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Article 1

Introductory provisions

- (1) This directive of the Director of the University Institute (hereinafter “UNI”) supplements Rector’s Directive SR/30/2024 “Principles of the Student Grant Competition of Tomas Bata University in Zlín” for the implementation of student projects under the Internal Grant Agency (IGA) within the Centre of Polymer Systems (CPS) in 2026.

Article 2

Project application requirements

- (1) Eligible costs – personal costs or expenses including scholarships:
- For a PhD student enrolled in a full-time doctoral study program, in years 1 to 3, scholarships may be planned up to CZK 120,000.
 - For a PhD student in the 4th year of full-time study, scholarships may be planned up to CZK 80,000.
 - For a Master’s student in full-time study, scholarships may be planned up to CZK 10,000.
 - No personal expenses may be planned for Students in part-time (combined) study programs and Academic staff member
- (2) Operational costs may be planned up to 30% of the total personal expenses including scholarships, in accordance with Article 9 of the Rector’s Directive.

- (3) Additional Overhead Costs (Supplementary Costs) must not exceed 20% of the total non-investment costs of the project, also in accordance with Article 9 of the Rector's Directive.

Article 3

Evaluation criteria for assessing IGA project applications

- (1) Only one-year projects will be supported.
- (2) Logical continuity with previous projects is allowed.
- (3) Final-year students cannot be project proposers.
- (4) Project applications will be evaluated in accordance with Rector's Directive SR/30/2024.
- (5) Based on the evaluation of project applications, the evaluation committee may adjust the required amount of project costs.
- (6) As part of the approval process for the year 2026, the financial budgets of individual IGA projects may be adjusted so that the total requested costs of all projects do not exceed 90% of the budget of the Internal Grant Agency CPS for the year 2025. In the case of sufficient financial resources, additional funds may then be allocated to individual projects during their implementation.
- (7) For students admitted to study after September 1, 2025, the topic of the IGA project must be demonstrably thematically related to the topic of their dissertation.

Article 4

Obligations of the IGA Project Proposer

- (1) The proposer must submit a planned budget and financial structure (including investment requests proportional to project use) electronically to: ekonom@uni.utb.cz no later than on October 23, 2025. All financial requests must be properly justified.
- (2) The proposer must adhere to the cost structure in the project proposal. If not, the budget will be adjusted by the IGA CPS Evaluation Committee.

Article 5

Changes during the project implementation

- (1) If the total IGA project funding does not match the allocated CPS IGA budget, funds will be reduced or redistributed based on the Evaluation Committee's assessment.
- (2) Students newly admitted to study in the academic year 2025/2026 can become members of the IGA project research teams and the IGA CPS Evaluation Committee may, if there is sufficient funding available, increase personal costs for scholarships of new members of teams, however, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Article 3, paragraph (7).
- (3) Based on the Evaluation Committee's recommendation, IGA Committee approval, and the

Rector's decision, the IGA budget may be adjusted during 2026.

Article 6
Final provisions

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