

FF UHK Dean's Decree No. 33/2020

Internal Grant Competition – International Research Teams

1. Conditions of Internal Grant Competition - International Research Teams

The aim of the internal grant competition is to stimulate and foster further development and international dimension of science and research at the FF UHK. FF UHK academics/researchers or groups of academics/researchers formed at the FF UHK may apply for support for the research activities of an international scientific team (hereinafter referred to as IRT). A precondition for the grant award is a promising joint research project with a realistic publishing plan aimed at outputs in reputable international journals or publishing houses, (the selection committee will take into account the IRT members' previous scientific achievements, including grant projects). An application for support for the IRT's research activity may be submitted for at least one year and a maximum of two years. An IRT must consist of at least 2 and maximum of 4 researchers while at least one IRT member must be an internal FF UHK employee and at least half of the IRT must be represented by foreign researchers.

The maximum grant amount per year is CZK 1 million (including all compulsory levies). A grant may only be applied for in order to cover the following items:

- Funds for (a) travel expenses (covering travel expenses to conferences or workshops held abroad) and (b) services or other personal costs (covering translations, foreign language proof-reading of publication outputs, possibly also other justified services absolutely necessary for the successful implementation of the project), representing a maximum of 30 percent of the total grant requested;¹
- IRT members' personal costs (including mandatory levies) must amount to at least 70 % and maximally to 100 % of the total grant requested (depending on the requested amount of travel and/or service expenses); a maximum of CZK 240,000 per year (corresponding to a gross salary of CZK 20,000 per month)² may be applied for per person.

¹ The proportional distribution of the requested funds within the 30-percent limit among the items (a) and (b) is at the applicant's discretion. It is also possible not to request a grant for these items and to only apply for a support covering the IRT members' personal costs.

² In case of FF UHK academic or research staff, the personal costs shall be provided in the form of regular bonuses; in the case of external foreign researchers, personnel costs will be reimbursed in the form of a contract of work or monthly, in the form of salary.

During the duration of the project, in justified cases, funds up to a maximum of 5 % of the total project costs may be transferred between the items "Travel expenses" and "Services or other personal costs". The item "Personal costs" (including mandatory levies) cannot be changed. Any unspent funds beyond this limit cannot be claimed.

An application for an internal grant must include:

- A completed application form signed by the project *applicant* (being an internal FF UHK employee, including foreign academics and researchers at the FF UHK); the application must further specify the *Project Principal Investigator* (being either the actual applicant or another member of the IRT serving as the scientific project guarantor) and all other members of the IRT³;
- A document (letter or e-mail) containing (each) foreign researcher's consent to participate in the project;
- A brief academic CV of all IRT members (max. 3 pages per an IRT member), including a list of their most important (a) research grants and (b) publications over the past 5 years;
- For external members of IRT research teams, it is also necessary to submit a copy of the university diploma as a proof of education, a completed personnel questionnaire of the UHK employee and a scanned passport (only for external foreign members of IRT);
- The IRT's research project description (max. 5 pages), drawn up in English language and containing:
 - Specification and rationale for the IRT research focus (what, why and how should be investigated): research objectives, open questions/issues, methods (max. 3 pages);
 - An explanation of how the project is supposed to contribute to the internationally competitive research in the given field;
 - Explanation of the composition of the IRT with respect to the research focus, international ambitions of the project and the researchers' competences and previous collaboration;
 - Planned international publication outputs: type, number, target journals, publishing houses etc. (max. 1 page). It is expected that the publication outputs will target impacted international journals in the top (or second) quartile of the WoS (based on IF in the relevant subject category) or in the top decile of the Scopus database (based on SJR in the relevant subject category - see Scimago journal rank), or on a renowned international publishing house (in case of foreign monographs or chapters in foreign monographs; a list of prestigious publishers, see the Dean's Decree 29/2020, Annex B). In the first year of work on the project, one output according to the above classification as a minimum, in the 2nd year of the work on the project at least 2 publication outputs are expected according to the above classification.

³ A PhD degree is generally required as a minimum for the IRT members. In exceptional and justified cases, a student of a doctoral study program with extraordinary research performance may also be a member of the team.

- Commitment to the preparation and future submission of strict science grants (on international or Czech level) with external funding, including project aim specification.⁴

Applications are submitted in electronic form to the Department of Science and Research-
Petra Korbellová (petra.korbellova@uhk.cz).

Application deadline: 1. 11. 2020.

2. Affiliation, dedication and rewards for publication outputs generated within projects of the International Research Teams

In the case of publications or other outputs created within the framework of IRT projects, all members of their research teams are obliged to state exclusively the affiliation to the FF UHK. Publication outputs created within the IRT projects must be dedicated to the IRT project scheme. In terms of rewards for publishing activities, they will be seen as results created within the activities of internal researchers. The amount of the remuneration is therefore governed by Article IV of the Dean's Decree 29/2020.

Mgr. Jan Prouza, Ph.D.
Dean

Attachments

Attachment 1 – The Application Form IRT 2020

Attachment 2 – Personal questionnaire for foreign citizens named “Personal questionnaire”

Attachment 3 – Personal questionnaire for Czech citizens named “Osobní dotazník”

⁴ The grant beneficiary shall be the FF UHK and the research team shall include, apart from at least one domestic worker also at least one foreign participant, both being members of the IRT. External providers: GA CR grants (Standard, Junior, EXPRO grant competitions); international grants within GA CR; TA CR grants; international providers: ERC, Marie Curie, Templeton, etc. As far as the applicants consider other external providers, it is recommended to consult with Department of Science and Research (petra.korbellova@uhk.cz).