

The Rector of Masaryk University hereby announces the

Masaryk University Development Fund 2019

competition for projects in the following thematic areas:

A) Academic employee pedagogical activity support and course-level degree programme/field of study profiling and innovation support

B) Creative student activities focusing on educational activity innovation

This internal competition announcement proceeds from the Public Higher Education Institution Development Programme 2019–2020 announced by MEYS.

1. Thematic area description

A) Academic employee pedagogical activity support and course-level degree programme/field of study profiling and innovation support

1. Support for **teaching in English and other foreign languages** in Czech degree programmes.
2. **Applied education** development, in particular by implementing courses taught by industry experts, etc.
3. Development of **project-based teaching** in selected degree programme courses.
4. Academic employee pedagogical competence development, in particular by **implementing testing and teaching methodology courses**.
5. Academic employee **language competence** development, essential for the **teaching of selected courses** in English or other foreign languages.
6. Development of relevant **doctoral student competences** essential for **pedagogical and scientific work**.
7. Development of **activities for talented students** in selected degree programme courses.
8. Course innovation designed to develop **compositional, communication-related and analytical skills** facilitating the achievement of a desirable **academic writing level**.
9. **Topic selected according to the current needs of a faculty/constituent part/EC** in accordance with the announcement of thematic area A.

B) Creative student activities focusing on educational activity innovation

1. Implementation of **student projects and activities** facilitating **degree programme/field of study innovation**.
2. **Topic selected according to the current needs of a faculty/constituent part/EC** in accordance with the announcement of thematic area B.

2. Key competition information

Submitted project proposals must be aligned with the key objectives of the *Strategic Plan for the Scholarly, Scientific, Research, Development, Innovation, Artistic and Other Creative Activities of Higher Education Institutions 2016–2020* and the priorities of the *Masaryk University Strategic Plan 2016–2020*.

The overall sum allocated to the competition is 11,563,000 CZK, i.e. 10% of the financial amount allocated to the investigation of the *MU Institutional Development Plan 2019–2020*.

Projects listing students as principal investigators (in thematic area B) may be allocated a maximum of 20 % of the overall sum allocated to the competition.

Financial support for one project ranges from **50,000 CZK to 100,000 CZK**.

Project proposals must be of **non-investment nature**.

Eligible applicants include:

- academic employees (thematic areas A and B)
- other university employees (thematic area A)
- students (thematic area B)

Project proposals may not be submitted by **economic unit management members** or by other persons involved in the management of university units, i.e. university management members, deans, vice-deans, faculty bursars, university institute directors and bursars or other unit directors and bursars.

Project proposal submission: 1 – 31 October 2018

Project investigation: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019.

Competition results will be announced on the Office for Development website (<http://projekty.rect.muni.cz/en/fond-rozvoje-mu>) no later than by 21 December 2018.

Announcement specifications and project proposal criteria are described in the **Masaryk University Development Fund 2019 Competition Rules**; this document forms an integral part of this announcement and is available on the Office for Development website (<http://projekty.rect.muni.cz/cs/fond-rozvoje-mu/frmu-2019>).

3. Contact persons:

MUDF coordination and administrative support has been entrusted to the Office for Development.

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Individual faculties/ECs have designated contact persons tasked with the administration of this agenda. The list of names and contact details is available online:

http://projekty.rect.muni.cz/cs/fond-rozvoje-mu/kontaktni_osoby.

In Brno on 19 September 2018

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