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**Rules for the Submission of Applications for ERC Grants at
Charles University**

To implement: –

Guarantor: Vice-Rector for Research and Creative Activities

Responsible office: Research Support Office of the Rectorate of Charles University

Date of force: 9 April 2026

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Article 1

Introductory Provisions

1. The aim of this directive is to set out rules for the submission of project applications for European Research Council grants ("ERC grants") and rules for the payment of financial support for the submission of top-quality project applications for ERC grants at Charles University ("University").
2. The support is financed from the resources allocated by the University in the Breakdown of Non-Investment Contributions and Subsidies at Charles University in accordance with the Strategic Plan of Charles University.

Article 2

Procedure before the Submission of an ERC Grant Application

1. Before the submission of an ERC grant application in the Funding and Tenders portal of the European Union, the applicant must notify the Research Support Office of the Rectorate of the University of his or her intention to submit such application no later than within one month before the submission deadline for the given call via the department of the unit of the University responsible for science and research. At the same time, the applicant must provide access to the project application being submitted in the Funding and Tenders portal to the ERC University consultant.
2. The submission of an application for the Host Institution Letter, which is a mandatory part of the project documentation submitted, does not exclude further changes to the project. The Host Institution Letter is signed by the head of the given unit of the University.
3. If the applicant is interested in feedback from the ERC University consultant, he or she must send the project application for an ERC grant, including parts B1 and B2, in electronic form to ec@cuni.cz no later than one month before the submission deadline for the given call; applications sent later might be disregarded.

Article 3

Application for the Granting of Support

1. An application for the granting of support may be submitted by an applicant for an ERC grant who notified the Research Support Office of the Rectorate of the University of his or her intention to submit a project application for an ERC grant and provided access to the project application being submitted to the ERC University consultant under Art. 2 (1) and who is employed as an academic or a researcher at the University at the time of the submission of the application for the granting of support.
2. An application for the granting of support may be submitted after the submission of a project application for an ERC grant, but no later than 30 September following the date of submission of a project application for an ERC grant. Applications for the granting of support are submitted in electronic form to ec@cuni.cz.
3. An application for the granting of support must include:
 - a) identification of the applicant,
 - b) category of the ERC grant for which the project application was submitted, and
 - c) date of submission of the project application.

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Article 4

Granting of Support

1. The decision on the application for the granting of support and the amount thereof is made by the Vice-Rector for Research and Creative Activities by 1 December of the year in which the project application for an ERC grant was evaluated.
2. The support for the submission of an ERC grant application is granted to the unit of the University at which the applicant–employee of the University works. That unit decides about the use of the support grant in the form of a bonus or otherwise after discussing the matter with the applicant.
3. The amount of support is determined as the maximum amount which may be granted on the basis of the amount of the resources allocated in the Breakdown of Non-Investment Contributions and Subsidies at Charles University. The amount of support is based on the type of the ERC grant and the evaluation thereof.
4. For applications for the ERC Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant, and Advanced Grant, support is granted according to the evaluation of the proposal as follows:
 - a) up to CZK 100,000 for invited A proposals in Step 1,
 - b) up to CZK 50,000 for not invited A proposals in Step 1,
 - c) up to CZK 25,000 for B proposals in Step 1, or
 - d) no support is granted for C proposals in Step 1.
5. For applications for the ERC Plus Grant, support is granted according to the evaluation of the proposal as follows:
 - a) up to CZK 100,000 for retained proposals in Step 1, or
 - b) up to CZK 25,000 for not retained proposals in Step 1.
6. For applications for the ERC Synergy Grant, support is granted according to the evaluation of the proposal as follows:
 - a) up to CZK 50,000 for invited A proposals in Step 1,
 - b) up to CZK 50,000 for not invited A proposals in Step 1,
 - c) up to CZK 25,000 for B proposals in Step 1, or
 - d) no support is granted for C proposals in Step 1,
 - e) up to CZK 50,000 for A proposals in Step 2, in addition to the amount already granted under letter (a), or
 - f) no support is granted for B proposals in Step 2.
7. If an applicant is selected for an ERC grant and later transfers the grant on to another institution outside the University, the unit of the University returns the support provided to the Rectorate of the University within one month of the transfer.
8. There is no right to the granting of support.

Article 5

Repealing Provision

The following directives are hereby repealed:

- a) Rector's Directive No. 8/2023, Support for Submitting Applications for ERC Grants at Charles University,
- b) Rector' Directive No. 9/2023, Method for Submitting ERC Grant Applications at Charles University,
- c) Rector's Directive No. 23/2025, Amendment to Rector's Directive No. 9/2023, Method for Submitting ERC Grant Applications at Charles University.

Article 6

Effect

The present directive comes into force on the date of execution and becomes effective on 13 April 2026.

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