

The Department of Foreign Languages of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University invites applications for a competition in student English presentations - **STEP**

WHEN Wednesday 5th April 2017, 5 - 9 p.m.

WHERE FSV Hollar building. Auditorium 215 - the competition. Conference room 212 - refreshments and feedback

WHY The aims of the contest

- Academic event for students of all institutes, including foreign students
- Presentation of topics related to students' individual fields
- Use of English as a means of communication in a semi-formal environment
- Practice in presentation skills
- A competition for individual students representing student clubs and unions

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Undergraduates and graduates, i.e. students in bachelor's and master's degree programmes, who are not native speakers of English (or whose mother or father is not a native speaker)

HOW MANY CONTESTANTS

10 altogether, 2 per institute

WHAT CAN BE GAINED

A. PRIZE MONEY

3,000 CZK for the winner's student club

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2,000 CZK for the second place

1,000 CZK for the third place

B. Prestige for the contestants, as well as for their fields of study and institutes

C. Extra points towards course credits for students taking English

WHAT TOPICS ARE SUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE

- Any topic related to the contestant's field of study
- The presentation should be understandable for students and teachers from other fields. Ideally it should convince the audience about the attractiveness of studying at the represented institute
- Only one particular topic or issue should be dealt with, not presentation of an outline of the field or a list of subjects provided by a given institute

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION

5 - 7 minutes

5 minutes questions from the audience and judges

VISUAL AIDS

No specific visual aid is prescribed, any functional, legal, and commonly used electronic software may be used such as powerpoint or prezi

Handouts or even using no visual aid is also a possibility

STYLE OF PRESENTATION DELIVERY

Formal to semi-formal

WHO NOMINATES THE CONTESTANTS?

Student clubs and unions

If interested in taking part, students should contact their

student club representatives. They may seek additional recommendations from English teachers

REGISTRATION

Via email to kamila.panesova@fsv.cuni.cz

DEADLINE – Friday 17th March, 10 a.m.

MUST INCLUDE – the topic and a brief outline

VISUALS (e.g. powerpoint presentation)

TO BE SUBMITTED by Friday 24th March, 10 a.m. to

kamila.panesova@fsv.cuni.cz

OPTIONAL REHEARSAL

Wednesday 29th March, Auditorium 215 at 5 p.m. For those who wish to rehearse and receive initial feedback

JURY / JUDGES

Three English teachers and a representative from each of the five institutes at the FSS (FSV)

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

1) English

fluency, pronunciation, intonation, grammar and syntax, signposting language, connectives and discourse markers, language register

2) Content and structure

topic and content relevance, clarity of content, coherence, logical sequencing, keeping to time limits

3) Body language

voice and pace, gestures, eye contact, body posture

4) Ability to establish rapport with judges and audience

5) Handling of questions

relevance and spontaneity of responses

RATING SCALE

1 to 5 (from poor to excellent)

SCHEDULE

17.00–17.10 Introduction

17.10–18.15 Presentations 1 - 4

18.15–18.30 Break – refreshments, discussions, peer feedback

18.30–19.15 Presentations 5 - 7

19.15–19.30 Break – refreshments, discussions, peer feedback

19.30–20.15 Presentations 8 - 10

20.15–20.30 Point counting, refreshments, discussions, peer feedback

20.30 Official announcement of outcomes and winners