Aurora Alliance Mini-Grant Programme

FAQ:

Implementation (budget with eligible costs, finances, and reporting):

Question:

How is the procedure for money transfer? Is the amount 50,000 to 100,000 allocated for the entire three years or for each year? Does the applicant need to apply every year or is it possible to apply for the upcoming three years ahead?

Answer:

The applicants must apply every year for the new grant. The limit CZK 50 000 to 100 000 applies to the projects submitted under the 2021 call. These individual projects should be implemented in 2021 and the project implementation must be **reported by November 31th. This information is found in the Application form online in the section** "Duration. For continuation or a follow-up project, the project teams must re-apply for the grant in the next year's call.

Question:

How is it with reporting on projects lasting longer than one year (not ending in 2021)?

Answer:

The projects proposed can have varied lengths. For projects ending in 2021, the reporting due is November 31st, while those projects lasting longer will have their end-of-the project reports in the next two call periods, in 2022 or 2023, depending on their length.

Question:

In case the money allocated for travel cost cannot be spent because of "COVID 19" situation or for any other reason, should the money be refunded by the applicant?

Answer:

The COVID-related restrictions in spending of approved projects will be dealt with during the project implementation.

Question:

Is it possible to include overhead cost (režijní náklady) to the Mini-Grant budget?

Answer:

Generally, the objective of the grants is to support the cooperation activities with the Aurora network institutions. If there are any institutional overheads needed for successful implementation of the project, it is necessary to clearly state and justify this fact in the application form. The assessment of the submitted budget is a part of the evaluation procedure and therefore it is advisable to properly justify its structure and relevance within the specified cost categories provided in the application form (Travel costs, Events, Staff costs, other costs). In order to give the applicant the best opportunity to design the projects suitable to their needs, there are no strict formal rules for the budget design.

Planning and Proposal related questions (application form, project concept, partners etc):

Question:

Is selecting one or more Associate Partner (apart from one or more Alliance Member) mandatory?

Answer:

Yes, it is. Considering at least one Associate partner on the project for the minor role is important.

Question:

Where can I find contact information for Alliance Members and Associate Partners in fields relevant to my proposal?

Answer:

A Mini-Grant Contact List can be found here. Mini-Grant applicants should initially contact the matching university representatives within their chosen pilot domain(s), these representatives would be able to point the applicants further in the right direction, identifying the academics suitable for cooperation within their institution. The international office representatives of our Associate Partners can be contacted for more information on the best matches within their institutions.