

MTA LENDÜLET (“MOMENTUM”) PROGRAMME

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) launches a call for applications
to establish new Lendület (“Momentum”) research teams
2017–2022

Objectives

Under the funding scheme of the Lendület (“Momentum”) Programme, the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Magyar Tudományos Akadémia, hereinafter referred to as MTA) launches an open call for applications to establish research teams which will start working in 2017. The MTA Lendület (“Momentum”) Programme (hereinafter referred to as Lendület Programme) aims at a dynamic renewal of the research work going on either at research institutions which belong to MTA’s research network or at universities, via attracting internationally acclaimed scientists and highly-talented young researchers either by hiring them from abroad or keeping them in Hungary. The mission of the Lendület Programme is to support both excellence and mobility. Accordingly, its purpose is to provide funding for research teams to be set up at host institutions with a view to doing research on new research themes. The budget of HUF 600 million likely to be earmarked for the year 2017 for the funding of new Lendület research teams will allow for the establishment of approximately 16-18 new research teams. The entire grant period, in accordance with the provisions of this call and with the grant agreement, may extend to a maximum of 5 years. Where the grantee is a leader of a research team belonging to MTA’s research network, the amount of the funding meant to support the remuneration of the team leader may, pursuant to the provisions of the Decision 33/2016. (XII. 1.) of MTA’s President, be incorporated in the budget of the host institution after the project has been closed.

Who can apply? Conditions of participation

1. In line with their respective age-groups and scientific achievements, researchers with a scientific degree are invited to submit applications to head new Lendület research teams in the categories specified below:

Lendület I – Researchers at the outset of their independent research careers: promising young researchers, typically aged under 38, with an outstanding and steadily increasing scientific output. Grantees in this category must undertake to apply to any of the funding schemes of the European Research Council (ERC) either in the course of their Lendület project or after its completion.

Lendület II – Researchers consolidating their independent research career: internationally acclaimed leading researchers with continued excellent and steadily increasing scientific output, typically aged between 35 and 45. Grantees in this category must undertake to apply to the Consolidator Grant Call or the Advanced Grant Call of the European Research Council (ERC) either in the course of their Lendület project or after its completion; alternatively, they must undertake to obtain funding in the framework of any other international research grant scheme, whose funding should be at a rate commensurate with the funding offered in the Lendület scheme, so that this might be sufficient to maintain the operation of the research team after the end of the Lendület grant period.

“Targeted Lendület Research” – Researchers conducting applied (targeted) research of outstanding efficiency: researchers typically under 45 years of age, committing themselves to carry out research directly serving Hungary’s economic competitiveness. In this grant category it is envisaged that 3 research teams may be established, depending on the actual number of applications submitted.

Researchers raising young children or researchers on parental leave or single-parent researchers are eligible to request an age limit extension of 2 years per child as an extension of the standard age limit. Applicants must provide evidence of their eligibility for the age limit extension in the documentation of their application.

A researcher who has been awarded a grant in any of the above categories may not submit a new application in the same category.

2. In the Lendület I and Lendület II categories, applications may be submitted only with a host institution that is either an institution belonging to MTA’s research network or a Hungarian university. Applications are to be submitted jointly by the head of the host institution – that is either the head of an MTA research institution or the rector of a university – and the applicant researcher who is the prospective leader of the research team to be established. Applicants shall decide whether to apply for Lendület I or Lendület II upon consultation with the head of the host institution.

In the category “Targeted Lendület Research”, at least half of the grant amount shall be provided by a company which has been registered in Hungary at least for 2 years, with premises situated in Hungary, and which is actually operating in the Hungarian business sector. The grant period in the category “Targeted Lendület Research” may be 3, 4 or 5 years; subject to a joint decision by the funders, the 3-year period may be extended by a maximum of 2 years, while the 4-year period may be extended by a maximum of 1 year.

3. The minimum amount of the grant is HUF 20 million per year throughout the grant scheme, while the maximum amount of the grant in Lendület I is HUF 50 million per year and in Lendület II it is HUF 60 million per year; in the category “Targeted Lendület Research”, the minimum grant amount is HUF 20 million per year each from MTA and from the funding company, while the maximum grant amount may differ from the above limits, depending on the funding that might be provided by the external funder.

