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**Rector's Decision no. 22/2023,
issuing the statute of the Internal Scientific Grant System
Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice**

In accordance with the provisions of § 15 par. 1 letter m) of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and Amendments to Certain Acts and in accordance with the provisions of article 4(3) of the Rules of Organization of UPJŠ in Košice, as amended, I hereby

issue

this decision issuing the statute of the Internal Scientific Grant System.:

Art. 1

Mission of the Internal Scientific Grant System Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice

1. The mission of the Internal Scientific Grant System of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (hereinafter "VVGS") is to support and stimulate the concentration of research potential of creative staff and doctoral students of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (hereinafter "UPJŠ" or "university") working in various fields of research and education, to create conditions for linking research topics in order to more successfully apply for projects from the external environment (APVV, Horizont Europe and other EU programs), to enable more efficient use of advanced infrastructure, modern educational tools and to create a competitive and stimulating environment for doctoral and postdoctoral students of UPJŠ.
2. the case of university teachers and researchers under the age of 35 and full-time doctoral students, the mission of VVGS is to lead these staff and doctoral students to independent preparation, creation and implementation of their own scientific and educational projects in order to learn the principles of grant competition, team management and project management agenda.
3. VVGS supports new, original and interdisciplinary projects.

Art. 2

Grant schemes VVGS

1. VVGS provides support in seven grant schemes:

- 1.1 Program "Interdisciplinary research projects for university teachers and researchers under 35 years of age and doctoral students in full-time doctoral studies" (hereinafter referred to as VUaVP35).
- 1.2 Program "Targeted Research Projects" (hereinafter referred to as PCOV) designed for all creative employees.
- 1.3 "SAS-UPJŠ ERC Visiting Fellowship Grants" program designed for all creative employees.
- 1.4 Program "Projects to support the integration of researchers into research" (hereinafter referred to as PPZVV) designed for all creative staff after returning from maternity or parental leave.
- 1.5 The program "Institutional Support of E-Learning" (hereinafter referred to as IPEL) designed for all creative employees and doctoral students in the full-time form of doctoral studies.
- 1.6 The programme of "Early-stage Grants for Doctoral Students" (hereinafter referred to as ESGD) designated for doctoral students in the full-time form of doctoral studies.
- 1.7 The programme of "Early-stage Grants for Beginning Researchers" (hereinafter referred to as ESGV) designated for young higher education teachers and research workers at the start of their careers (with 5 years of gaining their PhD.).
2. The program "Interdisciplinary research projects for VUaVP up to 35 years and doctoral students" is designed by a research team composed of university teachers, researchers or full-time doctoral students who are within the meaning of Art. 8 par. 2 letter a) of the Statute of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "UPJŠ Statute in Košice") by members of the UPJŠ academic community and who have not reached the age of 35 at the beginning of the project.
 - 2.1 A necessary condition for financial support of VUaVP35 projects is that the project is interdisciplinary, connecting at least two study fields defined in Decree no. 244/2019 on the system of study departments of the Slovak Republic. The composition of the research team must be designed to connect at least two accredited doctoral study fields.
 - 2.2 UPJŠ announces a call for projects VUaVP35 usually once every 24 months according to the financial possibilities of the university. The time schedule of the VUaVP35 project (deadline for submitting projects, start date of project solutions, etc.) follows from the announced call.
 - 2.3 The total amount of funds earmarked for the call is determined by the Rector of UPJŠ after the approval of the budget of UPJŠ in AS UPJŠ.
 - 2.4 The duration of the VUaVP35 project is 18 months and the possible required amount of financial subsidy from the applicant for one project is a maximum of 1,500 euros.
3. The "Targeted Research Projects (PCOV)" program is intended for research teams that are characterized by concentrated excellent research in a scientific field or cross-cutting in several scientific fields. Concentrated research means a comprehensive scientific research project that combines thematically, goals and outputs. PCOVs are characterized by high professional qualifications, innovative approach and creativity.
 - 3.1 Targeted research projects must have a clearly defined project output (prototype, innovative approach, pilot scientific project, legal analysis, artwork, workshop, etc.).
 - 3.2 PCOV can be a "pilot project" and the output of PCOV can be the preparation of a new future project financed from external sources, but only if the aim of the pilot project is a new research direction that the research team is beginning to develop and has not yet been researched / solved at its workplace, or has no tradition yet.
 - 3.3 The composition of the PCOV research team must guarantee high scientific quality, creativity and an innovative approach to solving the research task. At least one team member must be actively involved in the educational process in the doctoral study as a tutor; The research team must have at least one in-house doctoral student and at least one young researcher under the age of 35 who is actively involved in the project.

