



Corvinus TDK 2026 Autumn Info Session

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Building E, II. Auditorium



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TDK Info Session



What is the TDK?



The Student Research Conference (TDK)

Since 1955, TDK creates a **public forum for students' research work** of a scientific standard that goes beyond the curriculum.

Its aim is to promote the authors' **scientific and professional development** and to develop **scientific thinking and debating** style.

Supervisors help with the preparation of the papers. And, as at scientific conferences, students present their papers in **thematic sections**. The papers and presentations are **evaluated by a professional jury** with the expectations and norms applicable to scientific publications.

Key highlights of the regulations

1. Corvinus institutional TDK are held in two semesters an academic year
2. No separate preliminary registration phase → same deadlines for registration and paper submission: 2 November (Monday) midnight
3. External (non-Corvinus) students can also participate without membership in Corvinus vocational college
4. For registration: all sections are bilingual, any section can be selected (independently from the paper's language or the author's language skills)
 - For the final sections, ETDT (TDK organizing committee) may determine the language of a section as bilingual, only Hungarian or only English
5. Paper could be submitted without Corvinus supervisor, but efforts should be made to choose a Corvinus supervisor

Most important updates in regulations

1. Declaration of AI usage is mandatory → download the template from TDK homepage and attach the declaration in the Annex, on the last page of the paper
2. The jury shall have at least three voting members and one non-voting student member
 - who formally monitors the activities of the jury.
 - [...] only one student member per section may fulfil this role in the oral round.
 - [...] the student members take part in conducting the oral round after having familiarised themselves with their rights and obligations set out in the call and with the information shared in a separate preparatory process
 - [...] the student member does not score.
 - [...] in a closed session – in the presence of the student member as an observer who refrains from expressing an opinion; and excluding all students presenting in the oral round as well as any other attendees – the jury members discuss the results achieved, decide on the oral and final scores [...]
 - [...] if they notice any irregularity, they must immediately report it to the chair of the jury and the section secretary and refuse to sign the minutes
3. Award certificates are issued only for 1st-3rd place finishers; these certificates are official university confirmations.

Participation in TDK

Corvinus University
students

Approx.
7000 students

Externals (students of Hungarian and foreign universities teaching in Hungarian)

- Even without membership in colleges for advanced studies ('szakkollégium') accredited by Corvinus University
- They must shoulder that if they are admitted to the OTDK, they will run under the Corvinus flag

Participation in TDK: eligibility

Allowed to participate

- With an active or even passive legal status
- Bachelor programs (BSc/BA),
Master programs (MSc/MA),
Undivided programs (O)

Not allowed to participate

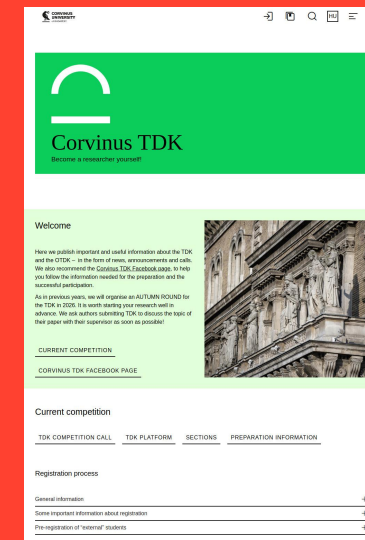
- Doctoral students (PhD) – even if they are also students of a bachelor, master or undivided program
- Students of specialized further training, guest students with Erasmus scholarships or free mover status

Homepage of TDK

Official homepage of Corvinus TDK

HU: uni-corvinus.hu/post/landing-page/corvinus-tdk/

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Displaying all information related to TDK and OTDK (country-level TDK) that help prepare for, participate in, and conduct the TDK

- Deadlines, regulations, call for competition
- Sections and their descriptions
- Useful information for preparation and related homepages
- TDK organizers and their contact information
- Current news, events
- Previous results

Homepage of TDK

TDK competition call →

See the detailed competition call in PDF version

TDK platform →
(will be opened before the
submission deadline)

*Button redirect to the TDK online platform of TDK (for
registering, uploading materials, viewing results)*



Corvinus TDK

Become a researcher yourself!

Welcome

Here we publish important and useful information about the TDK and the OTDK – in the form of news, announcements and calls. We also recommend the [Corvinus TDK Facebook page](#), to help you follow the information needed for the preparation and the successful participation.

As in previous years, we will organise an AUTUMN ROUND for the TDK in 2026. It is worth starting your research well in advance. We ask authors submitting TDK to discuss the topic of their paper with their supervisor as soon as possible!