Only new research themes, or research themes that have been on the agenda of the host institution no longer than for the last 5 years, exhibiting considerable success, may be proposed in the application. The specific research themes must be in strategic alignment with a promising research direction of considerable international interest, i.e. a direction whose performance indicator is considered by international assessment as excellent and as having been continuously on the rise over the last five years. A detailed description of the international standing of the proposed topic must be given in the application. In the natural, engineering and life sciences, priority will be given in the evaluation to applications envisaging an experimental approach.

In the category “Targeted Lendület Research” the grantees are expected to be aiming at both results which may be freely published and, on the basis of these, results which may be directly utilized by the funding company.

4. In the humanities and social sciences, the project activities may, when properly justified, include a study visit or work under fixed-term employment abroad the duration of which may not exceed 1 year.
5. Prospective research team leaders in Lendület I and Lendület II are expected to be actively involved in research and to act as research team leaders (principal investigators) in the next 10-15 years, and they are expected, either in the course of their Lendület project or afterwards, to obtain an ERC grant (or other international grant based on excellence) (alternatively, they are

expected to be able to prove that they have been involved in a research project as a major partner), or to become coordinators in a consortium for a large collaborative project in Horizon 2020. The planned research should be suitable to increase the host institution's competitiveness, both in terms of scientific authority and in terms of fundraising capability.

6. Conditions that are mandatory in the category Lendület II and are recommended in the categories Lendület I and "Targeted Lendület Research", respectively, are as follows:
- a) A scientific degree obtained in one of the internationally recognized scientific institutions of the applicant's scientific field, post-doctoral research experience gained at such institution, employment as a researcher or lecturer by such institution.
 - b) Regular publication by the applicant of their independent scientific findings in leading science journals of their respective fields; attendance by the applicant as an invited lecturer on several occasions at scientific conferences; success in obtaining at least one research grant on their own.

In the category "Targeted Lendület Research", research experience gained at a company is an advantage.

7. In the categories Lendület I and Lendület II, applications submitted by applicants employed by the host institution at the time of the submission shall be accepted only in duly justified cases and only for the introduction of a new research theme.

Submission of applications, requirements regarding form and content

Applications must be submitted in English (in the case of applications in the humanities and social sciences: in English or in Hungarian) via the electronic submission portal of Lendület (https://palyazat.mta.hu/lendulet_2017). The deadline for electronic submission is

12:00 CET, 17 January 2017.

The declaration to be downloaded from the electronic submission portal and to be signed by the Head of the Host Institution and its Chief Financial Officer is to be submitted by post as well in one copy to the Department of Research Grant Schemes of the Secretariat of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (name and address: MTA Titkársága, Kutatási Pályázatok Főosztálya, 7, Nádor utca, H-1051 Budapest), with postage stamp dated 17 January 2017 at the latest). Applicants are required to put on the envelope "Lendület-pályázat 2017" ("Application for Lendület 2017"). Submission of the application is free of charge. For further information regarding the full application procedure applicants are requested to contact the staff of the Secretariat of MTA at the e-mail address lendulet@titkarsag.mta.hu, or at the phone numbers +36 1 411 6279 or +36 1 411 6376.

The electronic submission portal of Lendület can be entered by using the username and password valid for MTA Akadémiai Adattár (the Academy's Database, Hungarian abbreviation: AAT). The submission portal automatically retrieves the data stored in the AAT, so these data should and can only be modified in the AAT. To ensure that the data used are up-to-date, applicants are requested to update their data in the AAT, where relevant.

In case the applicant has not registered in the AAT yet, registration can be done by using Guide 1. In case the applicant has already got an AAT username (or after registration has been successfully completed), the applicant should follow the instructions in the Manual from point 4 onwards, so as to fill in the obligatory data in the AAT.

Guide 2 should be consulted for completing and submitting the application via the electronic submission portal of Lendület.