- 3.4 The submission of an application for financial support of PCOV is not limited in time (the application can be submitted on an ongoing basis, while the date of submission of the project in connection with the collection deadlines specified in this statute is important for assessing the correct submission of the application and for starting the project solution). The duration of the PCOV is a maximum of 1 year and the possible required amount of financial subsidy from the applicant for one project is a maximum of 3000 euros.
4. The program "SAS-UPJŠ ERC Visiting Fellowship Grants" is implemented in cooperation with the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) on the initiative of the European Research Council (ERC) at UPJŠ. The conditions of its implementation are announced by UPJŠ in cooperation with SAS on its website. It is intended for all individuals or research teams whose goal is to strengthen their research profile through this program and to improve the preparation of their own future ERC project in an internationally competitive environment before applying for an ERC grant.
- 4.1 The aim of the SAS-UPJŠ ERC Visiting Fellowship Grants program is to support and strengthen the participation of researchers from Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice in ERC calls, to provide them with the opportunity to gain experience and skills necessary for quality project preparation and management.
- 4.2 The grant is awarded by UPJŠ for a period of 1 - 4 months in the amount of max. EUR 12 000 (up to EUR 3 000 per month). It is intended to cover travel costs, including local transport costs, accommodation, subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses for candidates who are employees of UPJŠ.
- 4.3 The SAS-UPJŠ ERC Visiting Fellowship Grants program is open to scientists from all disciplines. The tenderer must meet the following conditions:
- a) must be an employee of UPJŠ and its part,
 - b) it must demonstrate the quality of research and outputs at a level corresponding to the conditions of the ERC,
 - c) must submit a residency plan, including an outline of a future ERC project proposal,
 - d) must submit an invitation letter from the ERC project solver,
 - e) in the case of a grant, the applicant undertakes to submit an application for an ERC project to one of the ERC calls no later than two years after the end of the stay, while the project will be addressed at UPJŠ,
 - f) if the applicant does not meet the condition to apply for an ERC project within two years of the end of the stay, he is obliged to repay the financial support in full.
- 4.4 The evaluation process is open and transparent. Each proposal will be evaluated by two independent, external, internationally recognized evaluators. The main evaluation criterion is the excellence of the research and the potential of the applicant to receive an ERC grant.
- 4.5 Based on the evaluation, the UPJŠ commission for VVGS, supplemented ad hoc by domestic experts from the department based on the decision of the UPJŠ rector, will select candidates from the UPJŠ. The final decision on the award of grants will be made by the Rector of UPJŠ.
- 4.6 Proposals for the award of the grant are submitted on a form in English electronically and printed and signed by the CCVaPP UPJŠ project support department, resp. to the UPJŠ Rector's Office within two working days from the day when the application was submitted electronically.
5. Program "Projects to support the integration of researchers into research" (PPZVV) is intended for all creative employees of UPJŠ after returning from maternity or parental leave. It enables a smooth transition to the work process and the restart of one's own scientific research.

