Faculty of Mechanical Engineering TUL announced third in Employer Ranking 2023

In 2023, employers recommended the school, which succeeded among much larger competitors. This historic achievement comes symbolically in the year when the Faculty and, therefore, the University mark 70 years since its foundation.

The competition announcement took place during the XII—annual Meeting of the Employers' Club. Nearly 1,500 respondents from businesses were involved in evaluating the competition, using their votes to choose between university faculties from across the country. Votes were cast for faculties, and votes were not converted to the institution's size. "We appreciate the award very much. It is a valuable achievement for the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, as the number of votes received surpassed other, larger faculties in the Czech Republic. The success of the evaluation shows that the close connection of our faculty to the industrial sphere is beneficial for companies, and employers appreciate it. The satisfaction of employers with our graduates also plays an important role," says Jan Valtera, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at TUL. The year before it finished, it was just below the podium.

Only the much larger VŠB-TU Ostrava, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and the winner VUT in Brno, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, are ahead of the Liberec Technical University.

The link to companies is essential for the Faculty of Engineering. The Faculty of Engineering cooperates closely with companies, especially in contract research. Feedback from companies is necessary for the Faculty in the field of education and research. "That is why regular meetings of the Industrial Council of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering are held, as well as Professional Symposia with the participation of our partners," adds the Vice-Dean of the Faculty, <u>Luboš Běhálek</u>. The Industrial Council of TUL has 22 members.

Representatives of companies are partners for the faculty in discussing topics in education, research, knowledge transfer and others. "A higher number of technically educated graduates of TUL and potential employees of companies is our common goal. We want to deepen our cooperation with industry further and bring the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of TUL closer to industry through excursions to industrial enterprises, expert lectures by industry representatives and student projects," says Dean Jaromír Moravec.

In 2023, for example, the faculty held extensive meetings with industrial partners and presented its research to company representatives. The symposium also included the first annual competition among graduates for the Industrial Council Award of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of TUL for contribution to the application of knowledge in industrial practice.

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