

# Implementing provisions on the award of development grants and results bonuses from the “University of St.Gallen Basic Research Fund” for the initiation of research projects

of 1 February 2016

Based on Section 1 (2) of the “Regulations on the award of research funds by the Research Committee of the University of St.Gallen” of 8 December 2015, the Research Committee of the University of St.Gallen herewith passes the following implementing provisions:

## Section 1 Subject

<sup>1</sup> This decree regulates

- the awarding of development grants from the “Basic Research Fund” for the preparation of a project application
- the awarding of results bonuses from the “Basic Research Fund” in the event that project funding is granted by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

## I Development grants

### Section 2 Entitlement to apply

<sup>1</sup> The following groups of persons affiliated with the University of St.Gallen are entitled to apply:

- Full professors
- Permanent lecturers and assistant professors who provide evidence of successful research activity and who are capable of carrying out a research project independently, including supervision of the staff involved in the project.

### Section 3 Requirements

<sup>1</sup> Funding is provided for the development of a project application for a large-scale research project in basic research which is intended for submission to a national or international research funding organisation.

### Section 4 Eligible costs

<sup>1</sup> Applications may be submitted for funding of all or part of the costs budgeted for in connection with the development of the project application. This includes

- Staffing and social security costs for project staff in accordance with the common salary bands at the University of St.Gallen (F4 for doctoral students, F8 for postdoctoral researchers) and the common employment levels at the University of St. Gallen (max. 70% for doctoral students, 75% for postdoctoral researchers).
- Expenses for workshops and/or travel indispensable for the purposes of coordination with cooperation partners in the project, and other project-related costs.

<sup>2</sup> The salaries of the applicants, conference expenses and publication costs are not eligible for funding.

<sup>3</sup> Development grants are awarded up to a maximum of CHF 40,000 for a maximum of 12 months.

<sup>4</sup> No retrospective development grants are awarded.

### Section 5 Application

<sup>1</sup> Applications are assessed in the regular meetings of the Research Committee. The application deadlines to be published apply.

<sup>2</sup> Applications must be submitted to [research@unisg.ch](mailto:research@unisg.ch), using the application form. The following documents must be enclosed:

- Research plan
- Curricula vitae of all staff
- Publications lists of staff
- Copies of diploma and doctoral certificates of staff
- Publications lists of the applicants

### Section 6 Assessment

<sup>1</sup> The Research Committee at the University of St. Gallen is responsible for the academic assessment and decision.

<sup>2</sup> The following criteria are applied in the academic assessment:

- Likelihood of success of the proposed project application

### **Section 7 Grant payment**

<sup>1</sup> In the event of a favourable decision by the Research Committee a project cost centre will be created at the professorship or institute of the applicants, to which the granted amount will be transferred.

<sup>2</sup> The project cost centre is managed by the applicants.

### **Section 8 Obligations of the beneficiaries**

<sup>1</sup> The award of a grant obliges the researchers to comply with duties of information, depositing and reporting in accordance with the "Regulations on the granting of research funds by the Research Committee of the University of St. Gallen".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The beneficiaries shall, in particular, submit a project agreement to the appropriate research funding organisation within a year of the end of the start-up funding. Otherwise the beneficiaries will be required to account for the failure to submit to the Research Committee. Where no submission is made or the Research Committee considers the explanation provided inadequate the applicants' personal right to apply to the Basic Research Fund (GFF) may be suspended for up to five years.

## **II Results bonuses for SNF projects**

### **Section 9 Requirements**

<sup>1</sup> A results bonus is paid once a project (categories "project funding" or "programme funding") has been approved for funding by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

### **Section 10 Bonus amount**

<sup>1</sup> The bonus will be 25% of the total project sum, but a maximum of CHF 40,000.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of collaborative projects the component provided by the University of St.Gallen will be used for calculation of the bonus.

### **Art. 11 Bonus payment**

<sup>1</sup> Following confirmation of a grant by the SNSF the results bonus will be credited automatically, without need for an additional application, to the master cost centre of the SNF beneficiary.

### **Art. 12 Purpose**

<sup>1</sup> The application of the bonus is in principle at the discretion of the SNSF beneficiary provided it is used for basic research.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the Senate Committee's Resolution of 8 December 2015.