

The rules for granting of funds being at the disposal of University Council of the Doctoral Student Government of the University of Silesia in Katowice

The University Council of the Doctoral Student Government distributes funds for a given semester twice in a calendar year – at the beginning of the winter semester and at the beginning of the summer semester. Entities entitled to apply for the grant are doctoral organizations and doctoral students wanting to fund their individual scientific projects or projects aiming to activate doctoral students' community. Application forms must be submitted via e-mail within a given period of time. Applications in **PDF format** should be submitted to the email address doktoranci@us.edu.pl. If a grant proposal is submitted by members of a science club it should be signed by the club's supervisor, and if the proposal concerns an individual project it should be signed by the applicant's scientific supervisor. **Applications without required signatures and those submitted by means other than e-mail will be automatically rejected.** It is important to remember that the organization or the doctoral student who has used the funding in a given reference period is obliged to submit a report on performed activities and the used funds until September 20th (if the funding was granted for the summer semester) and January 20th (if the funding was granted for the winter semester). If the funds are granted in the winter semester, all of the purchases must be done and invoices must be settled by an appropriate accounting department **by December 10th**. The date January 20th refers to the submission of a report to the Doctoral Student Government. If proper report is not submitted the entity will be denied funding in later reference periods. Distribution of funds is transparent and will be published on the website of the University of Silesia in Katowice.

Due to limited finances The University Council of the Doctoral Student Government establishes the following criteria of priority for granting of the funds:

1. Scientific activities prevail over any other forms of activities.
2. Collective activities (for example organizing a scientific conference) have the priority over individual activities (for example, a trip to a scientific conference). Individual activities have more funding possibilities, primarily financing from the resources of the Institute or, in the case of doctoral students, of the Doctoral School – the School's finances. The details regarding granting of the funds by the Doctoral School can be found here: <https://us.edu.pl/szkola-doktorska/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/Nieprzypisane/2020.02.10-decyzja-o-podziale-srodkow.pdf>;
3. Furthermore, those projects that are being funded from other sources are also highly regarded, this is especially true for scientific conferences which should be largely funded from the conference fee (that does not concern the low budget conferences);
4. Activities that aim to activate the doctoral students communities and allow them to present their achievements and develop scientifically are also appreciated.
5. Using the University's resources on, for example, buying storage materials or paying for accommodation in the student residence hall can also serve as an additional criterion.