University of Basel Research Fund: Policies

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The President’s Office issues the following policies, based on article 11 paragraph 1) 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 conditions under which applications may be submitted shall be communicated in a call for proposals made available throughout the university.

2 Applications may be submitted by researchers who are matriculated at the University of Basel and/or employed by the University of Basel, a University of Basel hospital, 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 processed that are submitted in due time and in accordance with the application guidelines and the relevant information sheet.

Evaluation and grants

Sec. 3. The academic qualifications of the applicant(s) and the academic quality of the project will be taken into account when evaluating applications. Strategic research projects will be judged on their strategic relevance.

2 Applications for funding to promote excellent early career researchers will be evaluated by the Talent Promotion Committee. Applications for funding for strategic research projects and projects from recognized University of Basel networks will be evaluated by the research committee.

3 The evaluation procedures and criteria will be defined in separate guidelines.

4 The principle of equal opportunity will be taken into account during the evaluation process.

5 If requested by the relevant committee, the President’s Office shall decide which applicants are to receive research funding.

Reporting

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

2 The format in which these academic and financial reports and accounts are to be provided shall be defined in the written confirmation of funding.

3 Once the project is complete, any unused funding shall be returned to the 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 7 October 2014 with immediate effect.

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