The application package must include:

The following documents to be uploaded to the electronic submission portal:

1. Application data;
2. Applicant's data;
3. A brief summary of the proposed project (using the template which can be downloaded from the portal);
4. A short description of the five-year research programme (using the template which can be downloaded from the portal); in the category of "Targeted Lendület Research", a short description of the research programme for the grant period as determined in the application, in such depth as agreed by the funding company; furthermore, in the case of applications in the humanities and social sciences, eventual suggestions by the applicant as for the main directions of the evaluation criteria to be used for the annual progress reports, as provided for in Annex 2 of Decision 33/2016. (XII. 1.) of MTA's President;
5. A detailed work plan for the first three-year phase of the programme, including a description of the tasks given in an annual breakdown (using the template which can be downloaded from the portal);
6. An aggregated budget estimate for the entire grant period with annual breakdown, supplemented by a justification (using the template which can be downloaded from the portal);
7. Antecedents of the research plan in terms of personnel and institutional background:
 - a) the respective CV's and lists of publications for the Principal Investigator and for the main participants of the project, the publication-related and scientometric data for the applicant researcher (Principal Investigator);
 - b) a declaration of the host institution (using the template which can be downloaded from the portal), describing the relationship of the planned research to the strategic plans of the research centre / independent research institute / university, and reasons for the support of the direction represented by the planned research. In the case of applications submitted by researchers working at the host institution, an explanation as to why the applicant is submitting a proposal for a Lendület project to be implemented at his/her own current research unit, and in what way the application differs from other research projects (e.g. announced by the National Office of Research, Development and Innovation; Hungarian abbreviation: NKFIH) addressing predetermined research themes;
 - c) a description of the host institution's research facilities, scientific capacities, and of the host institution's contribution, where relevant, to the successful implementation of the planned research work (in case of allocation of financial resources by the host institution to the project, the relevant financial data shall be given in detail);
8. where relevant, the title, the year of submission and the evaluation of any proposal submitted by the applicant to an ERC call and/or the topic as well as the starting and the closing years of the applicant's successful ERC project;
9. the names of at least five researchers – possibly coming from foreign countries or being Hungarian nationals living abroad – who might be prepared to review the application in line with high professional standards and who appear not to be in any conflict of interest. The applicant may, at the same time, name persons whom he/she would not like to have as reviewers of his/her application.

In the form of original documents to be submitted on paper:

10. the declaration to be found in Annex 3 (downloadable from the electronic submission portal), which shall be signed by the Head of the Host Institution and its Chief Financial

Officer; in the category of “Targeted Lendület Research”, a letter of commitment by the funding company;

11. references from 3 recognised scientists who are not being employed in any form by the host institution (in the category of “Targeted Lendület Research”, one of the references shall be replaced by the letter of commitment of the funding company, specifying the grant period envisaged as well as the scale and form of funding); references should be send directly to Department of Grant Management by post or by e-mail.

The applications submitted will be checked by the Department of Research Grant Schemes of the Secretariat of MTA Secretariat. Where the application meets the formal requirements specified in the call, the Department of Research Grant Schemes will, not later than 7 days after the submission of the application, either send a confirmation of admission of the application for evaluation to the applicant or shall reject the application without evaluating it.

The application shall be rejected without evaluation if (1) the applicant is personally ineligible to apply, (2) the documents required in the call have been received after the time limit, (3) the applicant has provided information which is either false, forged or misleading, and which could substantially affect and alter the outcome of the decision upon evaluation. In the event that the application which has been admitted for evaluation turns out to be incorrect or incomplete, the Department of Research Grant Schemes shall call on the applicant to remedy the deficiencies identified. Such remedy of deficiencies may be allowed once, and the applicant must provide the correct or complete version within 5 working days after receipt of the notification to this effect. Should the applicant provide a rectification which contains an error or which is incomplete, or should the applicant fail to correct any irregularities within the specified time limit, the application may be rejected without further examination of its content. The grantor shall give reasons for the rejection.

Legal remedy

No legal remedy may be sought concerning the decision on the results of the call.

Information on how to lodge a complaint

Applicants may lodge a complaint addressed to the President of MTA, should they think that a procedural element of the call procedure or of the decision-making concerning the award of the grant, or of the conclusion of the grant agreement or of the transfer of the grant amount or of the recovery of undue payments has violated in any way a legislative provision or has been contrary to what has been provided for in this call for applications.

