



UEFA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

# Supporting academic research in European football

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Over the last decade, 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 nine years ago to facilitate such activities.

UEFA's objective is to support research projects that are of high relevance and interest to its 55 member associations. The closer academia and the associations cooperate, the more impact the results will have on European football. For this reason, all research projects must be supported by means of a letter of recommendation issued by a representative from a UEFA member association.

By encouraging close cooperation between the national associations and the academic community, UEFA hopes to continue its efforts in helping to get research projects off the ground that the associations can use to further develop their activities and projects. This dialogue and cooperation are highly beneficial to all parties.

Through the UEFA Research Grant Programme UEFA remains committed to supporting the work of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers studying European football in a large variety of academic disciplines.

## 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 grants of a maximum total of €100,000 (broken down into individual grants of up to €15,000 each and €20,000 for joint applications) for a nine-month research period.

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

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

## Collaboration with national associations

UEFA wishes to promote research projects that focus on topics that are highly relevant to 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.

## Joint applications (new for the 2018/19 cycle)

In order to foster cooperation between its member associations and European universities, UEFA now allows the collaboration of several researchers based in different countries through joint applications.



## 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 the UEFA Research Grant Programme Regulations are available on [UEFA.com/insideUEFA](http://UEFA.com/insideUEFA), in the section Development — Education — UEFA RGP & Research. Applications must reach UEFA by 31 March 2018 in order to be considered for the ninth UEFA 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, representatives of the European football family and 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 individual grant, €20,000 for joint applications).

However, the jury is free to award more or fewer grants.

Applicants will be informed of the jury's decision by no later than 30 June 2018. All final reports must be submitted to UEFA by 31 March 2019. The researchers will then be invited to present their final reports at UEFA headquarters and 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.

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Key dates of the ninth UEFA Research Grant Programme cycle