- 5.1 The submission of the application for financial support of PPZVV is not limited in time (the application can be submitted on an ongoing basis, while the date of submission of the project in connection with the collection deadlines specified in this statute is important to assess the correct submission of the application and to start the project solution). The duration of the PPZVV is a maximum of 24 months and the possible required amount of financial subsidy from the applicant for one project is a maximum of 3,000 euros.
- 5.2 An applicant for project support may be a university teacher or a researcher who is within the meaning of Art. 8 par. 2 letter a) of the Statute of UPJŠ in Košice a member of the academic community of UPJŠ.
- 5.3 Applicants for project support can be an individual or a team led by a researcher after returning from maternity or parental leave. The project design must guarantee concentrated excellent research in a scientific field or cross-cutting in several scientific fields.
- 5.4 Žiadateľ je oprávnený podať projekt najneskôr deväť mesiacov od nástupu do zamestnania po materskej alebo rodičovskej dovolenke, ak trvala minimálne 18 mesiacov. The applicant is entitled to submit a project no later than nine months after starting work after maternity or parental leave, if it lasted at least 18 months.
- 5.5 The total amount of funds earmarked for the call is determined by the Rector of UPJŠ after the approval of the budget of UPJŠ in AS UPJŠ.
6. The program "Institutional Support of E-Learning" (IPEL) is intended for individuals or research teams implementing lifelong (undergraduate, postgraduate and other) education at UPJŠ using e-learning in full-time, distance or combined form.
 - 6.1 The projects are aimed at creating electronic support for teaching a subject or group of subjects (courses) with regard to the content (multimedia, interactive, simulation) and the used e-learning tools and methods.
 - 6.2 UPJŠ usually announces a call for IPEL projects once every 12 months according to the financial possibilities of the university. The time schedule of the IPEL project (deadline for submitting projects, start date of project solutions, etc.) follows from the announced call.
 - 6.3 The total amount of funds earmarked for the call is determined by the Rector of UPJŠ after the approval of the budget of UPJŠ in AS UPJŠ.
 - 6.4 The duration of the IPEL project is 12 months and the possible required amount of financial subsidy from the applicant for one project is a maximum of 2,000 euros. In the case of projects for groups of subjects, e.g. CIK, project duration and grant may be higher.
7. The programme of "Early-stage Grants for Doctoral Students" (ESGD) at UPJŠ is implemented on the basis of call 09I03-03-V05 Early-stage Grants, issued by the Office of Government of the Slovak Republic as the implementor of component 9 of the Plan for Recovery and Resilience under investment 3: Excellent Science.
 - 7.1 The aim of the ESGD programme to use starting grants to support 26 full-time PhD students in starting their careers in their scientific field, where these projects will enable them to finance starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and the exchange of experience from abroad.
 - 7.2 An applicant for project support can be a doctoral student in full-time doctoral studies with the standard length of study, whose expected date of defence of dissertation does not precede the deadline of 30.04.2026. The applicant cannot be a doctoral student who holds an R1 scholarship (call with code 09I03-03- V02) or scholarships from the call for support of researchers threatened by the conflict in Ukraine (call with code 09I03-03-V01) or other form of grant support in order to avoid double expenditure from public resources.
 - 7.3 The grant is awarded exclusively for activities of a non-economic nature, and the activities supported by the project, including the final report on the awarded grant,

- must be completed no later than 30.04.2026. The expected duration of the grant is 24 months from 1.5.2024 to 30.04.2026.
- 7.4 The grant of a maximum of 6,000 euros is intended for travel allowances of the ESGD holder, consumables, other goods and services necessary for the implementation of the project, devices and equipment, the input price of which is not higher than 1,700 euros, software, assessable rights, the input price of which is not higher than 2,400 Euros, VAT.
 - 7.5 The evaluation process is professional and transparent. Each proposal shall be evaluated by at least one independent evaluator.
 - 7.6 The selection of applicants from UPJŠ shall be carried out on the basis of evaluation by the UPJŠ commission for ISGS, supplemented ad hoc by domestic experts from the field based on the decision of the rector of UPJŠ. The rector of UPJŠ shall take the final decision on awarding grants.
 - 7.7 Successful applicants will receive financial support only if UPJŠ, as an applicant, receives financial support from the Recovery and Resilience Plan for the mentioned scheme based on the request for the provision of mechanism funds in call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants.
8. The programme “Early-stage grants for beginning researchers” (ESGV) is implemented at UPJŠ on the basis of call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants, which was declared by the Office of Government of the Slovak Republic as the implementor of component 9 of the Plan for Recovery and Resilience under investment 3: Excellent Science.
 - 8.1 The aim of the ESGV programme is to support 15 young researchers with start-up grants in starting their careers in their scientific field, where these projects will enable them to finance starting research, support their participation in scientific conferences and the exchange of experience from abroad.
 - 8.2 An applicant for project support can be a young university teacher and researcher at the beginning of their career (within 5 years of obtaining a PhD (maternity leave is not included in this time), with whom UPJŠ has an employment relationship on the day of the award of the ESGV and for whom on the day of the award of the ESGV the period of 5 years has not yet passed since they obtained the PhD degree. At the same time, the applicant may not be an employee who represents other employees (professional and technical employees, administrative and operational employees) or students of third-level university study programs according to the Act on Universities or according to Act no. 243/2017 on a public research institution and on the amendment of certain laws. The applicant cannot be a young university teacher or researcher who holds an R2/R3/R4 scholarship (call with code 09I03-03-V04) or a scholarship from the call for support of researchers at risk of conflict in Ukraine (call with code 09I03-03-V01) or another form of grant support in order to avoid double spending from public resources.
 - 8.3 The grant is awarded exclusively for activities of a non-economic nature, and the activities supported by the project, including the final report on the awarded grant, must be completed no later than 30.04.2026. The estimated duration of the grant is 24 months from 1.5.2024 to 30.04.2026.
 - 8.4 The grant of a maximum of 12,000 euros is intended for travel allowances of the ESGD holder, consumables, other goods and services necessary for the implementation of the project, devices and equipment, the input price of which is not higher than 1,700 euros, software, assessable rights, the input price of which is not higher than 2,400 euros, VAT.
 - 8.5 The evaluation process is professional and transparent. Each proposal shall be evaluated by at least two independent evaluators.
 - 8.6 The selection of applicants from UPJŠ shall be carried out on the basis of evaluation by the UPJŠ commission for ISGS supplemented ad hoc with local experts from the field based on the decision of the rector of UPJŠ. The rector of UPJŠ shall take the final decision on awarding grants.
 - 8.7 Successful applicants will receive financial support only if UPJŠ, as an applicant, receives financial support from the Recovery and Resilience Plan for the mentioned scheme based on the request for the provision of mechanism funds in call 09I03-03-V05 Early stage grants.

