

Amendment No. 6

to the Statute of the Grant Programme for SAS PhD students

Article I

Subject of the Amendment

The Statute of the Grant Programme for SAS PhD students dated 13 December 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the "Statute") is amended as follows:

1. Article II, Paragraph 2 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant application submitted by a student in his/her last year of PhD study will not be evaluated.
2. Article II, Paragraph 7 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Within one calendar year, approximately 30 grants will be awarded at a maximum of EUR 3000 per grant or in accordance with the current decision of the SAS Presidium (hereinafter referred to as the 'SAS Presidium).
3. Article II, Paragraph 8 of the Statute is amended as follows:
For each calendar year a Programme activities' timetable shall be published on the Programme's website.
4. Article III, Paragraph 1 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant applications shall be submitted via the electronic system accessible through the Programme's website. The paper version of the application signed by the respective persons (the applicant, his/her supervisor, the director of the organization) will be sent by regular post to:
Office of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
Department of Education and Doctoral Studies
Štefánikova 49
814 38 Bratislava
The paper version of the application must be sent within 3 working days from the deadline for electronic application submission. To assess compliance with the deadline, the post stamp imprint on the envelope is decisive.
5. Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant applications may be submitted only by registered users with an active user account on the programme website.
6. Article III, Paragraph 3 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant applications are submitted annually from the date of the call announcement until the final deadline for submission. Precise dates are always specified in the programme schedule for the given calendar year.

7. Article III, Paragraph 6 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The overall project scope is max. 3x A4 format pages. The scope includes the parts of the grant application specified in Article III, paragraphs 5(b) through (f).
8. Article IV, Paragraph 2 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Only applications having met the formal requirements shall be evaluated:
 - a) applications submitted by eligible applicants:
 - full-time PhD student studying within the SAS organization
 - an applicant not in his/her last year of doctoral study
 - an applicant whose final report of the previous project was not evaluated as unsuccessful in the final evaluation
 - b) applications submitted through the electronic application system and their signed paper versions have been delivered to the address mentioned in Art. III, paragraph 1) of this Statute;
 - c) applications submitted before the deadline for the submission of applications
 - d) applications containing all the required parts
9. Article IV, Paragraph 9 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The activities of the committee are governed by the Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the evaluation committee.
10. Article IV, Paragraph 10 is hereby repealed.
11. The numbering in Article IV is amended: Paragraphs 11 through 16 are renumbered as Paragraphs 10 through 15.
12. Article IV, Paragraph 10 of the Statute is amended as follows:
In the justified case, the Evaluation Committee may assign an external evaluator for the application. The external evaluator's rights and obligations are equal to the rights and obligations of a Committee member in relation to the evaluation of the application.
13. Article IV, Paragraph 12 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The evaluation consists of a verbal evaluation summarizing the strengths and weaknesses of the application, and a numerical evaluation consisting of points assigned to individual areas of the application. Applications will be evaluated in the following areas:
 1. Quality of the overview of the current state of the art – weight 30%
 2. Quality of the project formulation (scientific question – objective, methodology, feasibility of achieving the goal within 1 year) – weight 50%
 3. Budget – reality and adequacy of planned expenditures – weight 20%

14. Article IV, Paragraph 13 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant applications shall be ranked within individual subsections according to the points assigned. The Evaluation Committee shall subsequently prepare a summary list of all applications recommended for funding based on the lists from the individual subsections.
15. Article IV, Paragraph 14 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The SAS Presidium decides on the proposal by a resolution. The decision will be published on the Programme's website and all applicants will be informed as well as the statutory representatives of the relevant SAS organizations.
16. Article V, Paragraph 1 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grant may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 3000 per calendar year.
17. Article V, Paragraph 3 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Funds shall be transferred to the host organization in the first quarter of the calendar year in which the project is being implemented.
18. Article V, Paragraph 5 of the Statute is amended as follows:
Grants may not be used to cover indirect costs (overheads), capital expenditure and the remuneration of the project investigator.
19. Article VI, Paragraph 7 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The grant holder or statutory representative of the host organization is obliged to inform the Department of Education and Doctoral Studies in writing without delay on the reasons for early project termination stated here-above. The Department shall oversee the settlement of liabilities between the organization and the SAS Office.
20. Article VII, Paragraph 7 of the Statute is amended as follows:
The final report is evaluated by the relevant Evaluation Committee member. Based on its assessment, the Evaluation Committee shall approve or reject the final report, or require it to be revised.
21. Article VII, Paragraph 8 is hereby repealed.
22. The other provisions of the Statute remain unchanged.

Article II

Final provisions

Amendment No. 6 to the Statute of the Grant Programme for SAS PhD students was approved by the Presidium of the Slovak Academy of Sciences at its meeting on the 14 May 2026.

The present Amendment shall come into force on the date of its issue and shall become effective on the day following the date of its publication on the SAS website.

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