

**University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice**

**Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the University of Veterinary  
Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice as amended by Supplement No. 1**

### **Basic provisions**

1. The Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (hereinafter "IGA UVMP") as amended by Supplement No. 1 specifies the conditions for submitting grant applications to support projects, on the basis of the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants, which was announced by the Government Office of the of the Slovak Republic as the Administrator of Component 9 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan within Investment 3: Excellent Science for the period 2024 - 2026.
2. The main aim of IGA UVMP as amended by Supplement No. 1 is to support research at the university by awarding starting grants to researchers under the "Early stage grants for PhD students<sup>1</sup>" (ESGD) and "Early stage grants for researchers<sup>1</sup>" (ESGV) schemes to enable them to start their careers in their scientific field. The projects will enable them to fund starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and experience sharing on international level.

### **Part I.**

#### **Art. 1**

#### **Early Stage Grants for PhD Students (ESGD)**

1. The Scheme "Early Stage Grants for PhD Students" (hereinafter "ESGD") is implemented at UVMP within the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants, which was announced by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the Administrator of Component 9 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan within Investment 3: Excellent Science.
2. The aim of the ESGD scheme is to support internal full-time PhD students in starting their research careers in their scientific field by starting grants. These projects will enable them to fund starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and experience sharing on international level.
3. The applicant can be an internal PhD student in the full-time form of the standard length of PhD studies, whose expected date of dissertation defence does not precede the deadline of April 30, 2026.
4. The research team consists of a project leader (the grant holder authorized to handle funds) and another member of the research team with financial responsibility.
5. The applicant can not be a PhD student who holds an R1 scholarship (call with code 09I03-03-V02) or a scholarship from the call to support researchers threatened by the conflict in Ukraine (call with code 09I03-03-V01) or another form of grant support in order to avoid double funding from public resources.
6. The grant application (appendix no. 1) must contain the following formalities:
  - a. project title (in Slovak and English language),
  - b. composition of the research team,
  - c. requested funding for the entire duration of the project,
  - d. project implementation period (project start and end date, date of submission of final report),

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- e. annotation (20 lines, in Slovak and English language),
  - f. key words (max. 5; in Slovak and English language),
  - g. project content in accordance with key research domains of UVMP,
  - h. current state of research in the field,
  - i. project goals,
  - j. methods to achieve the goals (incl. documents necessary to implement the project),
  - k. expected contribution (including the article's working title),
  - l. references,
  - m. project costs (current expenditure) description and justification,
  - n. declaration of the project leader, member of the research team with financial responsibility and declaration of the head of the workplace.
7. The grant is awarded exclusively for activities of a non-economic nature, and the activities supported by the project must be completed no later than April 30, 2026.
  8. The expected duration of the grant is 24 months from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026. The final project report (which includes solution evaluation, achieved results, identification of project outputs) must be submitted by May 31, 2026.
  9. The maximum amount of financial support per project is € 6 000 without VAT and is intended for travel reimbursements for ESGD holders, consumables, other goods and services necessary for the implementation of the project, devices and equipment, the entry price of which is not higher than € 1 700 without VAT, software, assessable rights, the entry price of which is not higher than € 2 400 without VAT.
  10. A maximum of 50% of the planned budget can be used for "travel reimbursements and conference fees". At the same time, the project leader may not use all allocated funds to compensate for participation in a single event (conference, seminar, training, etc.). Eligibility of conference costs is subject to project leader's active participation in a conference, documented by an output, such as a lecture, poster, abstract, contribution in the proceedings.
  11. Projects will be implemented on the basis of actually incurred verifiable costs, which must meet the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness within the meaning of call 09I03-03-V05 ESG.
  12. The evaluation process is professional and transparent. Each proposal will be evaluated by 2 independent evaluators (1 from UVMP and 1 from an external institution) who have no conflict of interest in relation to the project and the researcher.
  13. The selection of applicants from UVMP will be carried out based on the evaluation by the IGA Board, supplemented *ad hoc* by internal experts from the field based on the decision of the rector of UVMP. The final decision on the award of grants will be taken by the rector of the UVMP. The results of the selection of projects to be funded from the IGA UVMP under the ESGD scheme in 2024 will be published on UVMP website.
  14. 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 amounts and project duration.

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15. Successful applicants will receive financial support only if UVMP, as an applicant, receives financial support for the scheme from the Recovery and Resilience Plan based on grant application under the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants.
16. 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 Recovery and Resilience Plan visibility requirements and at the latest on the date of project completion, PhD students must actively participate in UVMP PhD student seminar.

