

**RULES FOR THE USE OF TARGETED SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIC UNIVERSITY RESEARCH IN 2025 –
CATEGORY B**

Article 1

Introductory provisions

- (1) This Dean's Regulation is valid for the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences (hereinafter "FLD") of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague (hereinafter "CZU") and establishes the method and rules for the use of targeted support for specific university research via the Internal Grant Agency FLD CZU in Prague (hereinafter "IGA FLD") for 2025.
- (2) This Regulation is prepared in particular in accordance with the Rules for the provision of targeted support for specific university research under the Act on Support for Research, Experimental Development and Innovation; Rector's Directive No. 9/2019 on the principles of the student grant competition and rules for the use of targeted support for specific university research, and Dean's Regulation No. 15/2019 on the principles of the FLD student grant competition and rules for the use of targeted support for specific university research.

Article 2

IGA FLD competition for 2025 – Support for the scientific and research activities of FLD PhD students

On 6 January 2025, the IGA FLD 2025 competition in category B – group projects was announced. Competition rules and deadlines for submission of applications are specified in Article 3 – IGA FLD 2025 tender documentation for applications for projects within the **call for support of FLD PhD students' scientific and research activities**.

Article 3

Tender documentation of the application as part of the call to support the scientific and research activities of FLD PhD students

Competition schedule

Submission of project proposals:	17/01/2025 until 12:00 a.m.
Announcement of results:	31/01/2025
Project period:	01/02/2025 – 31/12/2026

On 6 January 2025, FLD Dean announces a call to support the implementation of outputs in practice. **The application in .pdf format must be sent by the principal investigator to jga@fld.czu.cz by 17 January 2025.**

The main goal of the call is to support the completion and development of FLD's professional outputs with the aim of their subsequent publication in scientific journals.

The sub-goals are:

- significantly increase the chances of applying the outputs of FLD PhD students in journals published in 1st and 2nd quartile according to AIS methodology assessment.
- significantly increase the potential for quality application of bibliometric outputs within the M17+ framework,
- significantly increase the reach of published outputs.

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Implementation period:

1/02/2025 – 31/12/2026

Application budget:

- Maximum amount of support is CZK 3,000,000 for the entire duration of the project,
- Personal expenses can amount to a maximum of 2% of the budget and scholarships to a maximum of 3.5% of the budget,
- Material and travel costs are not an eligible budget item,
- Eligible costs in the **service** category are only **fees associated with publishing articles** in journals in 1st or 2nd quartile of journals according to the breakdown of the field structure of the OECD: Fields of Research and Development (FORD) and according to the Article Influence Score (AIS) – for multidisciplinary journals, the journal must always be included at least once in 1st or in 2nd quartile. The FLD PhD student must have a significant contribution to the publication. The costs of fees associated with publishing in journals in the 1st quartile can be covered up to 100% of the costs, fees in journals in the 2nd quartile up to 50% of the costs; the remaining part must be

paid from other sources. This support does not apply to so-called hybrid titles, i.e. journals where it is possible to publish free of charge (online access does not have to be paid for).

Research team

The project investigator must be one FLD academic employee who is the project guarantor, and at least 15 full-time PhD students.

The application for support must include:

- Project title
- Name of the project guarantor and other team members, including year of study, study programme and department
- Description of the scientific intent for team members in individual doctoral study programmes:
 - Aplikovaná geoinformatika a DPZ v lesnictví / Applied geoinformatics and remote sensing in forestry
 - Global Change Forestry
 - Zpracování dřeva a technika v lesním hospodářství / Wood Processing and Forest Machinery
 - Economics and Management of an Enterprise
 - Protipožární ochrana lesa, dřevěných materiálů a materiálů na bázi dřeva / Fire Protection of Forest, Timber and Wood-Based Materials
 - Biologie lesa / Forest Biology
 - Ekonomika a management lesnictví a dřevařství / Economics and Management of Forestry and Wood Industry
 - Hospodářská úprava lesa / Forest Management
 - Ochrana lesů a myslivost / Forest Protection and Game Management
 - Pěstování lesa / Silviculture
- List of expected scientific outputs, schedule of their publication, their title, team of authors, journal title
- Project budget

An application for support can be submitted in Czech or English.

In case of support of the team by FLD and its financing, an interim report of the project containing an evaluation of the activities and the overall contribution of the team to FLD must be written by 30/1/2026 at the latest. This report must be sent in .pdf format to iga@fld.czu.cz. **The final project report must be submitted no later than 30/01/2027 and must contain the same.**

Application evaluation procedure for supporting the scientific research activity of FLD PhD students

- I. The application is evaluated by the IGA expert committee.
- II. From the submitted application, the committee will primarily assess the potential of the output's applicability in practice, the need and extent of finalization and development of the output, and the requested application budget.
- III. The committee will write a brief review, which includes verbal assessment, justification of the assessment result, and classification of the proposal into the following categories: A) Support of

the team in the full proposed amount; B) Support of the team with an adjusted budget; C) The team will not be supported.

- IV. The committee may also recommend a blanket reduction in support in the event of a large number of supported applications.

Article 4

Final provisions

- I. There is no entitlement to the allocation of support under this Regulation.
- II. This Regulation comes into effect on the day of the Dean's signature.

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