

PhD Talent FEKT 2026

1. Strategic Aims & Objectives

The PhD Talent FEKT 2026 competition is a prominent initiative under the institutional development projects at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication. The primary objective is to highlight and reward talented doctoral students who demonstrate extraordinary achievements during their studies and show immense promise for future research excellence.

The competition provides a formal platform for exceptional PhD students to communicate their scientific topics to both expert and lay audiences, enhancing the visibility of their research within and beyond the faculty. Crucially, the competition tests and refines the students' capability to explain complex, cutting-edge science in an understandable and highly engaging manner.

2. Eligibility & Target Group

To ensure a fair and structured competition across all departments, applicants must meet the following eligibility parameters:

- **Active Student Status:** The applicant must be an active, full-time doctoral student in the academic year 2026/2027.
- **Academic Standing:** The student must be in their 2nd year of study in any doctoral degree program guaranteed by the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication (FEEC).
- **Endorsement:** The application must be fully supported and formally endorsed by the student's supervisor or by the head of their respective department.

3. Application Structure & Evaluation

The written application is the foundation of your entry. It must be submitted electronically in English and is strictly limited to a maximum length of 3 A4 pages. Submit your application via e-mail to Vice-Dean Jana Kolářová (kolarova@vut.cz) by **September 30, 2026**. Every document must follow a clear structure to address both academic background and research vision:

CV and Academic Study Results (Max 1 Page)

The first part must serve as a professional summary of your background, including:

- **Professional Curriculum Vitae:** Highlighting contact info, key technical skills, and institutional affiliations.
- **Academic Study Results:** A complete overview of study results during previous Bachelor's and Master's studies, including the specific focus of your theses.
- **Practical Experience:** Details on professional practice, practical experience, internships, and past involvement in scientific projects.

- **Prior Academic Awards:** Any previous recognitions or awards (e.g., Siemens Award, EEICT, Dean's or Rector's Prize).

Scientific Project & PhD Objectives (Max 2 Pages)

The remaining two pages must outline your ongoing doctoral research. This section should clearly articulate:

- **Technical Background:** A clear, accessible overview of the technical and scientific background of your PhD research.
- **Research Objectives:** Your specific scientific goals, methodology, and original contributions to the field.
- **Milestones:** A concrete list of key technical and developmental milestones required for the successful completion of your doctoral thesis.
- **Collaboration & Interdisciplinarity:** Participation in regional, national, or international research projects, academic collaborations, industry partnerships, or research internships.
- **Supplementary Support:** You may optionally include reference letters from distinguished academic or industrial experts within this page limit.

Evaluation & Shortlisting

Once submitted, all written applications undergo a thorough technical review by a multi-departmental committee pool. The best 15 candidates will be invited to the final presentation. The results of the shortlisting and invitations to the final presentation will be sent out on **October 14, 2026**.

4. The Final Presentation Rules & Structure

Shortlisted finalists are required to deliver their pitch live. The final presentations will take place at the **prof. Brauner Aula at 9:00 on October 23, 2026**. The rules are structured as follows:

The Presentation Design and Timing

- **Strict 3-Minute Limit:** Presentations must be exactly 3 minutes or less. Timing is strictly enforced.
- **Objective-Driven Structure:** The presentation must clearly and concisely state the core objectives of your research and why your work is deserving of high recognition.
- You must structure your presentation to appeal directly to a non-expert, multi-disciplinary audience.
- **Presence Requirement:** All selected finalists must be physically present for the entire duration of the presentation day.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Immediately following the 3-minute pitch, the presenter must answer questions from the evaluation panel and the general audience.

The Presentation Design and Timing

The shortlisted finalists will be competing for the following prizes: Overall winners: The best 3 students, according to Evaluation Committee will be awarded a scholarship up to 60k CZK.

The “Perfect Pitch” Award: The most engaging presentation with the clearest explanation will be awarded an additional scholarship. This award is decided by a popular vote by the audience.

6. Schedule

Milestone Date	
September 2, 2026	Information Meeting: Explaining rules, timeline, and delivering final pitch tips by last year’s finalists.
September 30, 2026	Application Submission Deadline: Submit the application via e-mail to Vice-Dean Jana Kolářová (kolarova@vut.cz)
October 14, 2026	Finalist Shortlisting Announcement: Shortlisted finalists announced and invited to the finale.
October 23, 2026 (9:00 AM)	Live Finale & Ceremony: Live 3-minute presentations, Q&As, and announcement of the winners in prof. Brauner Aula.

If you need any help or have further questions regarding your application or flash presentation, please contact the competition mentors **Romana Ščotková** (romana.scotkova@vut.cz) and **Tobiáš Goldschmidt** (220487@vut.cz).