Attachment No. 1 Decision of the Dean of FoS UHK, No. 15/2024

**Grant competition "Preparation of excellent projects of FoS UHK for the years 2025-2026".**

**The purpose of the competition:**

The main goal of the grant competition is to financially support the establishment and further development of research teams composed of academic and scientific staff and students of the Faculty of Science University of Hradec Králové (FoS UHK), with the involvement of excellent collaborators from domestic and foreign scientific and research institutions.

Specific objectives include:

* support the preparation of joint external national and international projects,
* support the improvement of the quality of Jimp publication results reported by the faculty of FoS UHK according to the R&D evaluation methodology of the Czech Republic.
* support for the financing of variable financial needs when solving an excellent research project

**Mandatory Objectives:**

**Goal 1.** Support of team national and international cooperation with the aim of submitting a joint national or international scientific project in the second year of solving this project.

**Goal 2.** Increasing the quality of Jimp (the goal is only articles in T1[[1]](#footnote-1), T5[[2]](#footnote-2), D1[[3]](#footnote-3) and Q1[[4]](#footnote-4)).

**Project Requirements:**

* The project must result in the submission of an external scientific project in the second year of solving this project, whose research team will correspond with the research team of this project and whose applicant (or co-applicant in the case of a project solved together with a different organization) is the principal investigator of this excellence project.
* Publication resulting from this project must have the dedication of the members of the research team to this project, i.e. in the "Acknowledgment" section of the publication, it must be stated for the project researcher: "The author/s is/are grateful to Excellence project FoS UHK XXXX/2025-2026 for the financial support. "
* The project is for two years, i.e., for the years 2025 and 2026, but all funds must be drawn up by the end of 2025, with the maximum possible cost of the project being **200,000 CZK**. The researcher must plan finances in the project in relation to the number of planned publication outputs in the journal classified in D1 and Q1 according to AIS in WoS. An amount of 100,000 CZK can be requested for each planned output in D1 according to AIS, and an amount of 50,000 CZK can be requested for Q1 according to AIS. However, the project is only completed in December 2026 with the submission of the final project report.
* Projects can be submitted in Czech or English.
* Any member of academic staff or researcher can apply for a project in this call, and they can be the principal investigator of a maximum of one project.
* The members of the research team can be academic and scientific workers and students of the FoS UHK, as well as foreign collaborators and collaborators from institutions within Czechia. The maximal number of team members is six (including the principal investigator). At least one member must have foreign or other Czech affiliation and cannot have UHK affiliation.

**Detailed information about the main applicant and team members of the project:**

* CV of the applicant and all team members.
* Full bibliographic information of the applicant's most significant journal results ranked in WoS in D1 and Q1 according to AIS in the given JCR field. If the journal is ranked in multiple categories in WoS, then the applicant will select only the single category in which the journal is of the highest quality.
* Total number of citations of the applicant (including self-citations) according to WoS.
* H-index of the applicant according to WoS.

**Funding options:**

* financing of non-specific financial claims (due to the wide variability of applicable financial claims, it will always be necessary to justify individual items and at the same time justify the choice of a specific product/service):

1. purchase of HW or SW (non-investment only),
2. purchase of non-investment materials (only directly related to the project

implementation),

1. funding access to databases, journal subscriptions,
2. trips of team members to other research institutions and for field research (only

directly related to the project implementation and/or subsequent grant application submission),

1. finance for per diems for arriving foreign collaborators (only directly related to

the project implementation and/or subsequent grant application submission),

1. active participation in foreign conferences,
2. costs associated with the publication of articles in journals meeting the definition in Goal 2 above (APC and various other fees to journal publishers), (only directly related to the project implementation and/or subsequent grant application submission),
3. costs associated with the preparation of articles according to Goal 2 above (proofreading by native speakers, translations, etc., while the quality of the translator must be documented in advance by means of a certificate, a state exam, or the acquisition of a minimum Bc degree at a foreign university in the English language), (only directly related to the project implementation and/or subsequent grant application submission).

* it is not possible to claim or apply funds for wages or scholarships (except for the scholarship, which is intended to pay for the student's participation in a foreign conference or field trips for the purpose of solving the project) to members of the project's team.

**Successful completion of the project**

1. During the 2nd year of this project, the principal investigator must apply for an external scientific project that is thematically related to this excellence project.
2. The condition for the successful completion of the project is the fulfillment of the full number of planned publication outputs included in the category of publications in D1 and Q1.

To fulfill the project, it is possible to replace the planned publication output in D1 with two outputs in Q1 (i.e., the amount of funding allocated to the project must correspond to these realistically achieved outputs).

**Evaluation criteria**

* Relevance and processing of the project
* The quality of the project team, the ability to achieve the planned results
* Success in solving Excellence projects in the past
* Submitted external grants following Excellence projects in the past

**Time schedule:**

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| Announcement | 12/23/2024 |
| Period for submission of proposals | 12/23/2024 – 1/15/2025 (until 11:00 a.m.) |
| Announcement of the results of the competition | 01/22/2025 |
| Project duration | 01/22/2025 – 11/30/2026 |
| Drawing of funds | 01/15/2025 – 11/30/2025 |
| Presentation of the project's achieved results at the FoS UHK conference | spring 2026 |
| End of the project with a final report | 12/01/2026 (until 11:00 a.m.) |

**Composition of Evaluation Committee:**

The evaluation committee selects the projects and submits a proposal for their approval to the Dean. Additionally, the committee conducts subsequent evaluations of the projects upon their completion.

Chairperson of the Committee: Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Science UHK for Creative Activities.

Members of the Committee: Appointed and dismissed by the Dean, consisting of three external members and one member nominated by the heads of individual departments of the FoS UHK.

The final submission of the project proposal must be sent via email to the Vice-Dean for Creative Activities of the FoS UHK (jiri.lipovsky@uhk.cz) and copied to the Science Officer of the FoS UHK (katerina.rybakova@uhk.cz). Additionally, one signed hard copy (signed by the project proposer) must be delivered to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Science UHK to the Science to the Science Officer, Mgr. Kateřina Rybáková, no later than January 15, 2025, by 11:00 a.m.

**Proposals received later will not be included in the competition.**

In Hradec Králové on December 20, 2024

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1. Top 1% of journals in the WoS category. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Top 5% of journals in the WoS category. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Top 10% of journals in the WoS category. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Top 25% of journals in the WoS category. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)