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University of Basel Research Fund: Policies

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The President's Board (Rektorat) issues the following policies, based on article 11 paragraph I) of the University Statute dated 3 May 2012.

Purpose

Sec.1. The University of Basel maintains a research fund to promote outstanding academic quality.

² The research fund aims to promote excellent early career researchers and strengthen the research strategy of the University of Basel.

³ The research fund complements established instruments of research and career advancement (e.g. SNSF).

Call for proposals and application submissions

Sec. 2. The eligibility and conditions for submitting applications shall be communicated in a university-wide call for proposals.

² Applications may be submitted by researchers who are matriculated at the University of Basel and/or employed by the University of Basel, associated University Hospitals, or an associated institute.

³ Applications are to be submitted to the Vice President's Office for Research at the University of Basel.

⁴ Applications will only be considered, if they were submitted in due time and fulfill all criteria of the application guidelines and the relevant information sheet.

Evaluation and grant/ fellowship approval

Sec. 3. Applications will be evaluated based on their scientific quality and the scientific qualification of the applicant(s). Strategic research projects will be assessed on their strategic relevance.

² Applications for funding to promote excellent early career researchers will be evaluated by the junior researchers committee (Kommission Nachwuchsförderung). Applications for funding for strategic research projects and activities of university research networks will be evaluated by the research committee (Forschungskommission).

³ The evaluation procedures and criteria are defined in the separate application guidelines.

⁴ The principles of diversity and gender equality will be taken into account during the evaluation process.

⁵ Grant or fellowship applications are approved by the President's Board (Rektorat) upon recommendation of the relevant committee (Kommission Nachwuchsförderung or Forschungskommission).

⁶ Allocated funding can only be used for the aims specified in the application.

Reporting

Sec. 4. Researchers who have been awarded funding are obligated to provide academic and financial reports.

² The modalities of academic and financial reports are defined in the confirmation letter.

³ Resources not used for the purpose of the grant/fellowship have to be paid back to the University's research fund.

Final provisions

Sec. 5. There is no legal entitlement to a contribution from the research fund.

² Should funding be used for any purpose other than that stated in the application or have been obtained by means of deception, in particular on the basis of false statements or the concealment of facts, the funding must be returned.

Entry into force

Sec. 6. These policies replace those dated 22 October 2019 with immediate effect.