University of Basel

Vice Rectorate
for Research

Research Fund of the University of Basel

Funding Application for Strategic Research Projects – Information Sheet

The Research Fund provides seed funding to support the preparation of a larger scale project proposal (e.g. ERC Starting Grant, ERC Consolidator Grant, ERC Advanced Grant; Horizon Europe Project) and promotes the realization of interdisciplinary project ideas. Members of group I and II are eligible to apply.

Proceeding

- Login to Grants Tool (www.grants.unibas.ch) and register your project application including salaries at «Forschungsfonds – Strategic Projects» ***by 15 January / 15 August at the latest***. If you have no access to the Grants Tool, please contact Sigrid.Ayadi@unibas.ch.
- As soon as the relevant department has confirmed within the Grants Tool that the necessary infrastructure is available, you will receive a link to an application form by email.
- Please fill in the application form completely, sign the form and use it as cover sheet for your application documents (see below).
- Submit your complete application documents (as one consolidated PDF file) ***by 1 February / 1 September at the latest*** to: forschungsfonds@unibas.ch (copy to: Sigrid.Ayadi@unibas.ch)**.**

Submission of application documents (PDF A4 in one document)

1. **Signed application form as cover sheet**
2. **Justification of application** (reason for application to the research fund, max. ½ page)
3. **Scientific details**
   a) Summary (max. ½ page)
   b) Project description 2-3 pages, structured according to the following issues:
      - *Description of research area (state of art of research in this area)*
      - *Research questions, research methods, research goals*
      - *Research plan (including timelines, possible co-workers and co-operation partners)*
      - *Available resources (equipment, space, if personnel: finances)*
      - *Significance of the project*
      - *Interdisciplinary approach*
      - *Connection to the strategy of the University of Basel*
4. **Financial requirement**
   a) Personnel costs according to calculations in Grants Tool (www.grants.unibas.ch)
   b) Project-relevant costs (consumables, excursion expenses, travel costs, proof reading)
   c) In case of other funding: copies of funding decisions (please refer to other funding sources in your justification of the application)
5. **Curriculum Vitae with publication list**
6. **Supplements**
   a) In case of application for financing of a doctoral student, proof, that the continuing financing of the dissertation is secured or that it can be completed within the financed period.
   b) Necessary approvals to conduct the research project (Research Ethics Committee, Swiss Expert Committee for Biosafety, permission to conduct animal experiments, etc.).

Funding Decision

The Research Committee of the University of Basel evaluates the applications to the Research Fund and submits a recommendation to the Rectorate, which makes a final decision. The funding decisions are communicated in April and November respectively.