Guidelines for Research Networks

According to §11 lit. l) of the University Statute and after consulting the Research Commission and the Regenz the Rectorate approves the following guidelines:

1. Research Networks satisfy needs not yet covered by appropriate University structures; especially in connection with interdisciplinary research co-operations. Research Networks support the identity and visibility of interdisciplinary research initiatives.

2. Research Networks arise bottom-up on the initiative of researchers; they have minimal administrative structures.

3. Research Networks are planned as short term structures with a life-time of four years and a possible extension for another four years. A continuation beyond this timeframe would have to be included in the longer-term planning (ESP) of the University.

4. It is possible to recognise existing units of the University as Research Networks.

5. To prepare or conduct specific projects that allow a significant visibility for the University, Research Networks may apply for financing by the Research Fund of the University for a period of up to 48 months.

6. The recognition as a Research Network, which has to be requested by the Research Commission, is a precondition for funding by the University. Evaluation criteria for recognising Research Networks are their objectives and the results of their research activities with regard to the international visibility of the University.

7. The recognition of Research Networks is approved by the Rectorate.

These guidelines take effect as from 02.02.2016.