CURRENT COMPETITION

CORVINUS TDK FACEBOOK PAGE



Current competition

TDK COMPETITION CALL

TDK PLATFORM

SECTIONS

PREPARATION INFORMATION

Registration process

General information

Some important information about registration

Pre-registration of "external" students

Registration for TDK

- Before registration:
discussion with the supervisor about
the title and suggested sections
- External students
must pre-register by email

Following information must be
provided for registration:

- Author
- Supervisor
- Title of paper
- 3 proposed sections
- Abstract

Author

Following information must be provided regarding the author

- Select the author from a list
- Membership in a Corvinus college for advanced studies ('szakkollégium')
- E-mail (preferably private e-mail instead of university e-mail)

Multi-author papers

- TDK paper can have a maximum of 3 authors (i.e. 2 co-authors)
- Only one author (registering author) needs to register the paper
- Registering author provides data for co-authors → authors should coordinate before
- This can also be accepted as a final thesis

Supervisor

How to find a supervisor?

- Recommended: find a supervisor for the topic you want to research
- Personal network or knowledge (e.g. contacting a former lecturer)
- Section descriptions provide guidance (available on the official homepage of TDK)

TDK paper can have 1 or 2 supervisors (Corvinus recommended)

- 1 supervisor: from Corvinus or 'external'
- 2 supervisors: 2 from Corvinus, 1 from Corvinus and 1 'external', or 2 'externals'

Supervisor information

Following information must be provided regarding the supervisor

Select the supervisor from a list, if the supervisor is missing from the list:

Name

Institution
(e.g. ELTE)

Department

Position
(e.g. senior
lecturer)

E-mail

TDK paper

Title of the TDK paper

- Choice of topic:
orienting topic suggestions
in the section descriptions
from the TDK homepage

Language of the paper

- OTDK (country-level TDK): the language of the TDK is Hungarian
- Corvinus University: introduced English-language papers
- Determines the language of the abstract
- For registration: only bilingual sections
- For final sections: Hungarian, English, or bilingual sections

Knowledge of the Hungarian language

Author's Hungarian knowledge	Paper in Hungarian	Paper in English
	Section	
Yes	Hungarian, bilingual	Hungarian, English, bilingual
No	–	English, bilingual

Thematic sections

Registration

- This round: 31 thematic sections in total
- At this time, all sections are bilingual
- Choice of section: in accordance with the supervisor
- 3 sections must be proposed in order of priority
- These are just preliminary proposed sections
- **Final section is determined by the ETDT**

After submission of paper

- Sections may be deleted, split, or merged
- There may be sections in Hungarian or English only in addition to bilingual sections

Abstract

- Length: 500–2500 characters (with spaces)
- Language: must match the language of the whole TDK paper
- Also evaluated by the opponents (10 percent of the written points)

A good abstract includes

- Research question
- Research methodology
- Research results

If the TDK paper is admitted to OTDK (country-level TDK)

- Paper cannot be changed
- But a completely new abstract can also be written

Submission of Paper

- Paper must be submitted in electronic form only
- Declaration of AI usage is mandatory (and must be attached on the last page of the paper)
- **Deadline: 2 November, 2026 (Monday), 23:59**

No need to submit declarations separately, submission of paper: authors declare that they accept the following

- Declaration on the originality of the TDK paper (paper has not been submitted in other section, as a master final thesis, or as an article)
- Declaration on participation in the OTDK in Corvinus flag (even for the external students)
- Declaration on free access in Corvinus Central Library without any restrictions
- Supervisor declaration

Supervisor declaration

Supervisor receives
an electronic
message about the
upload of the paper



Supervisor has the
opportunity to reject
the paper till 12:00
PM on 3 November,
2026 (Tuesday)



If rejected

→ the submission of
paper: invalid

Otherwise

→ the submission of
paper: accepted

Important Deadlines

2 November

Deadline for
submitting papers

25 November

Announcement of
oral rounds

15 December

Award Ceremony

6 November

Final section
schedule

**30 November –
4 December**
Oral rounds



Important highlights

The Good TDK Paper

- Previously, it was not published or submitted as a final thesis
- A bachelor level final thesis can be submitted in a significantly revised and improved form (it must be indicated in the TDK paper)

Follow the structure expected from scientific works

- Formulate the scientific research question to be answered
- Review the relevant literature
- Introduce the methodology (model) used
- Indicate the source and the collection method of the data used, and the criteria for selecting the sample
- Answer the research question posed
- At the end of the paper, summarize the scientifically new or novel results

TDK paper as a thesis

How it works at Corvinus?

