



## CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS IN 2026



*The Internal Grant Agency of the Faculty of Economics and Management, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (IGA FEM) was established and operates in accordance with the Rules for the Provision of Support for Specific University Research under the Act on Support for Research and Development (Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on Support for Research and Development from Public Funds and on Amendments to Certain Related Acts).*

## **I. Announcement of the competition of the Internal Grant Agency FEM CZU in Prague for 2026**

1. Based on the valid Statutes and Rules of the Internal Grant Agency FEM CZU the Commission is launching a student grant competition and opening the acceptance of applications for financial support for research projects, which will generally begin in March of the following year.
2. This call supplements and clarifies the Statutes and Rules of the Internal Grant Agency FEM CZU Prague (hereinafter referred to as the IGA Statutes) and is a binding document for the implementation of financial support. Each applicant for support is required to familiarize themselves with the aforementioned IGA Statutes, as well as with this call, the instructions for completing grant applications, and the wording of the contract concluded with the researchers of supported projects. The aforementioned documentation (with the exception of contracts) is available on the faculty's website in the Science and Research section.
3. Submitted applications that do not meet the conditions set out in the documents referred to in point I. 2, will be excluded from the competition and will not be evaluated by the IGA FEM Commission.

## **II. Categories of supported projects**

### **One-year projects supporting student research plans and study abroad (category A)**

The main objective of this type of project is to support innovative student research plans and, where applicable, related study abroad.

**Main researcher:** DSP student, the research team must include at least two DSP students, at least one of whom must be in their first or second year.

**Budget:** maximum CZK 200 000 (+20 % additional operating costs)

**Project duration:** 1. 4. 2026 to 31. 3. 2027, allocated funds must be used by 31.12.2026

**Interim report:** 15. 1. 2027

**Final report:** 15. 4. 2027

**Minimum output:** at least one publication belonging to the Jimp category classified in Q1–Q3 (according to [AIS](#)). Each project output must include at least one DSP student researcher in first or second place.

## **III. Composition of research teams**

1. The IGA grant competition is intended to support student research projects. Each student and academic staff member may participate in the grant competition in a given academic year in a maximum of two projects, with a maximum of one of them in the role of main(responsible) project researcher (hereinafter referred to as the researcher). This condition does not apply to academic staff in the role of supervisors.
2. Applications may also be submitted by students who are working on IGA FEM projects in 2026 that were supported in previous years and whose interim or final reports were approved without reservation.
3. The project **researcher** may be a student of a doctoral study program (DSP) in both full-time and part-time forms of study. **Other members** of the research team (co-researchers) may be students of doctoral or master's study programs or academic staff of the faculty.
4. For projects where the main researcher is a DSP student, the research team must include a supervisor who is also the project guarantor (responsible for the successful implementation of the project and the efficient use of the allocated funds in accordance with the financial

regulations of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague). The project guarantor is counted among the academic staff participating in the research team. If a master's degree student is a member of the team, the supervisor of their thesis must also be a member of the team.

5. **The number of doctoral or master's degree students must be greater than or equal to the number of other members of the research team.**
6. Students may only be researchers / co-researchers on a student project for the standard duration of their studies. The planned completion date of a Category A project must therefore precede the date on which the student completes the standard duration of their studies in the DSP. **Students in master's degree programs** may participate as co-researchers on a given project within the scope and time frame of their thesis, see IGA Statutes.
7. If any member of the planned team was the main researcher of a previous IGA project that was evaluated by Commission as unapproved or approved with reservations and the reservations were not removed (e.g., failure to publish the outputs), they cannot participate in the competition.

#### IV. Submitting grant applications for financial support from IGA FEM

1. Project proposals will be accepted from January 12, 2026, in electronic form via the IGA web application at [IGA FEM](#). **The deadline for submitting applications** is February 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Detailed instructions for completing the application are available in the document "Instructions for completing Category A grant applications in 2026".

#### V. Project evaluation criteria

1. Applications that meet the necessary formal requirements will be forwarded to the IGA FEM Commission for evaluation. The formal requirements check mainly concerns:
  - a. the admissibility of projects (the proportion of doctoral or master's program students and academic staff, the number of participants in the applications for a given call),
  - b. the commitment to meet at least the minimum requirement for results (publication outputs) based on the Statutes and Rules of the Internal Grant Agency FEM CZU Prague,
  - c. compliance with the ratio of distribution of funds between doctoral or master's degree students and academic staff (see Instructions for completing grant applications).
2. Projects are evaluated according to the rules set out in the IGA Statutes, with all projects being evaluated by consensus of the IGA Commission. The following criteria have been established for the evaluation of projects in the IGA 2026 competition.
  - a. **The elimination criteria** for project evaluation are:
    - i. the scientific nature of the project. Projects that are solely developmental or educational in nature will not be supported.
    - ii. if one of the researchers participates in more than two projects, these projects will be excluded from the competition.
  - b. **Comprehensive evaluation criteria** and their importance expressed by maximum points are shown in the following tables.

Comprehensive evaluation criteria category A	Point rating
Project plan	max. 15 points

Project objectives and benefits/innovativeness	max. 20 points
Methodological approach and project schedule	max. 20 points
Research team and roles in the project team	max. 10 points
Publication outputs	max. 15 points
Project budget and effectiveness	max. 20 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>max. 100 points</b>

- Based on the evaluation of project proposals, a ranking will be compiled according to which amounts will be allocated to individual projects until the relevant share of the funds is exhausted.

## VI. Project implementation

- Project implementation must be in accordance with the IGA Statutes, this Call, and the Agreement on the Provision and Use of Funds from the IGA Budget (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), without the signing of which the project cannot be launched.
- The Commission shall monitor the implementation of projects in accordance with the IGA Statutes in cooperation with the Department of Science, Research and Quality of the FEM. If the project researcher intends to deviate from the original project proposal, he or she is required to request permission for changes from the IGA Commission in advance via the IGA FEM website. The following changes are subject to approval:
  - changes in the research team;
  - changes resulting from the interruption or termination of studies by the researcher or co-researchers;
  - changes in the budget involving transfers between chapters totaling more than 10% of the total project budget
- In the event of early termination of the project, the researcher is required to submit a final project report within 15 days of the project termination date. Failure to submit this report is considered a serious breach of the researcher's obligations and may be subject to sanctions.

## VII. Project monitoring

- Project monitoring is carried out by the Commission in accordance with the IGA FEM Rules.
- The researchers of all projects launched in 2026 are required to submit interim and final reports in accordance with the schedule set out in point II of this call.
- Interim and final reports on the implementation of research projects, including published outputs, shall be submitted to the IGA FEM Commission by the specified deadlines via the IGA FEM website.
- Failure to submit an interim or final report constitutes a significant violation of the rules and will result in the return of all allocated funds.
- More detailed information on the binding form of interim and final reports will be published by the Commission no later than December 20, 2026.

In Prague on December 11,  
2025

On behalf of IGA FEM  
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