

Measure of the Director

of the Central European Institute of Technology of Masaryk University

No. 1/2020

Amendment of Scholarship Programs of CEITEC MU and their funding

(Effective as of 1st February 2020)

Pursuant to Art. 7.2 f) of the Rules of Organisation of the Central European Institute of Technology of Masaryk University (hereinafter the "Rules of Organisation"), I hereby issue the following measure:

Article 1

Amendment of Scholarship Programs

This Measure establishes the amendment of Scholarship Programs of CEITEC MU and their funding. This Measure also implements the corresponding amendment of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of CEITEC MU.

Article 2

Amendment of Measure of the Director No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU

- (1) The word "Scholarships" in Art. 3.3 of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU shall be changed to word "Scholarship".
- (2) Paragraphs 4-10 in Article 3 of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU shall be deleted. The following paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly.
- (3) A new paragraph 4, wording "The scholarship is paid out from the central resources of CEITEC MU Budget Program CEITEC PhD School", shall be added to Art. 3 of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU.
- (4) A new paragraph 5, wording "The conditions for granting the scholarship and the amount of the scholarship are set out in the Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School, which are annexes to this Measure", shall be added to Art. 3 of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU.
- (5) A new paragraph 6, wording "The scholarship may only be paid out during the standard term of study at MU. The scholarship is paid out on a monthly basis.", shall be added to Art. 3 of Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU.
- (6) A new Annex No. 2 2 Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the academic year 2019/2020, which forms Annex No. 1 of this Measure, shall be added to Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU.

(7) A new Annex No. 3 – Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the academic year 2020/2021 and beyond, which forms Annex No. 2 of this Measure, shall be added to Director's Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU.

Article 3

Final Provisions

- (1) The Head of the Strategy and Science Department shall be responsible for the interpretation of this Measure.
- (2) The Head of Director's Office shall be responsible for issuance of complete wording of the Measure No. 1/2019 Scholarship Programs of the University Institute CEITEC MU, as resulting from Art. 2 hereof.
- (3) The Institute's Deputy Director for Administration is appointed to supervise the observance of this Measure.
- (4) This Measure shall become valid as of the execution date hereof.
- (5) This Measure shall become effective as of 1st February 2020.
- Annexes: <u>Annex No. 1 Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School</u> in the academic year 2019/2020

Annex č. 2 - Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the academic year 2020/2021 and beyond

In Brno, on 27th January 2020

Jiří Nantl Director of the Institute

Annex No. 1 - Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the academic year 2019/2020

- Students of the doctoral study program, Life Sciences in the fields of Bio-omics and Structural Biology, and students of the doctoral study program, Biomedical Sciences – with the specialization of Molecular Medicine, have a *guaranteed monthly net income* of CZK 22,000. This applies during the standard study period (8 semesters), provided that the student fulfills his/her study requirements.
- 2. In the case of good study results, the monthly net income may be gradually increased up to the *recommended amount* during the later years of study, according to the length of study, which is CZK 23,000 for students in the 2nd year, CZK 24,000 in the 3rd year and CZK 25,000 in the 4th year.
- 3. Included in the guaranteed amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) is a *Scholarship in support of studies in a doctoral degree program*, or a *Scholarship to support postgraduate study in the English language* (hereafter referred to as the *doctoral scholarship*) of CZK 12,000.
- 4. Based on the knowledge and skills proven during the main admission process, the eight most successful applicants (scholars) are selected each year, and receive a scholarship from the central CEITEC MU resources (*CEITEC MU scholarship*). Each supervisor can have only one scholar assigned to his/her class of the academic year. This scholarship is paid monthly for the standard period of study. The *CEITEC MU scholarship* paid in the 1st year amounts to CZK 5,000.
- 5. If the monthly amount is increased to the recommended amount, the difference between the recommended amount according to the length of study and the *doctoral scholarship* will continue to be funded equally from the central CEITEC MU resources and the supervisor's resources. Therefore, the *CEITEC MU scholarship* may amount to CZK 5,500 for students in the 2nd year, CZK 6,000 in the 3rd year, and CZK 6,500 in the 4th year.
- 6. Students who have been accepted for study but have not received a *CEITEC MU scholarship* (paid from the central CEITEC MU resources) will have the difference between the guaranteed amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) and the *doctoral scholarship* fully covered by the supervisor's resources.
- 7. Based on the results of the regular annual evaluation of study for each student, the Doctoral Committee and the supervisors decide on the distribution of the scholarship to be paid from the central CEITEC MU resources, and the supervisor's resources contribution, for the following academic year (September to August).
- 8. In the case of unsatisfactory results or nonfulfillment of study obligations, the contribution/scholarship may be reduced, or even withdrawn.
- 9. In the case of a change in external conditions and the possibilities of other appropriate sources of funding, the *Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School* may be re-evaluated.

