



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**38th National Student Research Conference**  
**Agricultural Sciences Section**

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The National Association for Student Research, the Agricultural Sciences Section Committee and the organizing University of Nyíregyháza hereby announce the Agricultural Sciences Section of the 38th National Student Research Conference under the terms set out in this call.

The conditions for participation and registration in the Agricultural Sciences Section of the 38th OTDK are set out in the General Call of the 38th OTDK and in this Call of the OTDT Agricultural Sciences Committee.

## **2. Eligibility Criteria**

### **2.1 Who is eligible to participate**

**Only TDK papers and their authors that meet all the requirements** set out in Section 2 of Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK may be submitted (for details, see Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK).

**Study circle students from cross-border universities and colleges** can participate in the 38th OTDK under the same professional conditions as those in Hungary. Details are available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

The conference is also open to **secondary school students** in Hungary and across borders who document their research results at conferences of higher education institutions or national high school science student conferences (for details see Supplement 4 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK) and are nominated for the 38th OTDK. A detailed description of the participation of secondary school students is available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

### **2.2. Presentation of TDK papers, requirements for TDK papers, and evaluation**

A TDK paper may have a maximum of two authors and two supervisors. TDK papers submitted to and accepted for the conference must be presented orally in person at the session, following the preliminary written review. Exemption from this requirement may be requested only on medical grounds through a separate equitable procedure. The leadership of the [Agricultural Sciences Section Committee](#) decides on permitting online presentation based on a request and justification (medical certificate) submitted by the applicant.

Supplement 1 to the Section Call includes:

- Rules for the presentation of TDK papers in foreign languages
- The content and format requirements for TDK papers and abstracts
- Evaluation criteria of the TDK paper and the presentation
- Details of plagiarism screening and information on the use of artificial intelligence

### **3. Sessions/topics**

#### **3.1. Planned sessions/topics**

1. Agricultural economics
2. Agricultural informatics, digitalization, robot and drone technologies
3. Agricultural marketing
4. Agricultural engineering
5. Agrobotany and plant biology
6. Animal physiology and veterinary medicine
7. Animal genetics and biotechnology
8. Animal husbandry
9. Food safety
10. Food technology
11. Food science
12. Forestry and wood industry
13. Horticulture
14. Environmental management
15. Environmental science
16. Environmental technology
17. Plant protection
18. Animal genetics and biotechnology
19. Crop production
20. Animal nutrition
21. Landscape and garden architecture
22. Conservation zoology
23. Conservation botany
24. Wildlife management
25. Enterprise management
26. Rural and regional development

During the application process, students must indicate at least two panels: the most suitable one and an alternative suitable panel in which they wish to present their TDK paper.

#### **3.2. Rules for the establishment of the final session assignment**

The fundamental rules for the establishment of the final session assignment are included in the General Call of the 38th OTDK. The Agricultural Sciences Section Committee may, based on the number of TDK papers received and their topic, merge some of the planned sessions/topics or create additional ones (so that the TDK paper may be assigned to a different session than the one indicated by the author(s) during registration). A minimum of six TDK papers submitted in a given topic area is required to establish a separate panel. A panel may be established only if at least five of the six TDK papers assigned to it are presented at the 38th OTDK. If the number of TDK papers to be presented in a given session is fewer than 5, that session must be merged with another session at the discretion of the Chair of the Agricultural Section Committee. The organizing institution, with the agreement of the Agricultural Sciences Section Committee, reserves the right to redirect submissions with content that does not align with the Agricultural Sciences Section's field of study to another session of the National Student Research Conference that is more appropriate for the topic, with thanks for the application.

The **final decision on the sessions** and the classification of the TDK papers will be made by the OTDK Agricultural Sciences Section. Students will be informed of this decision via the OTDT online system by **February 28, 2027**, at the latest.

## **4. Application procedure**

### **4.1. Steps of registration for applicants**

#### *1. Pre-registration of TDK papers*

Following the institutional student research conference, the upload of the TDK paper and selection of the section must be completed within 30 days of the email specified in point 4 of Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

**ATTENTION!** Uploading a TDK paper does not constitute an entry to the 38th OTDK, applications must be submitted during the registration period, following the steps described in the next section.