Art. 3

Eligible applicants for VVGS support

1. The research team (research team) consists of the project leader (applicant) and individual members - researchers. Applicants for project support in all types of programs provided by this statute may be in accordance with Art. 8 par. 2 letter. a) of the UPJŠ Statute in Košice only a member of the UPJŠ academic community. In justified cases, a member of the academic community of another university or scientific institution may also be a member of the research team if the applicant justifies that the area of scientific research in the proposed project cannot be provided to members of the UPJŠ academic community. Such a member of the research team may not draw project funds, but may be a co-author of project outputs.
2. Applicants for project support in the program "Interdisciplinary research projects for VUaVP up to 35 years and doctoral students" can be a university teacher, researcher or full-time doctoral student, which is in accordance with Art. 8 par. 2 letter a) of the Statute of UPJŠ in Košice a member of the academic community of UPJŠ and who did not reach the age of 35 at the beginning of the project. The application may be submitted on behalf of a team of researchers, no member of which may exceed the age of 35 at the beginning of the project and the regular completion date of the doctoral study exceeds the project solution time (if the project leader is a full-time doctoral student).
3. Applicants for project support in the program "Institutional support of e-learning" can be a university teacher, researcher or doctoral student in the full-time form of study, which is in accordance with Art. 8 par. 2 letter a) of the Statute of UPJŠ in Košice a member of the academic community of UPJŠ. The application may also be submitted on behalf of the team of researchers by a doctoral student whose regular completion date of his / her doctoral study exceeds the project solution time.
4. Within one call VUaVP35, each member of the research team can participate only in the design of one project. A member of the research team VUaVP35 can be a member of the research team PCOV.
5. An applicant for project support can submit a project with a given project idea and with a given team within only one program. It is not possible for the same researchers to be members of the research team within one deadline for submitting PCOV, VUaVP35 and PPZVV projects.
6. The project leader must devote at least 1/3 of his defined research capacity to the solution of the VUaVP35 project, taking into account its research capacity on other projects, such as VEGA, APVV, etc. The defined maximum research capacity of a university teacher is 1,000 hours per year, a researcher 2,000 hours per year, a doctoral student before the dissertation examination 1,500 hours per year and a doctoral student after the dissertation examination 2,000 hours per year based on the set working time.
7. The project leader must devote at least 1/2 of his defined research capacity to the solution of the project VUaVP35 or PPZVV, taking into account its solution capacity on other projects, such as VEGA, APVV, etc.
8. The project leader is responsible for the fulfillment of the project objectives, the efficient and economical use of funds and the submission of the final report on the solution of the VVGS project within the specified deadline.
9. The project leader can submit only one application within the published call (VUaVP35 or PPZVV) for the application for financial support.
10. The project leader submits an application for financial support for all types of projects in the provided programs of this statute electronically via the CCVaPP UPJŠ portal, which is accessible on the CCVaPP UPJŠ website (<http://portal.ccvapp.upjs.sk/grantcalls>). The project leader is obliged to deliver the generated, printed and signed confirmation of the application for financial support to the CCV and PP UPJŠ project support department, resp. to the UPJŠ Rector's Office within two working days from the day when the application was

submitted electronically. The collection deadlines set for the electronic submission of individual types of provided programs of this statute are:

