
Announcement of rules for applications for support of outstanding output projects at FFWS in 2020

Article 1

Introductory provisions

- (1) This Dean's Regulation is valid for the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague (hereinafter "FFWS") and establishes the rules of applications for support of outstanding output projects at FFWS in 2020.
- (2) The aim is to significantly increase the number of FFWS publications in selected top journals on the Web of Science. Support is directed to articles registered in Nature index (NI), articles in the top 10 % and the first quartile of journals according to the division of the OECD field structure: Fields of Research and Development (FORD) and according to Article Influence Score (AIS).

Article 2

Tender documentation for application for outstanding output projects

On the 16th of March 2020, the FFWS Dean announced an Outstanding Output Projects competition. An application in PDF format must be submitted by the main researcher via e-mail to: zachova@fld.czu.cz by 12 pm on the 3rd of April 2020.

Period of research: April 2020 – December 2021

A project application must contain:

- Project title
- Research team members (main researcher and other researchers)
- Five most significant publications of each research team member. If the main researcher submits more applications, one overview of publishing activities for all projects is sufficient
- Project objectives
- Project research methodology (including a description of existing data)
- Research schedule
- Planned output of the project
- Brief report on fulfilling outputs within Outstanding Output Projects from previous years if the main researcher was granted this support in the past
- Budget / financial balance sheet with justification (it is necessary to fill in Appendix No. 1 "Project budget")

Funds must be used exclusively for science and research support through work on a planned output.

The maximum length of an application is 6 pages of A4 format, font size 12 and line spacing 1 (Times New Roman) or larger, including a brief overview of researchers' publishing activities.

It is possible to apply for projects in the following categories:

Category A

Article registered in NI (period of research 2020 – 2021)

It is possible to apply for financial support up to 400,000 CZK

Category B

Article in top 10 % (1D) of journals according to FORD and AIS

Year of acceptance: **2021**

It is possible to apply for financial support up to 100,000 CZK

Category C

Article in top 10 % (1D) of journals according to FORD and AIS

Year of acceptance: **2020**

It is possible to apply for financial support up to 150,000 CZK

Category D

Article in the first quartile (1Q) according to FORD and AIS

Year of acceptance: **2020**

It is possible to apply for financial support up to 60,000 CZK

Definitions:

- 1) Article registered in NI <https://www.natureindex.com/faq#journals>
- 2) **Article in 1D according to FORD and AIS** – for multidisciplinary journals, the journal must always be included in at least 1Q and absolute majority must be in 1D.
- 3) **Article in 1Q according to FORD and AIS** – for multi-disciplinary journals, their average quartile must be less than 1.5.

One output = article is considered a project result.

One article accepted for publication according to selected journals within the individual categories into which the project was submitted is considered to be the fulfilment of the project (A – D, see above).

At the time of the project research, the project output may be requested to change. This change must be duly substantiated and justified. At the time of the project application, the planned outputs must

not be already sent to the editor, accepted or published. Also, it cannot be an output already supported by an outstanding project in the past. The FFWS author must have a significant share in the publication (first author, author with the same share as the first author, correspondence author). Simultaneously, if the share of authors from FFWS is not over half, the project budget will be reduced adequately. If the output is rejected in the journal planned in the project application, a project researcher must inform the Vice-dean for Science and Research via email and, simultaneously, announce to which other journal the output will be sent after redrafting.

It is only possible to spend the fund in 2020. In 2021, it is only possible to apply for a maximum of 30,000 CZK, which will be demonstrably used for the output publishing process (review procedure, etc.). It is not possible to pay remunerations and scholarships to the project researchers from the projects. The remuneration for publishing in NI, 1D, 1Q will be paid according to Dean's Regulation No. 8/2020 Announcement of rules for rewards for excellent research and development activities at FFWS in 2020.

The progress of the works will be evaluated on the control day, which will take place by 31st September 2020.

Article 3

Procedure for evaluating an application to support excellent teams

- (1) The application is evaluated by an expert Committee appointed by the Dean. It consists of a representative of the faculty management (the Vice-dean for Science and Research), the FFWS Academic Senate member, and two external members from science and research institutions.
- (2) The Committee will assess the standard of the project, the attainability of the planned output with respect to the team members, and the required funding. The Committee will prepare a brief review which includes oral assessment. The result of the assessment is a statement: A) Support the project in full; B) Support the project with a reduced budget; C) Not support the project.
- (3) The application evaluation will consider the fulfilment of the researchers' competition results from previous years. The Committee may also recommend flat reduction of the funding in the case of a large number of assigned projects.

Article 4

Final provisions

- (1) The call is announced as one-round.
- (2) There is no entitlement to receive support under this Regulation.
- (3) This regulation comes into effect on the day of the Dean's signature.

Prague, 16 March 2020

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