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## Internal Grant System

### CALL 1/2024

### Program 04

The call is announced for the period from October 17, 2024 – November 30, 2024.

The Rector of the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica announces a call for applications for research grants to partially or fully cover financial expenses related to the implementation of the research project specified in the grant application.

- **Program 04**

*Early Stage Grants – Support for full-time PhD students and young researchers*

**The support is intended for:**

→ Doctoral ESG exclusively for students enrolled in full-time PhD studies in the standard length of study, whose expected dissertation defense date does not precede the project completion date of the ESG.

→ Postdoctoral ESG exclusively for employees with whom the grant recipient has an employment relationship as of the date of the ESG award and who, as of the ESG award date, have not yet reached five years since obtaining the ArtD. degree.

→ **Objective of the call:** The objective of the call is to support - Early Stage Grants (ESG) for full-time PhD students within the standard study duration, to foster their artistic and scientific creative activities.

The support is intended for early-stage research, the implementation of artistic projects, participation in conferences, and the exchange of experiences abroad. The grant call also provides opportunities to gain experience in creating and implementing grants, which can be utilized when submitting projects in other national or European schemes.

**Call announcement date: October 17, 2024**

**Call closing date: November 30, 2024**

**Project eligibility period: From January 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026**

**Applicant eligibility: As per "IGS AU BB", Program 04**

**Maximum approved financial resources for one research project:**

Maximum grant amount for direct expenses: EUR 6,000

Maximum grant amount for indirect expenses: EUR 420

→ **Application submission process:** The applicant must complete the Internal Grant Application using the prescribed form, which is part of this call. The APPLICATION must be submitted electronically and in printed form, signed by the responsible project leader, to the OFFICE OF THE VICE-RECTOR FOR SCIENCE AND ART AT AU BB – Mrs. Holéciová.

→ **Eligible project expenses:** Expenses are eligible if they were incurred and actually paid by the applicant during the project eligibility period specified in the call. Eligible expenses include direct current expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of the ESG by researchers. Indirect expenses related to the administration of the ESG schemes by the institution are also eligible.

→ **Direct expenses**

a) Travel expenses

b) Consumable materials, other goods and services necessary for the project implementation

c) Equipment with a purchase price not exceeding EUR 1,700

d) Software, intellectual property with a purchase price not exceeding EUR 2,400

e) VAT is an eligible expense if its reimbursement is not applicable under national VAT legislation.

→ **Indirect expenses** incurred by the Academy of Arts in connection with the implementation of the grant. These cannot be directly attributed to ESG, and PhD students are not entitled to indirect expenses.

**Note:**

1. Project expenses cannot be subject to double financing. The grant recipient cannot finance the same project expenses with multiple sources of public funding, EU funds, or other financial assistance instruments provided by the Slovak Republic.

2. The activities defined in the APPLICATION that will achieve the project results cannot be financed from the grant mechanism and simultaneously from other public sources, if such financing would result in double financing.

3. Expenses that do not fall under the eligible expenses mentioned above are ineligible. The implementation of ESG is fully under the competence of the Office of the Vice-Rector for Science, Research, and PhD Studies at the Academy of Arts.

**Funding of the research project:** Advance payments, reimbursement

**Funding source:** Recovery and Resilience Plan, Component: 9. More effective management and strengthening of research, development, and innovation funding

**Investment:** 3. Excellent Science

The submitted projects will be evaluated by the committee according to the programs after the call is closed.

**Projects must be submitted on the prescribed form**, in Slovak and English, with the specification of Program 04, in which the project will be implemented.

**Each applicant can submit only one application under this call, and the same project can only be submitted in one application.**

**The application must be submitted on the form as per Appendix 1 (form for Call 04), in electronic version in PDF format, including attachments, via email to [igsauhb@aku.sk](mailto:igsauhb@aku.sk).**

Information on supported and unsupported projects will be published on the URL link of the announced call no later than 7 days after the evaluation for a period of at least 30 calendar days.

<https://aku.sk/umenie-a-veda/igs/igs-au-bb-program-04>

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