11. VUaVP35 – determined by the call of the Rector of UPJŠ,
12. PCOV, IPEL and PPZVV - 20 January, 20 May, 20 September (projects are submitted continuously, they are not tied to the call for proposals).
13. The date of electronic submission and the date indicated on the stamp of the UPJŠ Rector's Office are decisive for assessing whether the application was submitted within the specified deadline. An application for financial support for the project cannot be submitted by fax or e-mail.
14. In the application for the VUaVP35 project, the applicants will indicate at least two study fields to which the project solution belongs. The composition of the research team must correspond in terms of staff to at least two accredited doctoral study fields that the researchers have identified in the project.
15. After submitting the application for financial support of the project, the CCV and PP UPJŠ project support department will perform their formal control regarding the completeness of the required data and compliance with the project attributes. If the inspection reveals formal deficiencies (missing signature, incorrectly stated workplace of the researcher, etc.), the project manager will be asked to eliminate the deficiencies within 5 working days.
16. It is important that all relevant articles of the statute and conditions of the call are met in order to successfully apply for all types of projects. Applications for financial support of the project that do not meet the conditions of the call, resp. of this statute, even those for which the project manager did not eliminate the deficiencies found by the formal inspection within the set deadline, the UPJŠ commission for VVGS will exclude from further assessment, of which the project leader will be informed in writing.
17. For projects for which the opinion of the UPJŠ Ethics Commission in Košice is required (eg in accordance with Act No. 576/2004 Coll. On Health Care, Services Related to the Provision of Health Care and on Amendments to Certain Acts; Decree No. 436/2012 Coll. - Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, which lays down details on requirements for the protection of animals used for scientific or educational purposes, Government Regulation No. 377/2012 Coll., Laying down requirements for the protection of animals used for scientific or educational purposes purposes, as amended, etc.), a necessary part of the project is a written request for the opinion of the relevant ethics committee. In the case of a missing request for the opinion of the ethics committee, the project cannot be evaluated and the UPJŠ commission for VVGS will exclude it from further assessment, of which the project leader will be informed in writing.

Art. 4

UPJŠ Commission for VVGS

1. The evaluation of projects, the selection of projects proposed for financing and the proposal of the amount of allocated financial support, as well as any circumstances related to the solution of VVGS UPJŠ projects are carried out by the UPJŠ commission for VVGS (hereinafter "commission"). The list of projects proposed for financing with the proposed amount of allocated funds is submitted by the commission to the Rector for approval.
2. The members of the commission are appointed and removed by the Rector of UPJŠ. A member of the commission is in accordance with Art. 8 par. 2 letter a) of the Statute of UPJŠ in Košice a member of the academic community of UPJŠ. The term of office of the members of the commission is four years. The commission consists of a maximum of 7 members with voting rights, from the vice-rector for science, research and projects, the vice-rector for academic qualifications and the PhD studies and from the honorary member. The honorary member is nominated by the rector of UPJŠ from the former members of the commission upon the proposal of the chair of the commission. The election of the chairman requires the

consent of at least 2/3 of its members. Membership in the commission is irreplaceable. The Rector may set up a separate working group within the commission for the evaluation of educational projects.

3. The members of the commission without voting rights are the vice-rector for science, research and projects, the vice-rector for academic qualifications and PhD studies and the honorary member. In the case of a working group to evaluate scientific projects, the vice-rector for undergraduate and lifelong learning may be a member without voting rights.
4. The Rector of UPJŠ appoints a new member of the commission if, for serious reasons (eg termination of employment, long-term stay at another workplace, etc.), a member of the commission cannot participate in the work of the commission or resigns from membership in the commission.
5. The VVGS agenda is managed by the secretary of the commission.