The complaint may be submitted via e-mail to the address lendulet@titkarsag.mta.hu within 10 days following the receipt of the notification about the decision containing the contested measure or an instance of inaction. At the same time, the complaint, addressed to the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, must be posted (using the postal address of the Secretariat of MTA, Department of Research Grant Schemes: MTA Titkársága, Kutatási Pályázatok Főosztálya, 7 Nádor u., 1051 Budapest) not later than 10 days after the receipt of the notification about the decision containing the contested measure or an instance of inaction.

In the complaint the applicant shall give reasons for his/her request for a revision of the relevant decision, and shall identify the specific provision of a legislative act or of this call for applications whose violation he/she is alleging. Where reasons or the reference to the specific provision allegedly violated are missing, the complaint shall be rejected without examination of its substance. In processing the complaint, examination and revision may only cover matters which are being

specifically contested by the applicant in his/her complaint. Processing of the complaint shall be completed within 15 days following its receipt.

Evaluation of the applications submitted

In the evaluation of the applications preference will be given to scientists presently living and working abroad but wishing to return to Hungary.

The availability of own resources may not be required by the grantor, however, it may be considered an advantage if the host institution undertakes a written obligation to match up prospective MTA support with funding from its own economic and human resources.

The evaluation of the applications proceeds in two stages. In stage one, formally valid applications are reviewed anonymously by at least three experts (Hungarian or foreign nationals) invited by the President of MTA. The reviews shall contain a descriptive assessment of the applications as well as a scoring along the guidelines previously determined. In their descriptive assessment, reviewers must make it clear whether or not they recommend the applications for funding, and also whether or not they think the grant amounts requested are realistic. If they do not think the grant amounts requested are realistic, they may recommend that the amounts should be reduced. Reviewers (and members of the jury at a later stage) shall apply the provisions of the call for applications which set out the circumstances to be considered as an advantage.

Scoring in categories Lendület I and Lendület II

A) A comprehensive evaluation of the research programme in terms of the importance, novelty and international competitiveness of the topic, and in terms of the criteria of envisaged performance and feasibility (see Point 3 of the “Who can apply? Conditions of participation” section). Under this point the readiness of the research work for economic utilization and its potential for development / its societal relevance / its contribution to the preservation of the national cultural heritage may also be taken into account. Out of the three aspects, only the one which is relevant for the project should be considered. (*Maximum score: 30 points*)

B) An evaluation of the applicant’s scientific performance in the last five years (2012-2016). This shall be scored taking into account the applicant’s most significant scientific achievement, the number of citations to his/her work, the structure of his/her publication activity and the number of his/her publications (in this order of importance). (*Maximum score: 30 points*)

C) An evaluation of the applicant’s scientific performance throughout his/her entire career, along the lines specified in B) (*Maximum score: 20 points*)

D) An evaluation of the applicant’s independent participation in research grant calls over the last five years. (*Maximum score: 10 points*)

E) An evaluation of the host institution in terms of its research infrastructure and scientific capacities as well as in terms of the extent to which the host institution’s human and financial resources meant to be allocated for the purpose of the research project according to its letter of commitment are likely to enhance the successful implementation of the research as outlined in the application. (*Maximum score: 10 points*)

Maximum scores must be separately justified by the reviewers on each count.

Total of maximum scores: 100 points

For the scoring of applications in the category of “Targeted Lendület Research”, the evaluation criteria given for Lendület I and Lendület II (altogether 100 points) shall be supplemented by the evaluation criteria of feasibility, which will be scored on a scale of 0 to 100. Thus, in the category “Targeted Lendület Research”, the highest possible total score shall be 200 points.

Descriptive assessment in the categories Lendület I, Lendület II and “Targeted Lendület Research”

F) A descriptive assessment of the elements listed in points A) – E) above (the description of each point shall be limited to 1500 characters on average, including spaces).

G) A yes/no statement by the reviewer as to whether the application should or should not be selected for funding.