#### *2. The application*

Registration period: **November 16, 2026 – January 13, 2027 (Wednesday), 16:00 (CET)**

Students' tasks during this period are:

- Filling in the information related to the uploaded application.
- Uploading the abstract.
- On the abstract upload page, providing five keywords that do not appear in the title of the paper.
- Students who obtained a pre-degree certificate between the qualifying institutional TDK conference and the 38th OTDK must declare the date of obtaining their pre-degree certificate in the OTDT online system during the application process (those who are expected to obtain their pre-degree certificate in the semester of application, after the application deadline, must indicate that they are expected to obtain it in the semester of application).
- Finalizing the application in the OTDT online system.

**After the registration deadline (January 13, 2027, 16:00, CET) it will no longer be possible to upload application documents in the OTDT online system.**

### **4.2. Additional registration tasks for students who have obtained a pre-degree certificate**

Students who obtained a pre-degree certificate between the qualifying institutional TDK conference and the 38th OTDK must declare the date of obtaining their pre-degree certificate in the OTDT online system during the application process (those who are expected to obtain their pre-degree certificate in the semester of application, after the application deadline, must indicate that they are expected to obtain it in the semester of application). In the case of students who qualified at ETDK, FTDK, KTDK, or VMTDK conferences, in accordance with Section 2.1 of Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK, the expected date of finalizing the application to the 38th OTDK must be indicated as the date of the pre-degree certificate, as this has already been verified upon their acceptance to the qualifying conference.

**A thesis produced in the course of continuous TDK activity during BA and BSc education, can be entered to the 38th OTDK,** if it meets the requirements of the Call and its Supplements and has been presented at a student research conference either during the BA/BSc or the subsequent MA/MSc training and has there been delegated to the OTDK.

Compulsory assignments prescribed in the curriculum during university or college studies, seminar papers, as well as – in the case of students in integrated master's or MA/MSc programs – theses already defended by the time of the institutional TDK conference, and scientific works prepared and/or presented by doctoral students after obtaining their university degree may not be submitted to the National Student Research Conference, as they do not fall within the scope of student self-directed research in higher education.

## **5. Tasks of the TDT Chairs in relation to the 38th OTDK**

### **5.1. Following the institutional TDK-conference:**

Uploading and electronic submission of the documents of the institutional TDK conference to the OTDT Secretariat by email, in accordance with Section 3 of Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

### **5.2. Following the participants' registration deadline:**

- a) Approval of participant registrations in the OTDT online system (all registrations are automatically approved in the system, so action is only required if the institution/faculty/institute does not wish to delegate a submitted TDK paper to the OTDK).
- b) Approval in the OTDT online system of the consolidated list containing the approved applications of TDK papers and their authors submitted to the Agricultural Sciences Section, and/or its generation from the online system and signature with a qualified electronic signature, or printing and signing, followed by electronic upload to the OTDT online system. By approving/signing the consolidated list, the TDT Chairs also declare that all TDK papers and their authors included therein meet the requirements set out in Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

**Deadline for the institutional and faculty/institution TDT Chair to upload documents to the OTDT online system: January 18, 2027 (Monday) 16:00 (CET). After the deadline it will no longer be possible to upload application documents to the OTDT online system.**

**We are unable to accept TDK papers that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Section Call of the Agricultural Sciences Section; such applications will be rejected without review due to formal errors.**

**Submissions of the TDK paper is only possible through the OTDT online system; submission by post or in person is not possible. The OTDT Office and the Organizing institution do not request or accept any paper-based documents.**

## **6. Registration fee**

The registration fees for the 38th OTDK will be determined at a later stage, subject to the availability of funding.

## **7. The awards that can be granted at the OTDK and the Special Prize of the Session Panel**

At the OTDK, ranked awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) based on the written reviews and oral performance, as well as a Session Panel special award following these in rank, may be granted in proportion to the number of TDK papers presented in the panel. At most one 1st place may be awarded per panel, and the total number of ranked awards may not exceed one third of the number of TDK papers presented in the Agricultural Sciences Section. The Section Panel may award a special prize to those papers that do not achieve ranking but are judged by the Session Panel to be worthy of recognition on the basis of their professional merit, and which are judged to be immediately behind the winning applications. The total number of TDK papers awarded a ranked place, or a special award may not exceed 50% of the number of papers presented, both per panel and overall.

## **8. Submission of Pro Scientia Gold Medal application**

The authors of TDK papers that have been awarded first place at the OTDK may apply for the Pro Scientia Gold Medal, provided they meet the additional criteria set out in the call. Details are given in Supplement 5 of the 38th OTDK General Call.

We invite and welcome all interested students and their masters!

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