

Grant Competition “Excellence of the PŘF UHK for the years 2021-2022

Intent of the competition:

The grant competition primarily aims to support the improvement of the quality of J_{imp} publication results reported by the PŘF UHK according to the Czech R&D evaluation methodology. Secondly, its aim is to assist the formation and further development of research teams composed of academicians and scientists and students of the PŘF UHK with the involvement of collaborators from excellent foreign research institutes. Thirdly, it aims to financially support the faculty workers to publish in excellent Open Access journals.

Objectives:

1. Promote teamwork and international cooperation;
2. Support the funding of variable financial needs at solution of an excellent research project;
3. Increase the quality of J_{imp} publications (the target is articles in WoS Thomson JCR in D1 (first 10% of journals in the category), Q1 and Q2 according to AIS or in D1 according to IF).

Project requirements:

- The publication resulting from this project must have a unique dedication of the members of the research team only to this project, i.e. the publication must contain in the "Acknowledgement" section (on behalf of the project investigator) the following text only: ***"The author(s) is(are) grateful to the Excellence project of the PŘF UHK XX/2021-2022 for the financial support,"***
- The project is a two-year project, i.e. for the years 2021 and 2022, but all funds must be drawn by the end of 2021, with a maximum possible project cost of CZK 200,000. However, the project is not completed until December 2022 by the submission of the final project report.¹

¹ In the project, the investigator must plan the funding in relation to the number of planned publications in the journal classified as D1, Q1 or Q2 according to AIS in WoS, or D1 according to IF. For each planned output in D1 according to AIS an amount of 100.000 CZK can be applied for, for Q1 according to AIS an

- Projects can be submitted in Czech or English (or in combination).
- Any academician or scientist can submit an application for a PřF UHK Excellence project but can be the principal investigator of no more than one project in this call for 2021-2022.
- The members of the research team can be academicians and scientists and students of the PřF UHK, as well as foreign collaborators.

Detailed information about the project main proposer and co-proposers:

- CV of the proposer and all co-proposers.
- Full bibliographic information of all the proposer's most important journal results ranked in WoS in D1 and Q1 according to IF or AIS in the given JCR field (the better of the two options for the proposer can be selected). If a journal is ranked in more than one WoS category, the proposer will select only the single category in which the journal is of the highest quality.
- Total number of citations (including self-citations) of the proposer according to WoS.
- The proposer's H-index according to WoS.

Funding options:

1. Financing of non-specific expenditures (given the wide variability of expenditures that can be applied for, it will always be necessary to justify the individual items and the choice of the specific product/service):
 - a. Purchase of HW or SW (non-investment only);
 - b. Funding of access to databases, subscriptions to journals;
 - c. Trips of researchers to other research institutes;
 - d. *Per diem* funding for visiting foreign collaborators;
 - e. Active participation in prestigious conferences (IEEE, Springer, ACM, etc.);
 - f. Costs associated with the publication of articles in journals meeting the definition in Objective 3 above (APC and various other publisher fees, etc.);

amount of 60.000 CZK can be applied for. For each planned output in Q2 according to AIS or D1 according to IF, the amount of 40.000 CZK can be applied for.

- g. Costs associated with the preparation of articles for publication in impacted journals (proofreading by a native speaker, translation, etc.), where the quality of the translator must be proven in advance by means of a certificate, state exam, or obtaining a degree of at least Bc. in English from a foreign university.
2. No funds can be claimed or applied for salaries or scholarships (except for the scholarship intended to cover the student's participation in a foreign conference) for members of the project research team (except for the funds in point 1.g.).

Successful completion of the project

1. Successful completion of the project is conditioned by the completion of the full number of planned publication outputs classified as J_{imp} publications in D1, Q1 or Q2 according to AIS or D1 according to IF in WoS. To complete the project, the planned publication output can be replaced by the other types of outputs listed here, while the amount of funding allocated to the project must correspond to such actually achieved outputs, e.g., a planned publication output in D1 according to AIS can be replaced by one output in Q1 according to AIS and one output in Q2 according to AIS (or D1 according to IF).
2. Failure to meet the previous condition may lead to the elimination of the researcher's application for the "Project of Excellence of the PŘF UHK" in the following years.

Schedule:

Announcement	14 June 2021
Deadline for submission of proposals	14 June 2021 - 30 June 2021 (by 11:00)
Announcement of the competition results	30 June 2021
Duration of the project	1 July 2021 - 31 December 2022
Funds drawing	1 July 2021 – 30 November 2021
Closing of the project by a final report	22 December 2022 (by 11:00)

Please direct any questions to pavel.trojovsky@uhk.cz.

The final submission of the project proposal must be *made by email to pavel.trojovsky@uhk.cz and in a copy to inesa.kotaskova@uhk.cz and delivered once in writing (signed by the project proposer) to the Dean's Office of*

the PŘF UHK, Mgr. Inese Kotásková, no later than by 30 June 2021 by 11:00 a.m.

Proposals received later will not be included in the competition.