

Regulations of the "Masters of Didactics 2026" Plebiscite

University years represent one of the most significant stages in a person's life. It is a period for shaping attitudes, developing passions, and building the foundations of the future. This Plebiscite has been established to honor those who make this process truly exceptional.

The Masters of Didactics Plebiscite is a joint initiative of the SGH Students' Union and the University authorities, founded on partnership and a commitment to the highest quality of education. The primary goal of the Plebiscite is to honor academic teachers who, through their commitment, passion, and professionalism, ensure that university studies are not merely an educational process, but above all, an inspiring and rewarding life experience.

The Plebiscite is an expression of student gratitude toward those who, through their daily work, prove that teaching is a mission of building future generations.

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General Provisions

1. The Organizer of the Plebiscite is the SGH Warsaw School of Economics and the SGH Students' Union.
2. The aim of the Plebiscite is to distinguish academic teachers who demonstrate exceptional passion, knowledge, and approach toward students.
3. Awards are granted in 3 categories:
 - a) Masters of Inspiration - for educators who passionately discover and nurture student talent, serving as mentors on the path to success. This distinction honors those who motivate students to forge their own academic paths and actively support the comprehensive development of competencies and practical skills that form the foundation of their future professional careers.
 - b) Masters of the Word - for educators who command language in an exceptional way, turning every lecture into a captivating narrative. This distinction is for lecturers who do more than just deliver dry facts; they spark an authentic curiosity about the world. Their passion and charisma transform the lecture hall into a space for lively dialogue, creating an atmosphere that naturally fosters growth and the mastery of even the most challenging subjects.
 - c) Masters of Innovation - dedicated to educational visionaries who set new standards in academic teaching. This distinction goes to instructors who are not afraid to step outside the box of traditional lecturing. We honor educators who successfully blend substantive expertise with modern tools, transforming the classroom into a laboratory of new ideas where creativity goes hand in hand with effective communication.
4. In each category, two awards of different ranks are granted:
 - a) The title of Master, awarded to the candidate with the highest number of votes in a given category.
 - b) The title of Vice-Master, awarded to the candidate with the second-highest number of votes in a given category.
5. Regardless of the voting results, the Competition Jury reserves the right to grant at least one Special Award for lifetime achievement or exceptional accomplishments not covered by the primary categories.

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Stage I: Submission of Candidates

1. All students of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics have the right to nominate candidates.
2. Submissions are made electronically via an online form between February 5, 2026, and March 23, 2026.
3. Each student may nominate one lecturer in each category.

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Stage II: Deliberations of the Competition Jury

1. The Competition Jury consists of:
 - a) three representatives of the Students' Union Presidium
 - b) two representatives of the Students' Union Council
 - c) a representative of the Student Clubs and Organizations Council
 - d) the Student Advocate
2. The task of the Jury is to select finalists from among the nominated individuals.
3. The Jury typically selects 5 finalists in each category; however, it reserves the right to increase or decrease this number (within the range of 3 to 7 people), depending on the number of submissions and the substantive justification of the nominations.

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Stage III: Final Voting

1. All students of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics have the right to vote for the finalists.
2. Final voting will take place from April 16, 2026, to April 22, 2026.
3. Voting is confidential and takes place electronically via a form that will be made available on the day voting begins.
4. Each eligible voter may cast only one vote in each category.

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Selection of Winners

1. In each category, two titles are awarded:
 - a) Master - for the person who obtained the highest number of votes.
 - b) Vice-Master - for the person who obtained the second-highest number of votes.
2. In the event that two people obtain the same highest number of votes, both shall receive the title of Master. In this situation, the title of Vice-Master is not awarded (a total of 2 people will be awarded in that category).
3. In the event that one person obtains the highest number of votes (Master) and two or more people obtain the same second-highest number of votes, all such persons shall receive the title of Vice-Master (a total of 3 or more people may be awarded in that category).
4. The results will be announced during the Masters of Didactics 2026 Gala on May 20, 2026.

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Candidate Consent for Participation

1. The nomination of a lecturer by students in Stage I is not equivalent to automatic inclusion on the list of finalists.
2. After the potential finalists are selected by the Competition Jury (Stage II), the Organizer will immediately contact the selected lecturers to obtain their consent to participate in the final vote and to publish their image (photo) and data (name, surname, academic degree) in the Plebiscite's promotional materials.
3. If a lecturer does not grant consent, that person will be omitted, and the next candidate highest rated by the Jury in that category will be added to the finalists' list.
4. Granting consent to participate in the final is voluntary; however, it is a necessary condition for proceeding to Stage III (final voting).
5. The Laureates (Masters and Vice-Masters) commit to attending the Masters of Didactics 2026 Gala or appointing a person to represent them.