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Announcement of a student grant competition funded by the Research, Development and Education Operational Programme (OP RDE) within the Internal Grant Schemes of Mendel University in Brno

On 1 January 2021, the Vice Rector for Research and Development at Mendel University in Brno is announcing a student grant competition supported by the Research, Development and Education Operational Programme within the Internal Grant Schemes of Mendel University in Brno project (abbreviated name "IGRÁČEK MENDELU"), CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/19_073/0016670.

Within the framework of the student grant competition, two-year student grants for teams will be announced for students in the first and second year of accredited doctoral study programmes at Mendel University in Brno.

Competition schedule

Start of the period for submission of student grant projects via the EPZ web application	4 January 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
End of the period for submission of student grant projects via the EPZ web application	16 February 2021 at 15:59:59 p.m.
Checking the meeting of formal criteria and evaluation of applications by reviewers	17 February 2021 – 25 March 2021
Meeting of the Grant Board, drawing up a list of student grant projects recommended for funding	25 March – 31 March 2021
Start of execution of the student grant projects	1 April 2021
Ongoing monthly activity reports	1 April 2021 – 31 March 2023
End of execution of the student grant projects	31 March 2023
Evaluation process, defence of the student grant projects which have been executed	3 April 2023 – 1 May 2023

The whole process of evaluation, including submission of student grant projects, takes place electronically via the EPZ (Project and Order Records) web application available at <https://grantovesouteze.mendelu.cz>. Login details are the same as for UIS, tab page *My projects and orders*, tab page *New project/order*.

The principal investigator prints out one copy of the complete grant application from the EPZ web application, signs it and submits it to the mentor and the head of the respective institute for signature. Subsequently he/she submits it together with the required attachments (signed CVs of the principal investigator, other researchers and the mentor) by **16 February 2021 by 4:00 p.m.** to the Competition Office at the Research and Development Office. All the documents must be enclosed in an envelope labelled "*Student grant competition – OP RDE, IGRÁČEK MENDELU – DO NOT OPEN*" with identification of the submitter. The documents may be delivered to the Competition Office at any time over the course of



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the competition period. The date and time of delivery of the electronic form via the EPZ web application is decisive for the competition deadline.

Competition conditions

- The student grant project researcher is a Ph.D. student enrolled in the first or second year at Mendel University in Brno in an accredited doctoral study programme.
- The number of researchers for one student grant project amounts to 5 people (1 principal investigator + 4 co-investigators) and one mentor (a research or academic worker at MENDELU with a minimum academic qualification of Ph.D. or its equivalent who provides the grant researchers professional and methodological support).
- The application for the student grant must be drawn up and submitted in English.

More details about the competition conditions, execution and evaluation of successful student grant projects can be found in Rector's Decree No. 14/2020 Rules and Principles of the student grant competition and in the specifications for the student grant competition. The relevant documents are available at <https://optc.mendelu.cz/projektove-centrum/op-vvv-resene-projekty/32656-pro-uchazece>.

In Brno, on 1 January 2021

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