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### **Article 1**

#### **Introductory provisions**

- (1) In this Decree, the Rector of Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as “TBU”) has announced an internal competition – Support of International Cooperation with a focus on the mobility of doctoral students, academic staff and researchers, who are employed at TBU (hereinafter referred to as the “competition”).
- (2) The competition is funded from the Programme Aimed to Support the Strategic Management of TBU (hereinafter referred to as the “TBU PASSM”) and is implemented at the institutional level.
- (3) The aim of the competition is to support international mobility of doctoral students and academic staff and researchers at TBU (hereinafter referred to as “mobility”). The above objective has been set in accordance with the TBU Strategic Plan for the period 21+, Pillar C: Internationalization, Strategic goal 3.2: Strategic goal 3.2: Encourage international mobility of students as well as members of academic and non-academic staff of TBU in Zlín.

### **Article 2**

#### **Competition categories**

- (1) The following categories of the competition have been set by the TBU Rector:
  - a) Support of international mobility of doctoral students at TBU in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as the “TBU doctoral students”).
  - b) Support of long-term international mobility of TBU academic staff and researchers (hereinafter referred to as “TBU employees”)

### **Article 3**

#### **Competition deadlines**

- (1) The deadline for the announcement of the competition is 9 May 2023.
- (2) The application submission deadline is 9 June 2023.
- (3) The deadline for a decision on the allocation of funding (hereinafter referred to as “funding”) is 25 June 2023.

## **Article 4**

### **Description and terms and conditions of the competition**

(1) The TBU Rector has set the following terms and conditions for relevant categories:

#### **a) Support of international mobility of doctoral students at TBU in Zlín**

- The mobility of TBU doctoral students refers to a study period of 1 to 6 months taken by a TBU doctoral student at a foreign institution outside the Erasmus+ Programme Countries (specifically outside the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, North Macedonia and Serbia).
- The funding can be granted in the maximum amount of CZK 50,000 per 1 month of study period, but not more than CZK 300,000 for a six-month study period. The study period can be extended, but without additional financial support from the funds allocated to the TBU PASSM 2023.
- The total amount of funding is set by the Committee established in accordance with Article 5.
- The mobility (including the return) must take place before 31 December 2024.
- The application form which forms Annex 1 to this Decree is available on the website [www.utb.cz](http://www.utb.cz) / University / International / Support of International Cooperation.
- Applications shall be delivered in writing to the TBU International Office. Applications for each component part shall be submitted collectively by the Vice-Dean in charge of internationalization, or by the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the UNI.
- Unless in conflict with Article 6 of this Decree, optional co-funding by the relevant component parts using their sources of funding may be provided.
- It is necessary to prepare and submit a final report on the appropriate form within 15 days of completion of the mobility. The form, i.e. Annex 2 to this Decree, is available on the website [www.utb.cz](http://www.utb.cz) / University / International / Support for International Cooperation). The final report shall contain the results and fulfilment of the mobility goals. The defences of the final reports shall take place in front of a committee appointed by the TBU Rector. Final reports shall be submitted to the TBU International Office.
- A maximum of 5 applications can be submitted by a component part.

#### **b) Support of long-term international mobility of TBU employees**

- The mobility of TBU employees refers to teaching and research mobility of TBU employees of 3 to 6 months at a foreign institution.
- The funding can be granted in the maximum amount of CZK 70,000 per 1 month of stay of a TBU employee, but not more than CZK 420,000 for a six-month stay of a TBU employee. A condition for granting funding from the TBU PASSM for 2023 is the financial participation by the relevant component part. The monthly financial support referred to in the previous sentence consists of CZK 60,000 paid from the TBU PASSM and CZK 10,000 paid from the resources of the component part. The minimum financial support paid from the resources of the component part is CZK 30,000 for a three-month stay, the maximum support paid from the resources of the component part is then CZK 60,000 for a six-month stay. Travel costs must also be included in the amount of funding allocated to the stay. The stay can be extended, but without any further financial support from the PASSM funds.

- The total amount of funding is set by the Committee established in accordance with Article 5.
- The mobility (including the return) must take place between 1 July 2023 to 6 December 2024.
- The application form which forms Annex 1 to this Decree is available on the website [www.utb.cz / University / International / Support of International Cooperation](http://www.utb.cz/University/International/SupportofInternationalCooperation)).
- Applications (completed on prescribed forms) shall be delivered in writing to the TBU International Office. Applications for each component part shall be submitted collectively by the Vice-Dean in charge of internationalization, or by the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the UNI.
- Unless in conflict with Article 6 of this Decree, optional co-funding by the relevant component parts using their sources of funding may be provided.
- It is necessary to prepare and submit a final report on the appropriate form within 15 days of completion of the mobility. The form, i.e. Annex 2 to this Decree, is available on the website [www.utb.cz / University / International / Support for International Cooperation](http://www.utb.cz/University/International/SupportforInternationalCooperation)). The final report shall contain the results and fulfilment of the mobility goals. The defences of the final reports shall take place in front of a committee appointed by the TBU Rector. Final reports shall be submitted to the TBU International Office.
- A maximum of 2 applications can be submitted by a component part.

## **Article 5**

### **Committee**

- (1) The TBU Rector shall appoint an expert committee to evaluate applications and prepare recommendations on the allocation of funding. In accordance with this recommendation, the TBU Rector shall decide on the allocation of the funding.
- (2) The Committee shall be made up of representatives of the student and academic community, with at least one of its members being a TBU student. At the same time, more than half of its members shall be external members who are not TBU employees or students.
- (3) Details regarding the composition of the Committee will be made available before 9 June 2023 at [www.utb.cz / University / International / Support of International Cooperation](http://www.utb.cz/University/International/SupportofInternationalCooperation).
- (4) The evaluation criteria have been specified as follows:
  - Quality of the cooperating institution (according to international rankings such as THE, QS, for example) - weight: 30 %.
  - Conformity with the TBU strategic aims. (<https://www.utb.cz/en/university/official-board/miscellaneous/strategic-plan> - weight 30 %.
  - Applicant's prerequisites for the fulfilment of the objectives set down (relevance of the application, current collaborations, applicant's prerequisites for proper implementation of the project) - weight 40 %.

## **Article 6**

### **Eligible costs**

- (1) Activities that have been/will be funded from other projects not allowing funding from more sources cannot be funded within the announced competition.
- (2) Routine activities, standard updates of degree programmes and common workplace equipment (e.g. purchase of literature) cannot be funded from the funds of the TBU PASSM intended for the competition.

- (3) Eligible costs must be of a non-investment character.

**Article 7**  
**Final provisions**

- (1) This Decree shall apply only to this competition announced to be funded from the resources allocated to the TBU PASSM 2023.

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