Art. 5

Meetings of the UPJŠ commission for VVGS

1. Meetings of the Commission shall be convened and chaired by its chairman.
2. The meetings of the Commission shall not be public and shall be held in person or by distance.
3. The quorum of the Commission shall be at least two-thirds of its members.
4. A valid abduction of the Commission shall require the consent of an absolute majority of all members of the Commission with the right to vote.
5. The decision of the Commission shall be final and no appeal shall lie from it.
6. The details of the meeting of the commission shall be established by the rules of procedure of the UPJŠ commission for VVGS.

Art. 6

Project assessment VVGS

1. Proposals for projects VUaVP35 and SAS-UPJŠ ERC Visiting Fellowship Grants for the meeting of the commission are submitted by its chairman according to the project registration number.
2. Proposals for PCOV, IPEL and PPZVV projects for the meeting of the commission are usually submitted by its chairman 3 times a year (in the last week of January, May and September).
3. The chairman and members of the commission shall be bound by the obligation of professional secrecy with regard to all matters of which they become aware in the course of their duties on the commission.
4. The commission will ensure the assessment of each project by two opponents, at least one of whom is an expert from another faculty, university or scientific institution, respectively. practitioners who are actively involved in the tasks of the university. Each opponent will assess the application for financial support of the project through the CCVaPP UPJŠ portal within the deadline set by the commission (interdisciplinarity, originality, ethical aspects of the project, scientific contribution, feasibility and formal elaboration of the project, project results and professional competence of the project leader and his research team) .
5. In the case of IPEL projects, the main criteria used are e-learning tools, content, originality, educational contribution, feasibility and formal elaboration of the project.
6. In the case of PCOV projects, the Commission mainly assesses the innovation and reality of the proposed specific project output.

7. The list of projects recommended for funding and the amount of funding allocated shall be approved by the Commission by a vote.
8. The Commission does not recommend financing the project or suspends the use of allocated funds to researchers who have received financial support for the project in the previous 3 years and have not submitted a report on the solution and accounts within the set deadline or their project has been rated "not met".

Art. 7

Management of VVGS funds

1. UPJŠ will provide funding for selected scientific projects to project leaders in the "goods and services" category, while a maximum of 50% of the planned funds may be used for "travel allowances and conference fees". In justified cases, it is possible to plan funds in the above categories on a broader scale, if the project leader justifies the effectiveness of the use of funds due to the nature of the planned research (eg field research, theoretical research, etc.). At the same time, it may not use all allocated funds as a substitute for participation in one event (conference, seminar, training, etc.).
2. Only members of the research team are authorized to draw funds. The condition for drawing funds for the conference is the active participation of the project leader in the conference, documented in the form of output, such as a lecture, poster, abstract, paper in the proceedings and the like. With one output, only one solver is eligible.
3. In the case of IPEL projects, UPJŠ will provide funding for selected educational projects to project managers in the categories "wages and levies" and "goods and services".
4. Funds for the solution of the project will be allocated by the Rector of UPJŠ to the faculty or part of UPJŠ, of which the project leader is, in the form of an increase in the subsidy for science, research and education. If the researchers of the project are from different faculties and parts of UPJŠ, the funds will be allocated to individual faculties and parts of UPJŠ by a share determined by the project leader. The faculty or part of UPJŠ, of which the project leader is, is also responsible for the administrative support of the project implementation.
5. UPJŠ will conclude a contract on the allocation of funds for the project solution with the project leader.
6. The project leader is responsible to the Rector for the efficient use of the allocated funds and their use cannot be decided by the faculty or the UPJŠ. The faculty or part of UPJŠ may not condition the implementation of the project with any requirement to cover the operating costs of the faculty or part of UPJŠ.
7. A project leader who, for serious reasons (eg termination of employment, interruption / early termination of doctoral studies, long-term stay at another workplace, etc.) is unable to continue the project, proposes a new project leader in writing, who agrees with the proposal by signing on the draft letter. At the same time, it will submit to the CCV and PP UPJŠ project support department a report and settlement of all drawn funds as of the date of the change of the project manager. Only a member of the research team of a given project who meets all the conditions of the project leader set out in the VVGS statute can become a new project leader. The change of project manager is subject to approval by the VVGS. If it is not possible to appoint a new project manager, the project manager is obliged to submit a report on the status of the project solution and the settlement of all drawn funds, the project solution ends immediately and the unused funds are returned to the UPJŠ budget.

