University of Basel

Vice President's Office
for Research

Funding Application for seed funding for Collaborative Projects from the Research Fund Information Sheet

Funding for interdisciplinary collaborative projects

With contributions from the Research Fund, the Rectorate supports the preparation of research proposals submitted to national and international research funding organizations that aim to establish interdisciplinary collaborative projects (e.g., ERC Synergy or equivalent).

The Research Committee, acting as an evaluation body, assesses research proposals based on the following criteria: scientific quality, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional approach, and collaborative and networked nature. In addition, the research proposal must be novel, groundbreaking, and transformative. The scientific qualifications and excellence of the applicants are prerequisites.

Procedure

- Login to the Grants Tool (www.grants.unibas.ch) and submit your application, including salary details, under **«Research Fund – Collaborative Projects»**.
- Once the relevant department has confirmed in the Grants Tool that the necessary infrastructure for carrying out your project is available, you can submit your application.
- You can submit your complete application ***at any time***.

Submit the application (as a single PDF document) via e-mail to: forschungsfonds@unibas.ch (cc: Sigrid.Ayadi@unibas.ch)**.**

The application must include the following components:

1. **Justification of application** (reason for applying to the Research Fund, max. ½ page)
2. **Scientific details**
   - 2.1. Abstract (max. 1 page)
   - 2.2. Project description (max. 4 pages), structured with subheadings according to the following points:
     - *Context of the research field (state of the art in this field)*
     - Research question, methodology, objectives
     - *Research plan (including timeline, potential collaborators and partners)*
     - *Available resources (facilities, space; if personnel: funding)*
     - *Significance of the project*
     - *Interdisciplinarity*
     - *Alignment with the University of Basel's strategy*
3. **Financial requirement**
   - 3.1. Salary details as calculated in the Grants Tool (www.grants.unibas.ch)
   - 3.2. Project-related material costs (consumables, field expenses, travel, proof reading)
   - 3.3. In the case of other funding commitments: copy of the award letters (the justification for the application must take this aspect into account)
4. **Curricula Vitae with publication lists of the applicants (research achievements)**
5. **Attachments**
   - 5.1 In the case of an application for funding for doctoral students, proof that continued funding for the dissertation is secured.
   - 5.2 Proof that the necessary approvals have been obtained (Ethics Committee, Swiss Expert Committee for Biosafety, animal experiments, etc.).

Funding decisions by the Rectorate are communicated on an ongoing basis.