NBPhO)
 - 3.12 International History Olympiad (IHO)
 - 3.13 International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA)

- 3.14 International Biology Olympiad (IBO)
- 3.15 International Philosophy Olympiad (IPO)
- 3.16 International Physics Olympiad (IPhO)
- 3.17 International Geography Olympiad (iGeO)
- 3.18 International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI)
- 3.19 International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO)
- 3.20 International Environmental Project Olympiad (INEPO)
- 3.21 International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL)
- 3.22 International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)
- 3.23 International Economics Olympiad (IEO)
- 3.24 International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)
- 3.25 International online physics competition "Physics Cup"
- 3.26 International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI)

4. The following competition results shall be taken into account upon admission to all study programmes:

- 4.1 having, as an upper secondary school student, won 1st – 3rd place in the TV show *Rakett 69*;
- 4.2 having, in the last two years preceding admission, won 1st – 5th place in the engineering competition *Enignaator*;
- 4.3 having won 1st place in the online math challenge *E-rehkendus* at the upper secondary school level;
- 4.4 having won 1st - 3rd prize in the National Contest of Young Scientists;
- 4.5 having, in the year of admission, won 1st–10th place in TalTech's competition Labürindijooks ("Labyrinth Rally")

5. The following competition results shall be taken into account upon admission to all study programmes:

- 5.1 having won 1st place in the engineering competition *Vesinikuvõistlus* in the three years preceding admission. Admission under this special criterion is granted only to the study programmes of the School of Engineering and the School of Science;
- 5.2 having won 1st place in the competition *Spagetisild (Spaghetti Bridge)* as an upper secondary school student in the three years preceding admission. Admission under this special condition is granted only to study programmes in the School of Engineering;
- 5.3 up to 10 top graduates of the intensive programme for programming kood/Jõhvi, up to 6 top graduates of kood/Järva and kood/Võru annually. Admission under this special criterion is granted only to the study programme Smart Systems and Applied Information Technology of the School of Engineering.

6. Upon admission to any study programme at the School of Information Technologies, the following shall be taken into account within three years of completing a course or participation in a competition, based on the list submitted to the university by the course or competition organizer:

- 6.1 up to 15 top graduates of the 3-year elective course Digital Product Development / Digital Product Design (Codesters.club);
- 6.2 up to 10 top graduates of the intensive programme for programming kood/Jõhvi, up to 6 top graduates of kood/Järva and kood/Võru annually;
- 6.3 up to 20 top graduates of the reskilling programmes *Women To Tech / WoTech*, *Avasta IT / Discover Tech* with the workload of 200 hours annually;
- 6.4 the top 6 competitors of the artificial intelligence competition *TalTech AI*;
- 6.5 a candidate who has achieved 1st - 3rd place in the competition *Noor Meister* in the IT sector;
- 6.6 a candidate who has achieved 1st - 3rd place in the *EuroSkills* or *WorldSkills* competition in the IT sector in the year of admission or in the two preceding years;
- 6.7 a candidate who has achieved 1st - 2nd place in the programming competition *ASI Karikas*;
- 6.8 a candidate who has achieved 1st - 3rd place in the overall ranking of *Kübernaaskel* (CyberSpike) competition.

7. Upon admission to Estonian-language study programmes at the School of Information Technology, the following shall be taken into account within three years of completing a course or participation in a competition:

7.1 up to 10 top graduates of the intensive programme for programming *INIT*, up to 20 top graduates of the intensive programming programme *INIT-Kool* for upper secondary school students, up to 15 top graduates of the *INIT skills test*;

7.2 up to four top graduates of programmes with a workload of at least 192 hours (Vali IT – Tarkvaraarendus, Vali IT – Andmetarkus, IT Crafters (Java Development), Naised veebiarendajaks) per programme annually;

8. Upon admission to the study programmes IT Systems Administration, Hardware Development and Programming at the School of Information Technologies, a candidate who has completed a 4-year IT programme at a vocational school within 3 years of completing the course (achievement of the qualification level 441, specialisation as an IT systems specialist or software developer, completion of a workload of 240 ECVET credit points, passing the vocational examination/defence of a graduation thesis with a grade 5 (excellent), graduating with honours).

9. Upon admission to the study programme Hardware Development and Programming at the School of Information Technology, the following shall be taken into account within three years of completing a course or participation in a competition:

9.1 a candidate who has achieved 1st - 3rd place in the *Robotex International* or national competition *FolkRace*, *Mini Sumo* or *Tüdrukute tuletõrjumine* (Girls Firefighting) competition;

9.2 An upper secondary school or vocational school student who has completed an intensive ICT or technology programme and submits a digital portfolio to the hardware development and programming competition *Kiip ja Kood* (Chip and Code) and achieves 1st-20th place in the final round.

10. I hereby repeal order No 194 of 15 November 2024 “The Olympiads, Competitions and Elective Courses Considered by the University Upon Admission Under Special Criteria”.