**The Rector of Palacký University Olomouc announces the 2nd UP Young Researcher Grant Competition**

The Young Researcher Grant Competition aims to support excellent research by young researchers and members of academic staff below the age of 37 when establishing new research teams and laboratories, as well as developing their independent research agenda. Researchers who have completed a postdoctoral stay abroad are eligible for the competition. Applicants must meet the requirements defined by the applicable university policy. Applicants need not be employed by UP when submitting the proposal, but the person submitting the proposal must be identical to the principal researcher.

The principal investigator is an academician, scientist or researcher aged up to 37 years, who received a doctorate degree not more than 8 years ago, has excellent results, participates in international projects, and has completed a post-doctoral internship of a minimum of 3 months. The research team may also include other UP academic, scientific or research staff, UP students, and UP technical and professional staff. The project duration is 36 months.

**Projects target one of the following research areas:**

* 1. natural sciences, mathematics, and computer science,
  2. medical sciences and biomedicine,
  3. humanities and social sciences.

**Project funding limits:**

* minimum CZK 1 million (app. 39,000 €)
* maximum CZK 4 million (app. 156,000 €)

**The competition is governed by UP Internal Regulation R-B-18/10-ÚZ01**

Every applicant may submit the **maximum of 1 project**.

**No investment resources are awarded in the competition.**

**Competition schedule:**

Call for competition 18 March 2019

Submission period 18 March 2019 through 12 May 2019

Review period 13 May through 31 October 2019

Announcement of results 1 November 2019

Launch of projects January 2020

Progress report deadline 15 January 2021

Final report deadline within 31 days of project completion

Project proposals must be submitted electronically only, to the Science and Research Section, UP Rector’s Office: [hana.prichystalova@upol.cz](mailto:hana.prichystalova@upol.cz) . Click here for the project form.

Proposals must be submitted by **12 May 2019**.

Proposals must be **in English language only.**

**Required proposal elements**:

1) **project title**;

2) **PI information**:

- personal information (name, surname, date of birth, address of department/centre, telephone and e-mail),

- resume,

- a maximum of five of the most important publications,

- WoS/Scopus scientometric data (publication and citation count, H‑index), not required but encouraged in case of humanities and social sciences,

- the total list of publications and/or other scientific outputs,

- information about post-doc abroad;

3) **information about the research team** **members** or description of the main vacancies if no specific names have been given by the submission of the project proposal;

4) **project summary** (maximum 1,000 characters);

5) **project description, justification and specification of required funding for each year** **of the grant duration** (maximum 5 pages including relevant citations and figures);

6) **project objectives**;

7) **analysis of the proposed method and a timeline** of the project objectives, including compatibility with the research focus and infrastructure of the relevant Faculty;

8) **a** **preliminary** **consent with the project granted on behalf of the department (at Palacký University Olomouc) at which the project is to be implemented. The consent constitutes a separate annex to the proposal**.

Olomouc, 18 March 2019 Jaroslav Miller, in his own hand,

Rector of Palacký University Olomouc