- Take part in the Corvinus TDK and earn OTDK nomination
- Contact your programme director from the start of your TDK project (or after you earned OTDK nomination) and agree on the conditions for the paper and its acceptance
- If you complete both, you could have exemption from the thesis defense at the final examination
- One-time option: same semester as the TDK or any of the following three semesters

Good to know

- Official acceptance process can be started with the “F301-SZD Request for accepting a TDK paper as a thesis” request in Neptun
- Later final examination: still possible within three semesters after the TDK semester – for the detailed information valid in that semester, contact your programme director and follow the university website and regulations

Official information and deadlines:

[Study and Examination Regulations \(TVSZ\), Section 80 \(7\)–\(11\)](#) · [Student Thesis Guide](#) · [Academic calendar 2026/2027](#)

Thesis acceptance: step by step

When	What to do
Before 23:59, Mon, 2 November 2026	Submit your TDK paper
From the start of your TDK project (latest: after OTDK nomination)	Contact your programme director and agree on the conditions for the paper and its acceptance
During the thesis submission period (exact deadline: Student Thesis Guide)	Start the regular thesis acceptance request in Neptun, then submit your thesis: • Early December exam (where available): 26 October – Friday, 6 November 2026, 12:00 • January exam: 23 November – Friday, 4 December 2026, 12:00 • June exam: 3 May – Friday, 14 May 2027, 12:00
30 November – 4 December 2026	TDK oral round – results and OTDK nominations are announced here Award ceremony and closing reception: Tuesday, 15 December 2026
If you earned an OTDK nomination	Submit “F301-SZD Request for accepting a TDK paper as a thesis” in Neptun (if possible before submitting your thesis, otherwise afterwards) Your programme director decides; you get a Neptun message within five days
If accepted	Exempt from the thesis defence; you still complete the other parts of the final examination (complex exam, portfolio-based oral exam) and apply for it separately

TDK preparation workshops

Preparation workshop

12 October 2026

17:20 (Monday)

Room E 3.332



How to write a successful paper?

Dr. Péter Juhász,
Habilitation Associate Professor

Preparation workshop

20 October 2026

17:20 (Tuesday)

Room E 3.332



How to choose a topic and conduct research?

Dr. Zombor Berezhvai,
Associate Professor

Everyone interested is warmly welcome!

Compete at the OTDK in 2027

1

Start this autumn

Register and submit your paper by the deadline:
2 November 2026, midnight

2

Qualify

The best papers of the university round qualify for
the national round

3

Compete at the OTDK

The National Student Research Conference is held
every two years – next time in spring 2027

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2027

National Student Research
Conference (OTDK)



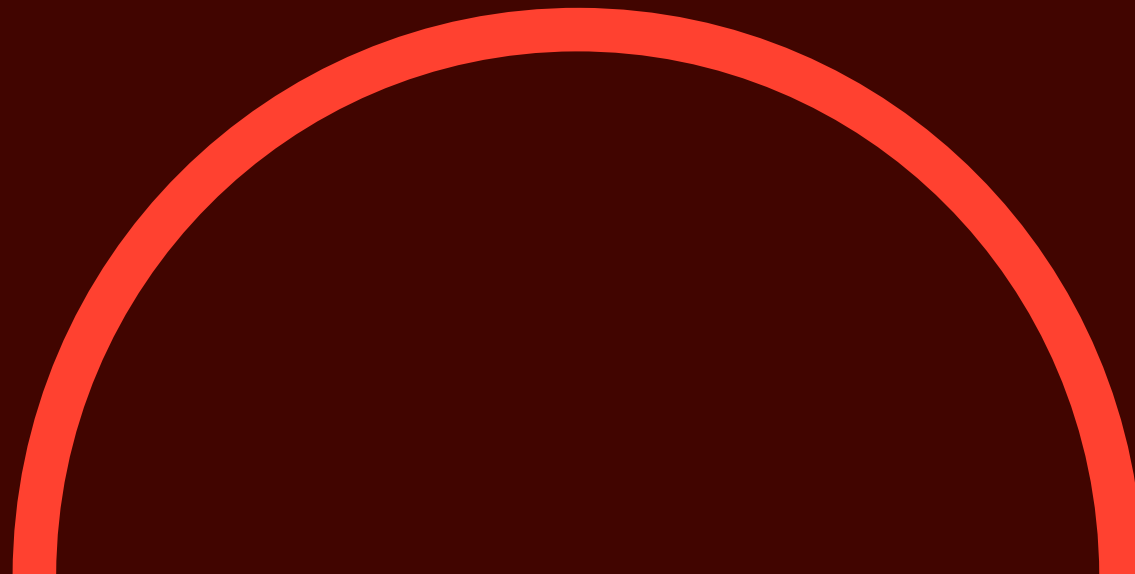
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Find us if you have
any questions left!



Thank you for your attention!



Evaluation of paper

	Criteria of evaluation	max
paper	• general evaluation of paper: relevance of topic, questions, structure, originality • knowledge and process of sources from professional literature • methodology: gathering and processing information, choice and application of methods • quality and novelty of the justification and evaluation of results	6–6
	• formal requirements: the style of the paper, the sophistication of the appearance • abstract: research questions, methodology and results	3–3
	opponent's evaluation (2x)	30
	written points (opponent1 + opponent2)	60
presentation	• general quality level of the content of presentation	20
	• professionalism in answering questions • style of presentation	10–10
	oral points	40
	total points	100