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Bylaw on Financing PhD Studies by Scientific Projects

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Legal basis

Legal basis for Bylaw on financing PhD studies by projects is find in Article 27 of the Law on Scientific and Research Activities.

Bylaw should regulate conditions, methods and procedures for co-financing doctoral studies through scientific project funded by State budget.

PhD students – Candidates

Right to have financed doctoral studies in this method have a PhD student enrolled in PhD studies at the public HE institution.

Student have obligation to successful finish PhD studies and participate in research in line with scientific project's aims and tasks.

Public Call

HE / Research institution every year will determine and Public announce a list of the projects with free Team positions, number of positions and names of the potential mentors.

Ministry responsible for science every year will determine number of students for financing by science fields and publish Public call with defined: science fields for co-financing, number of PhD students, conditions for candidates, selection criteria, document for application and other information relevant to the implementation of the call and decision making.

Conditions for applicats are:

- Younger than 27, or 29 year with minimum 2 year working experience,
- Citizenship of Republic of Serbia
- Minimum 9.0 (from 10) GPA on previous studies
- Enrolled on accredited PhD study programme, and finished first year of studies.

Selection criteria by Scientific fields:

- 60 points - Academic achievements of PhD student (50 for GPA at previous studies and 10 for previous research results)
- 20 points - Mentor (10 for successfulness of previous PhD thesis monitored by Mentor and 10 for Mentor's research rang)
- 20 points - Project's rang.

Co-financing will include:

- Gross (bruto) salary for the student
- Costs for student's research work
- Administrative, overhead and other cost for institution.

PhD students' rights and obligations

PhD students' rights and obligations are defined by Agreement between Ministry, Research institution which hire student, HE institution which realises PhD study programme and student, elected by Public call.

Research institution will hire selected PhD student for 8 months per year if he is teaching assistant at the HE or for 12 months per year if he is researcher at the Research institution.

Mentors Team

Mentors Team will have 3 members. Mentor and Project coordinator are members by definition.

Mentors Team supervise PhD student's work and achievements

Mentor with student decides about research area of PhD thesis, obligatory and elective courses from study programme for student, working hours etc.

Annual reports

Every year Mentors Team with PhD student will submit annual report on student's achievements.

Positive annual report extends financing for one more year (to maximum 4 years extensions in total)

After negative annual report financing will be cut.

Monitoring group

Monitoring group will be establish for coordination of all activities defined by this Bylaw.

Members of the Monitoring group should be:

- Ministry's representative
- Five members by Scientific fields and Arts
- National Council for Higher Education representative
- National Council for Scientific and Technological Development representative
- Representative if the Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry with PhD

Monitoring group's responsibility

- Recommend priority Science fields for financing
- Recommend selection criteria by Scientific fields
- Gives an opinion on the amount of funds
- Adopts annual reports on PhD students achievements