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STATUTE

In order to support scientific research activities at the University of Prešov (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), especially the research activities of doctoral students and young researchers, who either do not have the opportunity to obtain a research grant from standard grant schemes or have it significantly limited, the Rector of the University (hereinafter referred to as "the Rector") establishes the Grant Agency for Doctoral Students and Young Researchers of the University of Prešov (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency").

Art. 1 Objectives and tasks of the Agency

- (1) The aim of the agency is to support research activities at the University in areas that are not adequately covered by conventional grant schemes.
- (2) In line with its main objective, the Agency considers its main task to be to support the research activities of doctoral students and young researchers of the University, enrolled in all its faculties and other units. The Agency supports these selected research activities of doctoral students and young researchers in a selective, competitive manner.

Art. 2 Bodies of the Agency

- (1) The bodies of the Agency shall serve to ensure the performance of its tasks and functions. The bodies of the Agency are: the Bureau and the Commission.
- (2) The Bureau, as the Agency's governing body, manages the Agency's activities, is responsible for its management and allocates grant applications to the Commission.

- (3) The Commission, as the Agency's expert body, guarantees the correct distribution of the funding allocated to each project, assigns grant applications to evaluators, evaluates the evaluators' reports and draws up a ranking of the evaluated applications, which it submits to the Bureau.
- (4) Members of the Bureau are appointed and dismissed by the Rector. The Bureau shall be headed by a Chairperson, who shall normally be the Vice-rector of the University for Science, Arts, Sport and Accreditation.
- (5) The Bureau shall report once a year to the Rector on the activities of the Agency and on the management of the Agency.
- (6) The Commission represents all the high-profile research areas represented at the University. Its members represent these areas, each with responsibility for one specific scientific discipline. The members of the Commission shall be appointed and dismissed by the Rector on the proposal of the President of the Agency. At its first meeting, the Commission shall elect a chairperson, who shall be confirmed by the President of the Agency.
- (7) The Chairperson of the Commission shall convene the meetings of the Commission and shall submit a report on the activities of the Commission to the President of the Agency once a year.
- (8) Each member of the committee monitors the research projects in the assigned field of knowledge and, upon completion, decides on the acceptance or rejection of the final reports of the projects, which is reported to the chairperson of the committee, who in turn reports to the Agency's presidency.

Art. 3 Applicants

- (1) Eligible applicants for the Agency's grant are all full-time PhD students, teaching or research staff under 30 years of age, or research staff who have not yet reached 5 years from the date of the award of the grant and who are enrolled in faculties and other units of the University. The eligibility of applications from young researchers is determined by the age attained on the date of submission of the application.
- (2) Eligible applicants are not those young researchers who do not hold the academic title "PhD." or equivalent, nor doctoral candidates who have been excluded from doctoral studies.

Art. 4 Acceptance of applications

- (1) Applications for grants are accepted on the basis of an internal call for applications by the University. The call is issued by the Agency at the Rector's discretion on a regular basis at least once a year in the spring term, while the Rector may also decide to issue a special call outside the regular term.
- (2) The call for proposals shall include: the definition of the implementation period, the amount of funds to be distributed, the minimum and maximum amount for individual projects, further specification or limitation of eligible expenditure, the deadlines for submission of applications, the timetable for the evaluation of applications, and any other details of the applications.
- (3) In a regular call, applications from all areas of knowledge at the University may be supported, but in special calls the Rector may limit the range of areas of knowledge or disciplines.

Art. 5 Evaluation of applications

- (1) Following the publication of the call for proposals, the Bureau shall receive grant applications within a set deadline. After the deadline, it shall forward them to the Commission.
- (2) Applications may only be submitted by eligible applicants, by the deadline, both electronically and in writing.
- (3) Each application must be complete, with the mandatory annexes specified in the call.
- (4) The Commission will comment on the formalities of the applications, exclude ineligible applications and forward applications with incomplete annexes to the applicants for completion within a specified time limit.
- (5) After this deadline, the chair of the committee will forward the applications to the individual members according to their fields of knowledge or disciplines.
- (6) After receiving the applications, each member of the committee proposes one opponent from the internal staff of the University and both of them prepare a report on the project. The evaluators shall be approved by the chair of the committee.
- (7) The assessments shall be submitted by the members of the committee to the chairman, together with the applications, to which they shall assign the corresponding number of points. The chair of the panel shall draw up a ranking of the projects in each field of

knowledge to be forwarded to the Agency's Bureau.

- (8) On the basis of the scores of the individual projects, the Bureau shall draw up a ranking of the projects to be supported, guided by the terms of the call and the amount of funds to be allocated.
- (9) The Bureau shall communicate the outcome of the evaluation to each applicant no later than 15 days after the completion of the evaluation process and shall simultaneously communicate the results on its website.

Art. 6 Evaluation of projects

- (1) The duration of the project is one year from the signing of the contract.
- (2) Upon completion of the project, the responsible coordinator prepares a final report, which is submitted to the relevant member of the committee.
- (3) The structure and annexes of the interim and final reports shall be determined by the Bureau of the Agency and published on its website.
- (4) After evaluating the final reports, the members of the Commission shall recommend their acceptance or rejection to the Chairperson.
- (5) Rejected projects are voted on individually by the whole Commission.
- (6) The Bureau shall communicate the results of the final evaluation on its website.
- (7) In case of rejection of the evaluation report, the responsible investigator will be excluded from the eligible applicants for the next project.

Art. 7 Final provisions

- (1) The Statute shall enter into force upon its approval by the Rector.