



EUROPEAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

Rector's Decree No. 59/2024 on the Rules of the Student Grant Competition of the European Research University for 2025

European Research University

(Translated to English)

PART ONE Introductory Provisions

Article 1

1. This decree regulates the rules for the implementation of the Student Grant Competition of the European Research University.
2. The Student Grant Competition of the European Research University is funded by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as the "MEYS") pursuant to § 3(2)(c) of Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on the Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on the Amendment to Certain Related Acts (the Act on the Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation), as amended, and § 14j of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on Budgetary Rules and on Amendments to Certain Related Acts (the Budgetary Rules), as amended, for the purpose of supporting specific higher education research, or from the university's own funds.

PART TWO Rules of the Student Grant Competition of the European Research University

Article 2 Organiser

The organiser of the Student Grant Competition (hereinafter referred to as "SGC") is the European Research University (hereinafter referred to as "ERUNI").

Article 3 Aim of the SGC

The aim of the SGC is to support the research activities of doctoral students and students of follow-up Master's degree programmes at ERUNI, in collaboration with academic and research staff of ERUNI.

Article 4 SGC Committee

1. The Committee has three members.
2. The Chair of the Committee is the Rector of ERUNI or a person authorised by the Rector. The Chair of the Committee, in particular, submits an application for targeted support from the state budget of the Czech Republic for specific higher education research based on the MEYS call and convenes Committee meetings.



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3. The other members of the Committee are the Dean of PRIGO University College and the Dean of the Faculty of Doctoral Studies.
4. The Committee in particular:
 - a) prepares the application for targeted support from the state budget of the Czech Republic for specific higher education research,
 - b) decides on the allocation of support for the implementation of SGC projects,
 - c) monitors the activities of recipients and the use of allocated funds,
 - d) evaluates the results achieved by SGC recipients.
5. Minutes are taken of each meeting, signed by the Chair (or a person authorised by the Chair) and the recording secretary. The minutes are stored at the Rectorate of ERUNI and in digital form in ERUNI's information system. Committee members and project recipients shall receive the minutes within 15 days after the meeting.

Article 5

Application for Support for SGC Projects

1. Applications for support (hereinafter referred to as "Application") shall be submitted by the applicant, typically the intended principal investigator of the project, exclusively electronically between 1 and 15 December 2024, to the email address of ERUNI's Scientific Secretary.
2. The Application shall include in particular:
 - a) project objective,
 - b) current state of knowledge in the research area,
 - c) proposed methods to achieve the project objective,
 - d) proposed research team and principal investigator,
 - e) expected project timeline,
 - f) results of previously completed projects by team members, if applicable,
 - g) expected outputs in the form of basic research results, classified by RIV categories, including relevant metrics,
 - h) expected costs and their justification.
3. The research team may consist of up to 9 persons, of whom at least two-thirds must be students. The team works under the direction of the principal investigator, who is responsible for compliance with the SGC rules. The Committee recommends that the principal investigator be an academic or research staff member of ERUNI with experience in basic research projects.
4. The project duration is one calendar year and implementation takes place at ERUNI.
5. The Student Grant Competition is held at ERUNI level.
6. The Application is evaluated by at least one reviewer, who must not have participated in the preparation of the project and is not a member of the research team. A reviewer may be a Committee member.
7. The Committee shall decide on project support by 23 December 2024. Applicants will be informed via the minutes in accordance with Article 4(5).



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Article 6

Amount and Use of Support

1. The maximum amount of support per project is CZK 500,000.
2. The Committee allocates 100% of the funds received from MEYS for specific higher education research. All funds shall be used exclusively for SGC projects.
3. Overhead costs are covered by ERUNI's central budget.
4. Eligible costs include in particular:
 - a) personal costs (including scholarships) of doctoral or Master's students as project team members, comprising at least 75% of total eligible personal costs,
 - b) non-investment costs for purchasing tangible and intangible assets,
 - c) costs of services related to project implementation, especially participation in renowned international conferences, if justified and incurred between 1 Jan and 31 Dec 2025.

Article 7

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- a) project objective, difficulty, topicality and scientific relevance,
- b) expected outcomes and overall contribution,
- c) composition of the research team and involvement of students,
- d) professional quality of the Application,
- e) cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the proposed budget.

Article 8

Project Completion

1. Projects must be completed by 31 December 2025.
2. The principal investigator must submit a final report by 15 January 2026 to the Scientific Secretary's email. The report includes:
 - a) description of the project implementation, including any changes and an evaluation of the achievement of its objectives,
 - b) summary of research outputs, including relevant metrics and links,
 - c) financial report with copies of all related accounting documents (originals are submitted continuously for reimbursement).
3. The Committee will evaluate the project by 31 January 2026 in line with MEYS requirements and relevant legislation.
4. By 31 March 2026, the Committee will publish, in an open data format, information on supported projects and the use of funding.

Article 9

Project Changes

1. If changes occur during implementation (e.g., in budget, team, outputs, or schedule), the principal investigator must immediately request approval from the Committee.
2. The request must be sent electronically to the Scientific Secretary.
3. The request must describe the change, justify it, and include its impact, including financial implications.



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PART THREE
Final Provisions

Article 10

This decree becomes valid upon publication on ERUNI's official notice board and effective on the following day.

In Ostrava on 13 November 2024

Assoc. Prof. Zuzana Machová, PhD, signed
Rector

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