

# Union Fund

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## Prerequisites and rules for the allocation of grants from the Union Fund

In accordance with Article 79 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009, the University Council shall establish rules for the allocation of grants from the Union Fund.

### Larger grants

#### Who can apply?

1. Lecturers, senior lecturers and professors in permanent positions
2. Research specialists, research scholars and research scientists within University of Iceland institutes, hired on the basis of a qualifications assessment
3. Adjunct lecturers 1, postdoctoral researchers and other University of Iceland staff who have their work evaluated in accordance with the Evaluation System for Public Higher Education Institutions

#### What are the grants for?

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Grants are awarded for travel outside of Iceland in order to attend international academic conferences, participate in international academic projects or gather data for research, upon meeting the conditions of the following rules:

1. To receive a grant from the Union Fund for travel outside of Iceland in order to attend international academic conferences, an applicant must contribute to the conference.
2. It is possible to apply for a grant if the purpose of the travel is to initiate a collaborative research project. Specific reasoning must be provided for this, and the proposed collaboration/research must be outlined with the main emphasis on the probable benefit of collaboration to the applicant's work at the University of Iceland.
3. It is possible to apply for a grant for travel in order to gather essential research data in libraries / archives / research institutes outside of Iceland, on the condition that it is not possible to gather this data in any other way. Specific reasoning must be provided for this, and the proposed gathering of data must be carefully described, as well as the reasons for which it is not possible to access the data in any other way.

Grants from the Union Fund are divided into grants for covering travel fares and grants for providing per diem allowances.

#### Funding periods

The maximum grant from the Union Fund awarded to each applicant for each funding period may not exceed ISK 150,000 for covering travel fares. The maximum length of an individual trip is two days longer than the length of the conference, up to a limit of 7 days. For lecturers, senior lecturers, professors, research specialists, research scholars and research scientists the total number of travel days permitted per year is 7. The total number of travel days permitted for adjunct lecturers 1, postdoctoral researchers and researchers covered by the Evaluation System for Public Higher Education Institutions is 7 over a two-year period. It is possible to



use a grant for more than one trip during each funding period. The maximum grant is based on 100% employment.

**Grants for staff with lower employment ratios**

Staff in positions cf. Article 1, for whom the University of Iceland is the principal employer, in 51% employment or higher, may be awarded grants from the Union Fund in accordance with their employment ratio.

Staff in 50% employment or lower may not receive larger grants from the Union Fund.

**Smaller grants from the Union Fund - rules for awarding of grants:**

The Union Fund also awards travel grants to other University staff in 50% employment or higher who have worked at the University of Iceland for at least 12 consecutive months. These people can apply for a smaller grant every other year. The grant sum is ISK 100,000.

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2. It is possible to apply for a grant if the purpose of the travel is to initiate a collaborative research project. Specific reasoning must be provided for this, and the proposed collaboration/research must be outlined with the main emphasis on the probable benefit of collaboration to the applicant's work at the University of Iceland.
3. Furthermore, it is possible to apply for a grant for travel in order to gather essential research data in libraries / archives / research institutes outside of Iceland, on the condition that it is not possible to gather this data in any other way. Specific reasoning must be provided for this, and the proposed gathering of data must be carefully described, as well as the reasons for which it is not possible to access the data in any other way.

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