



### **Call for applications for financial support for projects**

The Rector of UVMP in Košice, in accordance with the Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (hereinafter „UVMP“) as amended by Supplement No. 1, opens a special

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for internal PhD students and young teachers and researchers of UVMP in Košice, based on the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants (ESG), which was announced by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the Administrator of Component 9 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) within Investment 3: Excellent Science for the period 2024 - 2026.

The main aim of the call is to support research at the university by awarding starting grants to PhD students and researchers under the "**Early stage grants for PhD students**" (ESGD) and "**Early stage grants for researchers**" (ESGV) schemes. The projects will enable them to fund starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and experience sharing on international level.

The grant application can be submitted as a **research project** (the project must be in accordance with UVMP's key research domains).

#### **Conditions of grant applications:**

1. UVMP employees and PhD students can be involved in only one project funded by the UVMP IGA under the ESGD or ESGV schemes. In case of submission of several applications, the IGA Board accepts only the first of them.
2. The grant application must be submitted in accordance with the Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of UVMP in Košice as amended by Supplement No. 1.
3. The project application must be delivered in electronic form (word document) to the address: [michaela.kocutova@uvlf.sk](mailto:michaela.kocutova@uvlf.sk) and a signed version with annexes must be delivered in person to the Science and Research Section ***no later than 25 March 2024, 12 AM.***
4. The maximum amount of financial support per project for internal full-time PhD students with the standard length of study is € 6 000 without VAT. The applicants must not finish their study before the project completion.
5. The maximum amount of financial support per project for a university employee is € 12 000 without VAT. At the time of grant award, the applicants must have an employment relationship with UVMP, must not exceed the period of 5 years from receiving their PhD degree (this period is extended by the time spent on maternity/paternity/parental leave), and must not be more than 35 years old.
6. A successful project must include at least 1 published scientific output in the Scopus or WoS database, with a project reference in accordance with the RRP visibility requirements. At the latest on the date of project completion, PhD students must actively participate in UVMP PhD student seminar.



Project start date: May 2024. The project duration is a maximum of 24 months, and the project activities must be completed no later than April 2026. The final report on the awarded grant (which includes evaluation of project implementation, achieved results, identification of project outputs) must be submitted by 31 May 2026.

8. Successful applicants will receive financial support only if these conditions are met:
  - a) UVMP will be granted financial support from the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) for the given scheme, based on grant application under the 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants call,
  - b) the applicant is not a R1 scholarship holder under the 09I03-03-V02 call or R2/R3/R4 scholarship holder under the 09I03-03-V04 call,
  - c) no circumstances will be identified that would prove double funding from RRP or other public funds on the level of expenses or project activities and project objectives.
9. The Special IGA UVMP Call within ESGD and ESGV schemes is published in Slovak and English.
10. The results of selection of projects to be financed by the IGA UVLF under the ESGD and ESGV schemes in 2024 will be published on the UVLF website. Each applicant will receive a written notification of the evaluation result, and successful applicants will receive a grant award decision with details in accordance with call 09I03-03-V05 ESG, including identification of the researcher and department (department/clinic/laboratory), identification of the grant provider, project title and number, allocated amount and project duration.
11. Evaluations of the funded projects' final reports will be published on UVLF website.

More information on this call can be found in the Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the UVMP in Košice as amended by Supplement No. 1 (of February 27, 2024).

Košice, March 4, 2024