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The University of Iceland Research Fund (project fund)

Criteria for the allocation of grants

In accordance with paragraph 7, Article 75 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland, the University Council Science Committee sets the following criteria for working procedures and evaluation of applications regarding the allocation of grants from the University of Iceland Research Fund.

New applications shall be evaluated by the relevant review panel, unless the review panel considers it necessary to send the application for external evaluation. Grants are available of up to ISK 1700 th.kr. per year, for one, two or three years. A final report must be submitted at the end of the grant period. There is no need to submit a progress report at the end of each year.

Quality of applications and applicant's publication output

A review panel shall evaluate applications to the Fund. The evaluation is based on the status of knowledge, scientific value, objectives, methodology and schedule of the research project.

Once the quality of applications has been evaluated, they are ranked on the basis of applicants' advanced points or publication points over the past five years (publications or points from the year of application are not included) in accordance with data from the Division of Science and Innovation.

An application's grade is based on the following:

Quality of the application, (weighting: 40-60%)

Publication output, (weighting: 40-60%)

Review panels are free to determine whether the quality of the application or publication output is weighted at 40%, 50% or 60%. This decision must be made before the evaluation begins.

The board of the Research Fund shall determine grant sums and the number of grant categories into which applications are ranked.

The final ranking of applications may take the following into consideration:

1. New staff members (those who began their academic careers within the past five years based on their appointment to an academic position (lecturer / research specialist)) shall be upgraded to the next highest category should they rank poorly due to their publication output.
2. Publication conventions. Applications may be moved up a category if the publishing frequency in a certain academic field is low compared to other fields.
3. Personal circumstances. Applications may be ranked higher by one or more categories if the applicant has been on parental or sick leave in the last five years. Applicants who have been on parental leave for 6 months or more may be raised by up to two categories. The same applies to sick leave.

4. Applicants who have used research specifically to enhance public services and operations in the relevant field may be moved up a category. A reasoned argument must be included with the application.

If a review panel proposes moving an application to a higher category in accordance with the above, in **all** cases a clear reasoned argument must be provided. Without a reasoned argument, the board of the Research Fund cannot consider the proposal.

Once the review panels have finalised the ranking of applications, their proposals shall be presented to the board of the Research Fund for evaluation.

If any members of a review panel or the board for the Research Fund have connections to an application or applicant, these members shall not attend the meeting (cf. Science Committee's statement on ineligibility).