

Rīga Stradiņš university Student Union
Annual awards “Zelta Pakavs” 2024

REGULATIONS

1. General terms

- 1.1. The Rīga Stradiņš university Student Union (hereinafter – RSU SU) Annual awards *Zelta Pakavs 2024* (hereinafter – Annual awards) is the RSU SU award ceremony, in which special attention is paid to those events, organizations and people who, since April of 2023, have paid the most attention to current issues, influenced students, created new and innovative ideas, and set an example for others.
- 1.2. Awards are given to those who have been the best in each given nomination according to the following criteria, thereby promoting the image of RSU SU, with the aim of highlighting inspiring examples, uniting students, employees, supporters and structural units of Rīga Stradiņš university (hereinafter – RSU) and promoting the future development of RSU.
- 1.3. RSU SU *Zelta Pakavs 2024* is presented once in the academic year at the RSU SU anniversary event in the spring.
- 1.4. The processes and deadlines for nominating applicants, voting and deadlines are determined and organized by the Annual Award Commission, consisting of the RSU SU Chairperson of the Board, the RSU SU Head of the Culture and Sports Affairs, the Project Manager of the Annual Awards and a person elected by the Board of RSU SU.
- 1.5. An expert voting commission is formed consisting of the financial administrator of the RSU SU, a former member of the RSU SU who has not had contractual obligations with the RSU SU during the last three calendar years, a senior member of the RSU SU council, a person nominated by the RSU rector, and the Chairperson of the RSU SU.
- 1.6. *Zelta Pakavs 2024* nominations are as follows:
 - 1.6.1. SU growth of the year;
 - 1.6.2. SU horseshoe of the year;
 - 1.6.3. SU former member of the year;
 - 1.6.4. SU friend of the year;
 - 1.6.5. SU mishap of the year;
 - 1.6.6. SU scientific group of the year;
 - 1.6.7. SU activist of the year;
 - 1.6.8. SU inspiration of the year;
 - 1.6.9. SU innovation of the year;
 - 1.6.10. SU visual material of the year.

2. Nominations and evaluation criteria

- 2.1. Any RSU student and RSU representative can nominate persons, organizations and events for the nominations specified in point 1.6.
- 2.2. When making a nomination, the person who would be authorized to receive the award must be named.
- 2.3. When nominating, a description of at least 50 words, but no more than 250 words, must be attached.
- 2.4. Applications must be sent electronically by filling in the form created by the Annual Awards Commission. Nominations are accepted within the deadlines set by the RSU SU Annual Awards 2024 Commission.
- 2.5. The Annual Awards Commission reserves the right to change or cancel the description of a nomination in the event that, according to the Commission's opinion, the description is recognized as unethical or offensive within its competence.
- 2.6. The main criteria for *Zelta Pakavs 2024* nominations are:
 - 2.6.1. **Growth of the year** – significant growth of an SU activist, Council member, Board member during the year, which has affected RSU students:
 - 2.6.1.1. Active throughout the entire year and participates in several projects and independent activities in SU;
 - 2.6.1.2. Represents RSU and RSU SU in representative events.
 - 2.6.2. **Horseshoe of the year** – activity, event, project that has had a positive impact on RSU students, promoted the visibility of RSU SU in the relevant period, educated students, increased the competences of student representatives:
 - 2.6.2.1. It was organized by a member of RSU SU;
 - 2.6.2.2. It has benefited RSU students;
 - 2.6.2.3. It creates a positive image of RSU SU;
 - 2.6.2.4. It has attracted new activists and has been attended.
 - 2.6.3. **Former member of the year** – the award in this nomination goes to a former member of the RSU SU who made the greatest contribution to the development of the RSU SU during the year:
 - 2.6.3.1. Provided support to RSU SU;
 - 2.6.3.2. Has actively involved in events and seminars organized by RSU SU;
 - 2.6.3.3. Has made or influenced positive or useful changes in the operations of RSU SU.
 - 2.6.4. **Friend of the year** – a person, other self-government, organization or RSU structural unit that has supported and positively influenced the image and activity of the RSU SU or materially supported the events organized by the RSU SU:
 - 2.6.4.1. Is not a RSU SU member;
 - 2.6.4.2. Has helped and was responsive to RSU SU, getting involved in solving issues, helping with projects etc.;
 - 2.6.4.3. There has been productive cooperation within events and projects at least two times.
 - 2.6.5. **Mishap of the year** – a situation or event that has affected students and has not

promoted development in matters related to higher education or has stopped in its development for too long:

2.6.5.1. Situation or event that is related to RSU students;

2.6.5.2. The event or work must be current and relevant to RSU students at the time of nomination.

2.6.6. **Scientific group of the year** – a scientific research group of RSU, which has made a significant contribution to the scientific activity during the specified period of time:

2.6.6.1. Developed the most scientific research works in relation to the number of members of the group;

2.6.6.2. Introduced improvements in the operation of the club;

2.6.6.3. Additionally organized activities, involvement in projects outside the group meetings;

2.6.6.4. The number of interested students in the group remained unchanged or increased.

2.6.7. **Activist of the year** – RSU student who has been most involved in the RSU SU during the specified period of time and helped in the work of the organization and the Board:

2.6.7.1. A RSU student who is not a member of the RSU SP Board may be nominated;

2.6.7.2. Involvement in the daily work of the Board, solving important issues for students, implementing projects, etc. is evaluated;

2.6.7.3. Has contributed to the positive recognition of RSU SU among RSU students.

2.6.8. **Inspiration of the year** - person or project that encouraged and motivated existing or future members of RSU SU:

2.6.8.1. Any RSU student, employee or event may be nominated.

2.6.9. **Innovation of the year** - an innovation, improvement or project for students in the academic, social, cultural or other field:

2.6.9.1. Any innovation or project related to infrastructure, studies, extracurricular activities or research may be nominated;

2.6.9.2. The innovation must be relevant and relevant for RSU students.

2.6.10. **Visual material of the year** - high-quality, creative, aesthetically attractive visual material (poster), created within the framework of a RSU SU project and created a positive resonance among students:

2.6.10.1. Any visual material (poster) created within any RSU SU project can be nominated.

3. Voting process

3.1. The *Zelta Pakavs 2024* award goes to the applicant who received the most votes. The nominee is evaluated by:

3.1.1. Growth of the year – the Board and the Council vote;

3.1.2. Horseshoe of the year – voted by RSU students and the Board;

- 3.1.3. Former member of the year – voted by the Board and the Council;
- 3.1.4. Friend of the year – voted by the Board and the Council;
- 3.1.5. Mishap of the year – voted by the Board and the Council;
- 3.1.6. Scientific group of the year - voted by RSU students and the Board;
- 3.1.7. Activist of the year - voted by the Board and Council;
- 3.1.8. Inspiration of the year - voted by the Board and the Council;
- 3.1.9. Innovation of the year - voted by RSU students and the Board;
- 3.1.10. Visual material of the year - voted by RSU students and the Board.

- 3.2. All nominations are additionally evaluated by the commission of experts mentioned in point 1.5.
- 3.3. The detailed process of creating the result of the overall vote is available as Appendix no.1.

4. Award presentation

- 4.1. *Zelta Pakavs 2024* awards will be presented at the RSU SU anniversary celebration on April 20, 2024.
- 4.2. *Zelta Pakavs 2024* will take place in person.

RSU SU Chairperson of the Board

Alise Luīze Bērziņa

Distribution of the share of votes in forming the final result

Nomination	Board	Council	RSU Students	Expert voting commission
Growth of the year	0,45	0,40	X	0,15
Horseshoe of the year	0,40	X	0,45	0,15
Former member of the year	0,45	0,40	X	0,15
Friend of the year	0,45	0,40	X	0,15
Mishap of the year	0,40	0,45	X	0,15
Scientific group of the year	0,20	X	0,65	0,15
Activist of the year	0,45	0,40	X	0,15
Inspiration of the year	0,40	0,45	X	0,15
Innovation of the year	0,40	X	0,45	0,15
Visual material of the year	0,40	X	0,45	0,15