



UEFA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME



## INTRODUCTION

Over the last few years UEFA has increasingly engaged with the academic community by establishing a series of initiatives that continue to provide research-based evidence to assist the European football family to reach more informed decisions. One such initiative is the UEFA Research Grant Programme.

Through this grant programme, UEFA is committed to support the ongoing work of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers investigating European football. UEFA's core mission is to develop European football at all levels of the game and promote the principles of unity and solidarity. Therefore by shedding new light on football and the myriad of ways in which it interrelates with society as a whole, quality research can help UEFA fulfil its mission.

The UEFA Research Grant Programme is an excellent opportunity to encourage the work of both prominent and aspiring researchers working within this field. It is thus with great pleasure that I encourage you to submit a research proposal to be taken into consideration by the UEFA Research Grant Jury.

Yours in football



Gianni Infantino  
UEFA General Secretary

## ELIGIBILITY

Candidates applying for a grant must either:

- 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 (the proposed research project must have a clear link with the field of research of the doctoral thesis).

All applicants must be proficient in at least one of the official UEFA languages (English, French or German). No joint applications will be considered.

Research proposals from the following research disciplines may be submitted for consideration by the UEFA Research Grant Jury:

- Economics
- History
- Law
- Management
- Political sciences
- Sociology

Proposals addressing the UEFA priority topics listed below are especially encouraged. However all research proposals are welcome:

- Governance and regulation in European football
- Specificity and autonomy of sport
- Challenges facing professional football (e.g. illegal betting, doping, corruption)
- Women's football
- Participation levels in football (grass roots / amateur)
- Youth development and movement of players

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

Applications must be sent by email or by post to UEFA using the contact details provided at the end of this document. Applications must reach UEFA by 31 March of each year in order to be considered for the subsequent Research Grant Programme cycle. Postal applications must be sent by recorded delivery. If any of the documents listed below are missing, the application will be rejected and returned to sender. The UEFA administration will acknowledge receipt of all Research Grant applications.



Applicants must submit to UEFA a document of no more than ten pages containing at least the following sections:

- Executive summary (maximum one side);
- Research question(s) and hypothesis(-es);
- Justification for the research (contribution to European football);
- State of knowledge, literature review on the research topic;
- Description of research undertaken to date by the applicant on the topic or in related fields;
- Methodology;
- Main results expected;
- Time line;
- Selective bibliography;
- List of applicant's academic publications;
- List of prior bursaries awarded to applicant;
- Detailed budget in Euro (EUR) justifying the amount requested (maximum EUR 20,000).



Applications must be typed in size 12 font (1.5 line spacing) on loose, numbered A4 pages. The entire application must be written in one of the three official UEFA languages (English, French or German). No applications of over ten pages will be considered. In addition, applicants must attach the following documents:



- Official application form, duly completed;
- Detailed CV;
- Copy of passport;
- Certified copy of main academic certificates;
- Proof of registration as a university doctoral student OR copy of doctorate certificate and proof of employment at university or equivalent institution;
- Two academic articles published by the applicant in a peer-reviewed journal (or presented at an academic conference), ideally in fields similar to that of the proposed research;
- Three letters of recommendation.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Applications received that meet the requirements set out in this document will be examined by the UEFA Research Grant Jury. This Jury comprises three representatives of the European football family and three academics known internationally for their work linked to European football / sport. The UEFA administration may be involved in the selection procedure in an advisory capacity.

The official application form, together with the UEFA Research Grant Programme Regulations, is available upon request from the contact address provided below. The entire application must be written in one of the three official UEFA languages (English, French or German). It is imperative that all applicants read the “UEFA Research Grant Programme Regulations” before filling in the application form.

Further information can be obtained from our website  
[www.uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com).

## CONTACT DETAILS

Applications and any other correspondence relating to the UEFA Research Grant Programme should be sent to the following:

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