Art. 8

Publication of results

1. The list of supported projects with the registration number of projects, project names and the volume of allocated funds is published on the CCVaPP UPJŠ website in the Project Support section (VVGS UPJŠ grant scheme).
2. The Vice-Rector for Scientific Research and Doctoral Studies informs the UPJŠ Rector's Board of the number of applications for VVGS financial support, the number of supported projects and the volume of funds earmarked for financial support.

Art. 9

Project solution change time

1. In extraordinary situations or in the event of extraordinary circumstances, the project leader may request the commission to interrupt the project solution time, extend the project solution time or prematurely terminate the project solution. The application must be submitted in writing, justifying the change in the time of the project, as well as specifying when the project is planned to continue. An application for an interruption of the project solution time or for an extension of the project solution time can also be submitted repeatedly. It is not possible to request to interrupt the project indefinitely.
2. The Commission shall assess each application on an ad hoc basis in the specific circumstances set out by the applicant and shall not be bound by its previous opinions in similar cases.
3. If, in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the project solution time is extended by two years compared to the originally planned project completion time, the project manager is obliged to submit a project solution report justifying the timeliness of the project solution. The Commission will assess and evaluate the report. If it adopts the opinion that the project solution is out of date, it will invite the project leader to complete the project solution within the set deadline.
4. If, for objective reasons, it is not possible to complete the project in such a way that the set objectives of the project are met, the project leader may request the commission to terminate the project without its solution.
5. If the project has been completed without its solution, or has been terminated prematurely with partial fulfillment of the project objectives, or has been interrupted, the project leader is obliged to return the unspent funds.

Art. 10

Final evaluation of projects

1. The project leader submits the final report on the project solution, its results and the drawing of allocated funds electronically via the CCVaPP UPJŠ portal and in written form as CCVaPP UPJŠ portal outputs within the deadline specified in the CCVaPP UPJŠ project support department. to the UPJŠ Rector's Office. The final report also includes published outputs in electronic form (pdf copies or scans) placed as attachments to the report in electronic form.
2. The condition for the success of the project (VUaVP35 or PPZVV) is at least one output in the form of the original peer-reviewed scientific work (proving minimal sending to the press in the form of a confirmation from the editorial office about sending the work to the press). Only such works are mentioned, in which the VVGS thanks for financial support of research is mentioned and in which UPJŠ is mentioned as the workplace of the project solver.
3. The condition for the success of the PCOV, ESGD and ESGV projects is a clear and unquestionable implementation of the project output defined in the project application.
4. The condition for the success of the project (IPEL) is the implementation of education using the created e-learning tools in the current or next academic year.

5. The final project reports shall be assessed by a panel, which may request the expert opinion of other experts. In assessing the final reports, the results achieved, the quality of the outputs and the economy and effectiveness of the allocated funds are assessed.
6. The fulfillment of the objectives of the projects after the completion of the solution is evaluated by the degree:
 - a) met the objectives excellently,
 - b) has met the objectives,
 - c) has met the objectives conditionally,
 - d) did not meet the objectives.
7. The Commission may submit to the Rector of UPJŠ a proposal for the evaluation of the leaders of those projects which "have met the objectives excellently".
8. If, after the completion of the solution, the project is evaluated as "met the objectives conditionally", the project leader is obliged to additionally supplement the missing project results within the deadline set by the commission. If the set deadline expires without the submission of the missing results, the project solution is evaluated as "not met the objectives".
9. The Vice-Rector for Scientific Research and Doctoral Studies informs the UPJŠ Rector's College about the results of the evaluation of the final reports.

Art. 11

Final provisions

1. This decision enters into force on the day it is signed by the Rector of UPJŠ.
2. Upon this decision entering into force, Rector's Decision no. 25/2021, issuing the Statute of the Internal Scientific Grant System of the University of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in Košice, no. REK000420/2021-ÚPA/5516, dated 13.12.2021, ceases to be valid and effective.
3. Projects approved by the commission before the entry of this decision into force, as well as related legal relations, are governed by the provisions stated in the Rector's Decision no. 25/2021, issuing the Statute of the Internal Scientific Grant System of the University of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in Košice, no. REK000420/2021-ÚPA/5516, dated 13.12.2021.

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