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**DECISION**  
**of the Administration Board of Politehnica University Timisoara**  
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**on "Increasing the quality of advanced scientific research in UPT"**

Through the Decision no. 32/07.11.2012, the Administration Board of Politehnica University Timisoara launched the project "Improving the quality of advanced scientific research in UPT" with the aim of improving the visibility and the valorisation degree of scientific research results by setting up research support grants financed from the university's own resources.

After the analysis of the effectiveness of the research support grant project the Administration Board of UPT, decides to continue funding the programme under the following conditions:

Article 1. UPT will take the necessary steps to fund from its own resources the participation at scientific events indexed by Web of Science (ISI). Funding can be granted for works published *in extenso*, in the volumes (proceedings) of the scientific events indexed by Web of Science (ISI), or in special editions of journals or publications dedicated to the scientific event in question which are indexed by Web of Science (ISI) as follows:

Art.1.1. The support grant for the participation in international / national scientific events can be approved up to a maximum amount of 800 EUR;

Art.1.2. Are eligible for research support grants:

Art.1.2.1. PhD students during their legal doctoral stage (eligible costs: participation fee, bank fees, transportation expenses). Eligible costs are to be justified by means of supporting documents;

Art.1.2.2. University assistants with an indefinite-term or a fixed-term employment contract (eligible costs: participation fee, bank fees, transportation expenses, legal per diem subsistence expenses). Eligible costs are to be justified by means of supporting documents;

Art.1.3. The support grant is awarded if the applicant is the first author of the paper, attends the scientific event and publicly defends the work;

Art.1.4. A maximum of 2 (two) support grants per calendar year can be approved for an eligible UPT applicant.

Article 2. For the publication of scientific papers in journals with impact factor indexed in Web of Science (ISI) UPT authors can be awarded support grants to cover the whole / partial publication costs, under the following conditions:

Art.2.1. If all the authors of the work are from UPT, than the first author or the correspondence can be awarded:

Art.2.1.1. A support grant of up to 500 EUR for publishing expenses in journals with impact factor(FI),  $FI > 0.2$ , which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) and are ranked at the time of the request in the Q3 or Q4 areas of the Web of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Art.2.1.2. A support grant of up to 1000 EUR for publishing expenses in journals with impact factor which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) and ranked at the time of the request in the Q2 area of the Web of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Art.2.1.3. A support grant of up to 1500 EUR for publishing expenses in journals with impact factor which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) and ranked at the time of the request in the Q1 area of the Web of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Art.2.2. If the group of authors is mixed, including authors from UPT and authors from other institutions:

Art.2.2.1. If the first author is from UPT, he/she will receive a grant of up to 50% of the amounts mentioned in Art.2.1.1, Art.2.1.2 or Art.2.1.3, depending on the value of the impact factor (FI) of the journal and its ranking in the Web of Science classification areas per categories;

Art.2.2.2. If the first author is not from UPT, the UPT authors will receive a support grant representing their share of the total publication costs, while respecting the provisions of Art.2.1.1, Art.2.1.2 or Art.2.1.3, as appropriate.

Article 3. If the publication of the scientific papers in journals with impact factor which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) does not involve publication costs, UPT authors can be awarded research support grants. The research support grants can be awarded only to authors from UPT, proportionally to the share of UPT authors present in the group of authors. The support grant is awarded to UPT authors (teaching staff, researchers, PhD students) in equal allotments (for each UPT author the amount awarded is equal to the UPT share of the value of the support grant divided by the total number of UPT authors). In the case of PhD students, their share is managed by their PhD coordinator, who has the obligation to use it in favor of the PhD student and to inform him/her regarding its use. The support grants for publishing in journals indexed and ranked in Web of Science (ISI) have a total value of:

Art.3.1. 500 EUR for publishing in journals with impact factor (FI),  $FI > 0.2$ , which are indexed in ISI Web of Science (ISI) and are ranked at the time of the request in the Q3 or Q4 areas of the Web of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Art.3.2. 1000 EUR for publishing in journals with impact factor (FI), which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) and are ranked at the time of the request in the Q2 area of the Web

of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Art.3.3. 1500 EUR for publishing in journals with impact factor (FI), which are indexed in Web of Science (ISI) and are ranked, at the time of the request, in the Q1 area of the Web of Science classification of journals by categories. For journals classified in multiple categories, the most favorable Q value will be taken into consideration.

Article 4. The UPT support grants foreseen in Article 1, Article 2 and Article 3 cannot be cumulated.

Article 5. The UPT support grants foreseen in Article 1, Article 2 and Article 3 are approved on the basis of supporting documents.

Article 6. The support grants foreseen in Article 3 can be used by their holders for eligible expenses to ensure the research logistics and for research support activities.

Article 7. This methodology enters into force on 01.06.2015 and replaces Decision nr. 40/04.12.2013 of the UPT Administration Board.

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