StartUP grants FL UPOL

2027

Announcement of the competition

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc („Faculty of Law“) announces a competition for StartUP grants for the year 2027 in 2 areas identified in the competition conditions (below).

The project proposal for the competition must comply with the conditions listed below.

Deadline for submission of project proposals is 23 November 2026

Applications should be sent electronically by e-mail to the Department of Science, Research and Project Support, Ing. Kristýna Španihelová (kristyna.spanihelova@upol.cz).

The results will be announced within 30 days of the end of the submission period.

Final reports are submitted electronically by email to the Department of Science, Research and Project Support, Ing. Kristýna Španihelová (kristyna.spanihelova@upol.cz) within 1 month after the end of the project. The fulfillment of the project objectives is evaluated by the Vice Dean for Science and Research of the Faculty of Law usually within 1 month after the submission of the final report. In order to evaluate the final report, the Vice Dean may organise an oral defence of the project. In the case of a positive evaluation of the project ("fulfilled"), the Vice Dean for Science and Research will propose to the Dean of the Faculty of Law the awarding of scholarships to the researchers and rewards to the mentors.

Information about the competition can be found at https://www.pf.upol.cz/en/students/doctoral-students/.

In Olomouc, 21 October 2026

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Dean of the Faculty of Law

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Terms and conditions of the competition

General provisions on the grant competition

StartUP grants are individual short-term grants intended **for students of the first and second year of doctoral study programmes at** the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law announces a competition for StartUP grants **to support the initiation of research activities of PhD students and to create conditions for the establishment of autonomous research**.

The purpose of StartUP grants is to provide researchers with basic material support for the development of their research strategy, international networking, preparation of their own research project or preparation of a project application for a grant competition or grant programme.

A particular student may be the principal investigator on no more than one approved StartUP grant in each of the areas listed below during the course of their studies.

All students supported within the StartUP grants **are obliged to prepare and submit a competition paper to the SVOČ competition** announced at the Faculty of Law in the year of the competition immediately following the end of the project.

Grant competition areas

Students can submit their StartUP grant applications to one of the grant funding areas listed below.

Area 1 - Preparation of a research plan or research project concept

The support is intended for the initiation of autonomous research and the development of a research project plan. A mandatory output of an approved StartUP grant under this track is the development of a follow-up research proposal that will form the basis for future active fundraising or project application to competitions announced by external providers. The maximum duration of the project is 8 months (01.2027 - 08.2027). Maximum amount of support per project is 100.000 CZK. Supported activities and costs are study trips abroad for literature research, foreign and domestic trips for consultations with experts, purchase of scholarly literature, costs of participation in domestic and foreign professional seminars, conferences, training courses, summer schools, etc. The budget may also include personal costs, namely: a scholarship for the successful investigator for meeting the objectives of the grant in the amount of 20.000 CZK, and a reward for a possible mentor in the amount of 10.000 CZK (gross salary).

Area 2 - Developing a research strategy and international networking

The mandatory output of an approved StartUP grant under this track is the completion of a research stay of at least 14 days in a row at a foreign research institution (and the submission of a concept for a scientific publication (article, book chapter) co-authored with a foreign partner. The maximum

duration of the project is 8 months (01.2027 - 08.2027). Maximum amount of support per project is 120.000 CZK. Supported activities and costs are study trips abroad, purchase of scholarly literature, costs of participation in domestic and foreign professional seminars, conferences, trainings, summer schools, etc. The budget may also include personal costs, namely: a scholarship for the successful investigator for meeting the objectives of the grant in the amount of 20.000 CZK, and a reward for a possible mentor in the amount of 10,000 CZK (gross salary).

Basic conditions of the grant project proposal

The project can be submitted individually = 1 investigator or as part of a project team = principal investigator and max. 3 co-investigators (including academic mentor).

Apart from the students, an academic employee of Faculty of Law UPOL may also participate in the projects in the role of academic mentor.

The application must contain a **CV** (max. 2 pages/person) of the proposer and other members of the research team (except the mentor), a **description of the planned research and activities** (between 5 and 10 pages of text, Times New Roman font, font size min. 11, single spacing, margins min. 2.5 cm, according to the structure prescribed by this call) and a **budget** proposal with a brief justification of the individual items.

The expenditure structure includes **personal costs** = scholarships and rewards (the amount is set for each heading in this call) and **other non-investment costs** (books, services, travel costs).

Project proposals can be submitted in Czech or English language.

Assessment of project proposals

StartUP grant proposals are reviewed by a panel of at least 3 academic employees of the Faculty of Law.

The panel is chaired by the Vice-Dean for Science and Research of the Faculty of Law. Other members of the panel are nominated by the Vice Dean for Science and Research with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

The panel may decide as follows:

a. The project will be recommended for funding
b. The project will be recommended for funding with reservations and budget adjustments
c. The project will not be recommended for funding

The Dean decides on the award of the grant taking into account the recommendations of the panel.

Finances and management of StartUP grants

Personal costs

- = scholarships and mentor fees

Travel costs

- Can be used for a study/research stay in the Czech Republic or abroad for the purpose of collecting and studying primary research data, research and study of literature and secondary sources, conducting structured interviews with experts, conducting questionnaire surveys, participation on academic events etc.
    - The project proposal must specify the cost of the trip, which includes transport, accommodation, local transport and meals (based on the current Czech decree on determining the per diem for a given year).
- No use of private cars for the research trips allowed.

Scholarly literature

- Books are ordered through the library of the Faculty of Law or by arrangement with Ing. Kristýna Španihelová (kristyna.spanihelova@upol.cz).

Cost of services

- In particular proofreading, translation or events participation fees, other services related to the organisation of project events.

Prescribed project proposal structure

1. **Basic project identification data**
    - title of the project;
    - name of the investigator (co-investigators) and academic mentor;
    - contact details of the investigator (telephone number, e-mail);
    - the proposed duration of the project;
    - the amount of the total grant support requested.
2. **Abstract** expressing the essence of the submitted project and the expected concrete results.
3. **Project description**
    - identification of the topic of the grant project (including a brief summary of the current state of knowledge of the issues that the activities will address);
    - identifying the objectives and benefits of the project;
    - project design and implementation measures (procedures, steps, starting points, work packages);
    - for the area 3: description of the role of particular members of the team and justification for their participation in the project;
    - timetable/schedule of the project work;
    - expected results of the project.
4. **The project budget** and a brief justification of the individual financial items.
5. **List of literature used**