



UEFA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

Supporting academic research in European football

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Over the last few years, UEFA has developed many ties with the academic community, resulting in research activities that regularly produce findings the European football family can use to reach more informed decisions. The UEFA Research Grant Programme was established seven years ago to facilitate such activities.

To celebrate UEFA's 60th birthday, last year's edition was a special edition, which aimed to get UEFA's member associations directly involved with the programme. Following the success of the special edition, UEFA would like to keep the same format for this new edition. By encouraging cooperation between the national associations and the academic community, UEFA hopes to continue helping to get research projects off the ground that the associations can use to further develop their activities and projects.

In doing so, UEFA remains committed to supporting the work of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers studying European football.

The UEFA Research Grant Programme is an excellent opportunity to encourage the work of both prominent and aspiring researchers. It is therefore with great pleasure that I encourage you to submit a research proposal to the UEFA Research Grant Jury, in collaboration with one of our member associations.

Yours in football,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GIANNI INFANTINO'.

Gianni Infantino
UEFA General Secretary

Research fields

The UEFA Research Grant Programme was created to support the work of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers studying European football. For this new edition, UEFA will award up to six grants of up to €15,000 each, for a period of nine months of research.

Proposals for research projects in the following fields can be submitted for consideration by the UEFA Research Grant Jury:

- Law
- Economics
- History
- Management
- Political science
- Sociology
- Medical science

Collaboration with national associations

For this new edition, UEFA wishes to promote research projects that focus on its member associations. There are no priority topics, the idea being to give the associations free rein to decide on the projects that interest them.

Consequently, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation written by a representative of a UEFA member association in support of the proposed research. Research projects that draw parallels between multiple national associations are also encouraged (in such cases a letter of recommendation from at least one of the participating associations is required).

Researchers awarded grants by the jury will have nine months to produce a 40-page final report. This practical-based document will be primarily for the association or associations involved in the project and should be tailored accordingly. It should contain recommendations and avenues to explore, for the association representatives and UEFA.



Eligibility

Applicants must:

- have obtained a doctorate and currently hold a research position at a university or equivalent institution; or
- be enrolled as a doctoral student at a university or equivalent institution and currently be preparing a doctoral thesis; and
- have a letter of recommendation from a UEFA member association.

Applications and final reports must be written in one of UEFA's official languages (English, French or German).

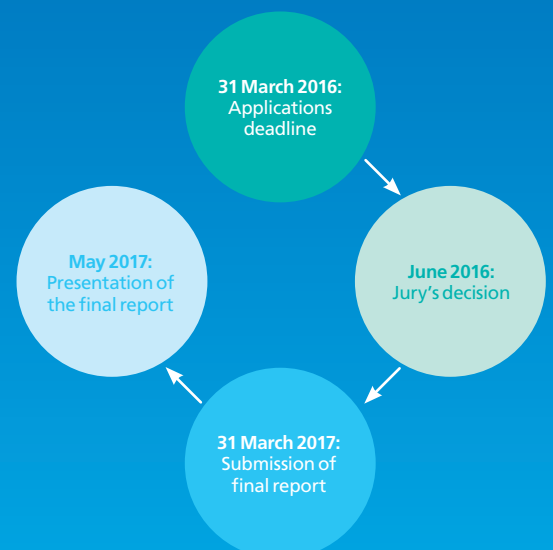
Further information and regulations

The official application form and *UEFA Research Grant Programme Regulations* are available on UEFA.org, in the section Football development — Academic — UEFA RGP & Research. Applications must reach UEFA by 31 March 2016 in order to be considered for the next Research Grant Programme cycle.

Applications that meet the requirements of the *UEFA Research Grant Programme Regulations* will be examined by the UEFA Research Grant Jury. This jury comprises a chairman, five representatives of the European football family and five academics known internationally for their work in connection with sport and football in Europe. The jury will, in principle, award six grants, for projects involving six different national associations, and will decide on the exact level of funding on a case by case basis (maximum €15,000 per grant).

Applicants will be informed of the jury's decision by no later than 30 June 2016. All final reports must be submitted to UEFA by 31 March 2017. The researchers will then be invited to present their final reports at UEFA headquarters and/or at the headquarters of the national association involved in the project.

Applicants may not submit the same project proposal twice without having introduced significant changes. Nor may applicants submit more than one project during the same UEFA Research Grant Programme cycle.



Key dates of the UEFA Research Grant Programme cycle

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