**Regulations of the GetSmarter project (student research volunteering)**

GetSmarter (student research volunteering) is a project carried out under the patronage of the Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection of the University of Lodz.

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| **Who can be a beneficiary of the GetSmarter project?** | 1 | GetSmarter project is open to 2nd and 3rd-year students of 1st-cycle studies, as well as 1st and 2nd-year students of 2nd-cycle studies who have completed all the subjects provided in the study program at a given stage of education. |
| **Who can be a student’s supervisor during the GetSmarter project?** | 2 | The scientific supervisor of a student applying for participation in the GetSmarter project can be any employee of the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection or a doctoral student of the University of Lodz. In case of participation in the GetSmarter project as an achievement within the framework of a bachelor's thesis - an academic teacher of the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection University of Lodz with a Ph.D. degree. |
| **What is the duration of the GetSmarter project?** | 3 | The student applies for participation in the GetSmarter project for one semester of the academic year, the scope of the research tasks being carried out should cover a period of at least 15 hours of work. |
| **Who should I apply to?** | 4 | In order to be able to participate in the GetSmarter project, the student submits an application to the Vice-Dean for Didactics of Biology and Environmental Protection Faculty along with the project plan (Appendix 1), signed by the scientific supervisor with his approval and accepted by the head of the unit, where the project will take place. |
| **When should I submit my application?** | 5 | An application notifying of the planned research tasks within the GetSmarter project must be submitted within 7 days prior to the start of volunteering. |
| **How to complete the GetSmarter project?** | 6 | At the end of the semester and after completing the GetSmarter project, the student submits a report to the Dean's Representative for Student Scientific Development on the implementation of planned tasks (Appendix 2), signed by the scientific supervisor. |
| **How is the student's participation in the GetSmarter project confirmed?** | 7 | After completing the GetSmarter project, the student receives a certificate based on the submitted report. |
| **Can the results of the GetSmarter project be an achievement of the diploma thesis?** | 8 | It is allowed that the results obtained during the GetSmarter project constitute the achievement within the bachelor's thesis conducted in a theoretical-research format |
| **Can the project be cofinanced?** | 9 | The parent unit of the scientific supervisor may apply for research funds if demonstrated significant participation (co-authorship) of the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection -student in the development of a scientific publication at the earlier edition of the GetSmarter project |