## **Art. 2**

### **Early Stage Grants for Researchers (ESGV)**

1. The scheme „Early stage grants for researchers“ (ESGV) is implemented at UVMP on the basis of the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants, which was announced by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the Administrator of Component 9 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan within Investment 3: Excellent Science.
2. The main aim of the ESGV scheme is to support young teachers and researchers in starting their research careers by starting grants. These projects will enable them to finance starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and experience sharing on international level.
3. The applicants can be young teachers and researchers at the beginning of their careers, who, at the time of grant award, must have an employment relationship with UVMP, will have not exceeded 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.
4. The research team consists only of the project leader.
5. The ESGV grant application cannot be submitted by an employee who represents other employees (professional and technical employees, administrative and operational employees) or students of third-level university study programs according to the Act on Universities or according to Act no. 243/2017 Coll. on a public research institution and on the amendment of certain laws.
6. The applicant can not be a young university teacher or researcher who holds an R2/R3/R4 scholarship (call with code 09I03-03-V04) or a scholarship from the call to support researchers threatened by the conflict in Ukraine (call with code 09I03-03-V01) or another form of grant support in order to avoid double spending from public resources.
7. The grant application (appendix no. 2) must contain the following formalities:
  - a. project title (in Slovak and English language),
  - b. information about project leader,
  - c. required funds for the entire duration of the project,
  - d. project implementation period (project start and end date, date of submission of final report),
  - e. annotation (20 lines, in Slovak and English language),
  - f. key words (max. 5; in Slovak and English language),
  - g. the project content in accordance with key research domains of the UVMP,
  - h. current state of research in the field,
  - i. project goals,
  - j. methods to achieve the project goals ((incl. documents necessary to implement the project),

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- k. expected contribution (including the article's working title),
  - l. references,
  - m. 5 most important works of the project leader (max. 1 page A4),
  - n. project costs (current expenses) description and justification,
  - o. declaration of the project leader, and declaration of the head of the workplace.
8. The grant is awarded exclusively for activities of a non-economic nature, and the activities supported by the project must be completed no later than April 30, 2026.
  9. The expected duration of the project is 24 months from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026. The final project report (which includes a solution evaluation, achieved results, identification of project outputs) must be submitted by May 31, 2026.
  10. The maximum amount of financial support per project is € 12 000 without VAT and is intended for travel reimbursements for ESGV holders, consumables, other goods and services necessary for the implementation of the project, devices and equipment, the entry price of which is not higher than € 1 700 without VAT, software, assessable rights, the entry price of which is not higher than € 2 400 without VAT.
  11. A maximum of 50% of the planned budget can be used for "travel reimbursements and conference fees". At the same time, the investigator may not use all allocated funds to compensate for participation in a single event (conference, seminar, training, etc.). Eligibility of conference costs is subject to project leader's active participation in a conference, documented by an output, such as a lecture, poster, abstract, contribution in the proceedings.
  12. Projects will be implemented on the basis of actually incurred verifiable costs, which must meet the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness within the meaning of call 09I03-03-V05 ESG.
  13. The evaluation process is professional and transparent. Each proposal will be evaluated by 2 independent evaluators (1 from UVMP and 1 from an external institution) who have no conflict of interest in relation to the project and the researcher.
  14. The selection of applicants from the UVMP will be carried out based on the evaluation by the IGA Board, supplemented *ad hoc* by internal experts from the field based on the decision of the rector of UVMP. The final decision on the award of grants will be taken by the rector of UVMP. The results of the selection of projects to be funded from the IGA UVMP under the ESGV scheme in 2024 will be published on UVMP website.
  15. 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, name and number of the project, allocated amounts and duration of the project.
  16. Successful applicants will receive financial support only if UVMP, as an applicant, receives financial support from the Recovery and Resilience Plan for the scheme based on the grant application under the call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants.
  17. A successful project must have at least 1 published scientific output in the Scopus or WoS database with a project reference in accordance with the Recovery and Resilience Plan visibility requirements no later than the project completion date.

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**Part II.  
Final provisions**

1. The Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the UVMP in Košice as amended by Supplement No. 1 was approved by the UVMP management on February 27, 2024.
2. The Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of UVMP in Košice as amended by Supplement No. 1 enters into force and effect on the day of its signature.
3. This supplement expands the text of the Statute of the Internal Grant Agency of the UVMP in Košice dated April 19, 2016.

In Košice February 27, 2024

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