Annex No. 2 - Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the academic year 2020/2021 and beyond

1) General conditions of funding

- a) Students of the doctoral study program, Life Sciences in the fields of Bio-omics and Structural Biology, and students of the doctoral study program, Biomedical Sciences – with the specialization of Molecular Medicine, have a *guaranteed monthly net income* of CZK 22,000. This applies during the standard study period (8 semesters), provided that the student fulfils his/her study requirements.
- b) In the case of good study results, the monthly net income may be gradually increased up to the *recommended amount* during the later years of study, according to the length of study, which is CZK 23,000 for students in the 2nd year, CZK 24,000 in the 3rd year and CZK 25,000 in the 4th year.
- c) Included in the guaranteed amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) is a *Scholarship in support of studies in a doctoral degree program*, or a *Scholarship to support postgraduate study in the English language* (hereafter referred to as the *doctoral scholarship*) of CZK 12,000.
- d) In the case of unsatisfactory results or nonfulfillment of study obligations, the contribution/scholarship may be reduced or even withdrawn.

2) Conditions for admitting students to the CEITEC PhD School starting in the academic year 2020/2021

- a) Only CEITEC MU employees can announce a topic for admission in the doctoral study program within the CEITEC PhD School.
- b) The topics are thoroughly assessed by the Doctoral Board in terms of the past and present results of the supervisor, the quality of the proposed topic, and the project funding capacity. The approved topics are announced and offered to PhD candidates. The positions are filled according to the quality of the candidates assessed during the admission process.
- c) It is possible to announce topics under joint supervision (i.e. with a partner from another research institution, or collaborative, i.e., with industry,). These topics are always guaranteed by a supervisor who is employed at MU (main supervisor), and the course of study is specified in a contract between all involved parties. The contract specifies, in particular, the method of dealing with joint results, the method of using the infrastructure at the individual workplaces involved, the length of stay at the individual workplaces involved, and the method of financing the student and the project.
- d) A maximum of 18 candidates are admitted in one academic year, during the main admission process (with the commencement of study starting in the autumn semester). Each specialization shall receive 6 candidates, namely 4 + 2 (5th and 6th positions are filled based on the additional comparison of candidates and flexible negotiation). All of these candidates (scholars) receive a scholarship from central CEITEC MU resources (*CEITEC MU scholarship*).
- e) Beyond the stated limit of scholarship positions, i.e., without entitlement to the *CEITEC MU scholarship*, the candidate can be admitted only in extraordinary cases (e.g., extremely high-quality student, project resources need to be used, the student position is financed from prestigious projects, etc.). The same rule applies

to the admission of students during the supplementary round of the admission process (with the commencement of study in the spring semester). These cases will be consulted in advance with the chairs of the Doctoral Committee and Doctoral Board.

3) Funding conditions for students admitted in the academic year 2020/2021 and beyond

- a) All scholars receive a *CEITEC MU scholarship* in the same amount, which is set for one academic year.
- b) The amount of this scholarship, in the range between CZK 2,500 and CZK 3,000, is based on the balance of resources allocated to scholarships in the budget programme for the CEITEC PhD School for the particular year, after deducting the costs of scholarships paid to students admitted before the academic year 2020/2021 (see paragraph 4).
- c) The difference between the guaranteed amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) and the amount of the *doctoral scholarship* plus the *CEITEC MU scholarship*, is covered by the supervisor's resources.

4) Funding conditions for students admitted before the academic year 2020/2021

Students who commenced their study in the academic year 2019/2020 or earlier, will be funded throughout the whole standard study period under the *Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School in the Academic Year 2019/2020.*

- a) Students who have received the CEITEC MU scholarship paid from the central CEITEC MU resources (scholars) will have the difference between the recommended amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) and the doctoral scholarship funded equally from the central CEITEC MU resources and the supervisor's resources. Therefore, the CEITEC MU scholarship may amount to CZK 5,000 for students in the 1st year, CZK 5,500 for students in the 2nd year, CZK 6,000 in the 3rd year, and CZK 6,500 in the 4th year.
- b) Students who have not received the CEITEC MU scholarship will have the difference between the guaranteed amount (or recommended amount in higher grades of study, according to the length of study) and the *doctoral scholarship* fully covered by the supervisor's resources.

5) The validity of conditions

The *Rules of Funding for Students of the CEITEC PhD School* will be re-evaluated in the case that there is an availability of further appropriate sources of funding, and in the context of the re-accreditation of the Life Sciences study program.