

# Implementing provisions on the award of development grants from the “University of St.Gallen Basic Research Fund” for 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 conduct of research projects at the University of St.Gallen.

## 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.

<sup>2</sup> Retired professors are eligible to apply subject to the following conditions:

- The project application must be submitted immediately after retirement.
- The project is conducted at the University of St.Gallen.

## Section 3 Requirements with regard to the research project

<sup>1</sup> The research project is in basic research and/or applied basic research.

<sup>2</sup> The research project is conducted as an individual project or collaborative project. Funding for individual projects must be applied for by one applicant, for collaborative projects by several applicants who comply with Section 2.

## 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 research project. 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 post-docs) and the common employment levels at the University of St.Gallen (max. 70% for doctoral students, 75% for post-docs)
- Research costs which are indispensable for the realisation of the research project

<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 100,000 per applicant and for a maximum of 36 months of funding. The maximum amount of funding for collaborative projects is CHF 300,000.

<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 applicants and staff
- Publications lists of applicants and staff

## Section 6 Assessment

<sup>1</sup> The following criteria are applied in the academic assessment:

- Academic quality of the research project
- Cost efficiency of the research project

- Success of past research projects of the applicant funded by the Research Committee
- Number of past research projects of the applicant funded by the Research Committee

### **Section 7 Grant payment**

<sup>1</sup> In the event of a grant being awarded 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 award of research funds by the Research Committee of the University of St.Gallen”<sup>1</sup>.

### **Section 9 Fund assets**

<sup>1</sup> The investment of funds and the administration of the fund’s assets are the responsibility of the Administrative Director.

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