

Annex 1

DEFINITION OF PARTNERSHIP TYPES**(1) SME partner**

usually an initial form of cooperation between industrial partners and the faculty, seen by the faculty as a tool for small companies and especially for better mutual understanding and identification of specific opportunities for cooperation at higher levels of partnership.

Specific performance:

- a) Invitation to faculty colloquia and seminars of professional groups,
- b) the opportunity to inform faculty students about job opportunities in their company,
- c) Regular attendance at student-partner meetings and the opportunity to set up a table/booth and company materials at these events,
- d) the possibility to arrange a professional seminar with a faculty partner for an agreed fee,
- e) the possibility of listing the thesis topics where a faculty member is a consultant or thesis supervisor,
- f) the possibility of sponsoring the best thesis in each field of study,
- g) the possibility of sponsoring a specific Mgr. or Bc. student,
- h) the successful defence of at least 5 theses in each of 2 consecutive calendar years, with this requirement to be met no later than after the first 23 months of cooperation,
- i) the possibility to offer work placements to students of the faculty,
- j) listed in the annual report of the Industrial Partners Association, on the Faculty's website.

In the *SME partner* category, a minimum financial contribution of CZK **64,000** per calendar year is expected.

(2) Partner

cooperation on specific topics in the application area is expected. In cooperation between the faculty and the partner, these topics can be developed into the form of thesis assignments. The students' work will be coordinated by a designated faculty member. The partner has the possibility to sponsor M.Sc. (or B.Sc.) students, as well as to organize students' work placements in the company.

Specific performance includes all *SME Partner* level items and beyond:

- a) A faculty staff member designated to coordinate faculty and partner collaboration,
- b) the successful defence of at least 10 theses in each of 2 consecutive calendar years, with this requirement to be met no later than after the first 23 months of cooperation,
- c) the possibility of agreeing on the solution of a joint simple research and development project (the conditions of cooperation in the solution of joint projects, including the settlement of costs, will be treated in a separate project agreement); in the event that students of the faculty participate in the project, the parties will negotiate the conditions of such cooperation with the respective students.

In the *Partner* category, a minimum financial contribution of CZK **96,000** per calendar year is expected.

(3) Strategic partner

This is a form of very close cooperation with the faculty, for which both parties can usually expect serious interest in other joint activities, such as joint science and research projects for which the staff involved will try to obtain funding from the state budget or the EU (the terms of cooperation in joint projects, including the settlement of costs, will be dealt with in a separate project agreement). The faculty will involve a development team, which may consist of undergraduate students, PhD students and faculty staff. Individual subtopics may also be developed in the form of a dissertation; the strategic partner is obliged to sponsor doctoral students. Other areas of joint activity may include the direction of specific areas of teaching, etc.

Specific performance includes all items of the *Partner* and *SME Partner* levels and beyond:

- a) the successful defence of at least 15 theses in each of 2 consecutive calendar years, with this requirement to be met no later than after the first 23 months of cooperation,
- b) sponsorship of a particular PhD student,
- c) the possibility of proposing their own projects and approaching students in cooperation with the faculty to participate in these projects; should faculty students be involved in the project, the Parties shall negotiate the terms of such cooperation with the students concerned,
- d) sub-topics of such projects can be addressed in the final thesis,
- e) Cooperation on these projects can include internships and information exchange,
- f) Opportunity for faculty staff to perform at a partner event,
- g) Opportunity for the partner's staff to speak at events or faculty lectures,
- h) Possibility to place the partner's own employee as a long-term faculty visitor (additional cost).

In the *Strategic Partner* category, a minimum financial contribution of CZK **256,000** per calendar year is expected.