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The BUP Small Grants Programme

By the joint decision of the BUP national centre directors and the BUP international board, it is our pleasure to announce the creation of BUP Small Grants Programme – a programme for promoting sustainability research and innovation among students and young scholars from BUP member universities.

Objectives

One of the chief goals of the Small Grants Programme is strengthening the BUP Network's profile as a platform for promoting innovative ideas in the realm environmental research, with a special focus on creative implementations of the ideal of sustainable development. By allowing selected grant winners to present their projects at a BUP network conference, the programme will allow aspiring researchers and inventors to disseminate their ideas as well as creating an opportunity for intra-network cooperation.

Eligibility

- The Small Grants Programme is open to undergraduate and master students, as well as PhD candidates from all BUP member universities;
- The applications can be made for the funding of new research projects (in whole or in part), or as a financial contribution to ongoing ones;
- Applicants representing any discipline are welcome to apply;
- The proposed research project needs to be directly connected to the field of sustainable development.

The Grants

A limited number of grants will be awarded once every year, to a maximum value of €3000 each.

Additionally, with every call for grant applications, successful applicants will be invited to participate in a BUP international conference and there have an opportunity to introduce their projects to the broader BUP network audience.

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Selection Criteria for Awarding Grants

The proposed projects will be assessed according to several criteria, the most important of which will be:

- *Originality*: The degree to which a proposed project is pointing to new, original ideas in sustainability; grasping and developing the concept of sustainable development in unique and unexpected directions;
- Budget *feasibility* and *viability* of the project plan;
- Although *interdisciplinarity* is not a strict requirement, projects deemed to have a potential of crossing traditional disciplinary boundaries, especially the division line between engineering, social and natural science, will attract special attention in the evaluation;
- *Co-operation* with other partners in the Baltic Sea region will be regarded as an advantage.

Application Procedure

The call for applications opens on 1 April 2015. The final deadline for applications is **16:00 (CET), 15 May 2015**.

The project coordinator making the application is to fill out the Application Form (available from your BUP National Centre or the BUP Secretariat). The signed application form is to be scanned and sent electronically to Wojciech Szrubka (wojciech.szrubka@csduppsala.uu.se) at the BUP Secretariat no later than 16:00 (CET), 15 May 2015. *Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.* The signed original of the application form is to be sent by post, marked:

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The applications will then be judged on the abovementioned criteria by a group of experts reporting to Dr Matthew Kott, acting director of the BUP Secretariat. It is expected that the successful applications will be announced by the end of June 2015.

Matthew Kott
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