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Student Grant Agency of the Faculty of Science of the University of
South Bohemia announces

competition for financial support of projects for the year 2025

The purpose of the Student Grant Agency (SGA) is to support projects of students of **bachelor's and master's degree at the Faculty of Science (FSc) of USB**. Projects may but need not be related to the theme of bachelor or master thesis (successful completion of thesis must not depend on the award of the SGA grant). Each student applying for a grant must find in advance a researcher serving as a project supervisor (can be even a doctoral student in the presence form of study throughout 2025). Consent of the head of the department/CPE/LAPE of FSc (where the project will be solved and where the finances will be deposited) with the proposal must be obtained. The head guarantees release of the funds in accord with the project application. **For year 2025 the maximum financial support is 30 thousand CZK per project. Eligible to apply are:**

- **students in the 1st to 5th semester of a bachelor programme** (when applying)
- **students of a master programme, who will be throughout the year 2025 in the standard period of study¹.**

Guidelines for project preparation

1. Fill in the project in the form SGA_EN_2025. **The amount of text except the references is limited to 6000 characters** (including spaces, headings, tables and figure captions), plus a maximum of 1 A4 page of graphics without text. Carefully check the extent of the text. To keep fair competition, the projects exceeding the limit will be eliminated.

2. Fill in the title page, sign by yourself, the project supervisor and by the head of the department of FSc.

3. Till **Dec 2, 2024, 3 p.m.**, deliver the signed application to the Research Office of FSc, and till the same time deliver your application without signatures as file **SGA-2025-Yourlastname.docx** to veda@prf.jcu.cz. Electronic and printed versions must be identical (except signatures). Printed version of the project can be replaced with a pdf containing digital signatures and sent to the above-mentioned contact email. In such a case, all signatures must be electronic and valid (a scanned pdf, or a printed page containing a mixture of physical and electronic signatures cannot be accepted).

The required project structure:

1. Literature review - a summary of what is known about the topic (briefly!).

¹Students of 1st year master programme (including beginning in summer term 2023/2024) or 2nd year of a 2.5-year program (Biological Chemistry, beginning only in winter term 2023/2024).

2. Goal of the project - a description of what is to be achieved in the project (concisely and clearly!). If the SGA project is part of a larger project, focus on the part solved within the SGA project. SGA project must form a research entity reachable within 1 year with a dominant contribution of the student.

3. Methods - methods and techniques employed in the SGA project (concisely and clearly!). Identify activities carried out by you in person vs. activities carried out by other people/labs. In the case of work with live vertebrates, the application must include an affidavit of submission of the experimental project according to Act No. 246/1992 on the Protection of animals against cruelty or the registration number of a running project (beyond the limitation on the length of the project text) and ensure proper registration of experimental animals and their handling according to the approved experimental project.

4. Financial budget - funds needed for the success of the project, itemize and justify them; indicate if the project needs more resources and only a portion is requested from SGA, approximate funding from other sources, detailing items with justification only for the SGA funds. SGA funds can be used to finance:

- a) material (including data carriers, maps, consumables, laboratory kits, substrates, feed, chemicals, etc.) and the cost of experimental animals.
- b) minor assets necessary for the solution of the project (e.g. software, hardware, books - acquired assets remain a property of FSc after the project termination)
- c) services (e.g. external copying, translation, analysis, conference participation with a presentation (poster, talk))
- d) research-related travelling and accommodation expenses (in the form of scholarship according to Article 5 of the Scholarship Regulations of USB). The travelling expenses are normally compensated at a rate equivalent to public transport. If the nature of the research requires individual transport by car (fieldwork in remote locations, transport of equipment, data collection at times when public transport is not available, etc.), the corresponding costs can be claimed.
- e) scholarship for successful completion of SGA project (max. 5000 CZK, will be paid in December 2025 according to Article 5 of the Scholarship Regulations of USB in the required amount after satisfying all project conditions or in a reduced amount in case of reservations).

5. References

Formal verification of the submitted projects will be carried out first and applications violating the rules will be excluded. The projects will be subsequently evaluated by the SGA team of project opponents and ranked by SGA Board to allow the Academic Senate of FSc to decide the funding of projects. The results will be announced till Feb 14, 2025. Investigators will terminate the project financially no later than Nov 15, 2025 and will deliver the final report of the project (on the prescribed form SGA-report2025) no later than Nov 21, 2025 to the Research Office of FSc and e-mail veda@prf.jcu.cz. All investigators will present the results and outcomes of the project at a seminar, which will take place in mid Dec. 2025. The best investigators will receive an additional bonus scholarship.

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