Academic Awards

The outstanding quality of research performed by students and academic staff at the Faculty of Arts is reflected in the number of diverse prizes and awards they frequently receive, both in the Czech Republic and abroad. Honorary awards are presented to academics for lifelong achievements, for example the Emeritus Professor title and the commemorative medal of the Faculty of Arts. The most significant honorary title awarded to outstanding representatives of Czech and foreign public and scientific life is Doctor Honoris Causa.

Student Awards

Every year, the Faculty of Arts presents the Jan Palach Award, which is currently the only all-faculty student award. The Department of Romance Studies presents the Kateřina Krausová Award, the Department of Psychology presents the Professor Zdeněk Matějček Award, and the students of the Department of English Language and ELT Methodology and the Department of Anglophone Literatures and Cultures have the opportunity to be nominated for Mathesius Award.

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**PROFESSOR ZDENĚK MATĚJČEK AWARD**
For an exceptional MA thesis defended at the Department of Psychology.

**MATHESIUS AWARD**
For an exceptional BA or MA thesis defended at the Department of English Language and ELT Methodology or at the Department of Anglophone Literatures and Cultures. The award is named after the linguist and literary historian Vilém Mathesius, who established English philology as an academic discipline in the Czech environment.

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**Charles University Awards**

There are several awards presented by Charles University, the most important of them being **Bolzano Award**, open to BA, MA, and PhD students who can be nominated for their exceptional thesis defended or published during the ending academic year. Individual faculties take part in the **Competition of High-Quality Monographs**. Every year, the University present two rector’s awards (**Rector’s Special Award** and the **Award for the Best Alumni**), **Jaroslav Jirsa Award** for the best textbook, **Bedřich Hrozný Award** for creative activities, and **Miroslav Petrusek Award** for representing Charles University.

**Honorary awards**

The **Doctor Honoris Causa** (abbreviated Dr.h.c.) title is awarded by the university to personalities who have contributed in an outstanding manner on an international scale to the advance of research and culture. The Doctor Honoris Causa title is awarded at a festive ceremony in the main hall of the historical Karolinum.