H) A statement by the reviewer as to whether he/she thinks the annual budget estimate is realistic. If the reviewer thinks it is not realistic, but the application seems to be otherwise worthy of support, the reviewer shall

suggest another grant amount which he/she finds more realistic and sufficient for the implementation of the research programme envisaged.

After collation of the reviews, in stage two of the evaluation process a public jury invited and headed by the President of MTA shall review the applications (by scoring them and applying to them the provisions setting out the advantages), taking into account the descriptive assessments and scores as well as differences between scores given by the anonymous reviewers, and the jury shall, on the basis of all these, come to a decision about the applications to be selected for funding as well as about their ranking within 90 calendar days after the deadline of submission of applications.

The jury shall rank 30 per cent more applications than the number of applications that can be funded from the budget earmarked for the Lendület grant scheme. The jury may also relegate applications submitted for Lendület II to the category Lendület I. The funding rate in the categories Lendület I and Lendület II falls between 60 and 100 per cent, whereas for “Targeted Lendület Research” it shall be between 30 and 50 per cent, which means that the grant to be awarded by MTA will cover the percentage as specified above of the entire research project costs. In the category “Targeted Lendület Research” the ranking of the applications submitted shall be set by the jury on the basis of the reviews and the feasibility evaluation.

Based on the above, and following the interview of any candidates whose invitation for an interview has been recommended by the jury, the final selection decision shall be made by the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

The call results shall be notified to the applicants via e-mail within 10 working days after the decision has been made, and applicants shall receive the anonymous reviews of their own applications within 10 working days after the announcement of the call results has taken place in the framework of a press event. A list of the winners and the titles of their research projects will be made public on MTA’s website.

Conditions of funding of the grantees

Conditions of funding in the categories Lendület I and Lendület II

The funding which is financed from the State budget is not to be repaid, and is to be allocated on a yearly basis. The annual grant amounts shall be set by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in view of the part of MTA’s budget which has been earmarked for the Lendület grant scheme for the given year.

A grant agreement is to be concluded separately for each year, in which the detailed rules concerning the transfer and the use of the grant amounts as well as the eventual repayment of undue grant amounts shall be laid down. Where the host institution is a research institution belonging to MTA’s research network, it shall conclude the grant agreement with the Secretariat of MTA, whereas if the host institution is a university hosting a Lendület research team, the university shall conclude the grant agreement with MTA’s Office of Funded Research Groups (hereinafter referred to as MTA TKI). The grant agreement covering the first year of the grant period shall be concluded within five months of the announcement of the call results.

The grant may be used for personnel and operational expenditure as well. In the case of *MTA research institutions* and *universities* alike, the grant shall cover the remuneration for the leader of the research team, including social security expenses. At MTA research institutions, unless the leader of the new research team had been previously employed by the host research institution, he/she shall be appointed to public employee status for a fixed term of 4 years, which may be prolonged for one year on the basis of the evaluation discussed below. At universities, unless the leader of the new research team had been previously employed by the host university, he/she shall be appointed to public employee status by MTA TKI for a fixed term of 4 years, which may be prolonged for one year on the basis of the evaluation discussed below.

The remuneration of the leader of the research team shall be 1.5 times the amount of the regular remuneration in payment grade 1 of the “scientific advisor” position (from the year 2017 foreseen to be HUF 792 000/month) in Lendület I, and twice the amount of the regular remuneration in payment grade 1 of the “scientific advisor” position (from the year 2017 foreseen to be HUF 1 056 000/month) in Lendület II. Lendület grantees must renounce their other MTA grants (e.g. their Bolyai Grant) upon conclusion of their Lendület contract. Where the grantee is a member of staff of the host institution already, the amount that the MTA institution or MTA TKI, as appropriate, may incorporate in its budget for covering the grantee’s remuneration under the project shall be the difference between the amount covering the remuneration and its social security expenses as envisaged in the application and the grantee’s actual regular remuneration. This difference shall be given as a fixed-term wage supplement in order to acknowledge and encourage the supplementary work performed (*in the case of universities* this can be paid for a maximum period of 5 years).

In addition to this, *at MTA institutions and universities* alike, the grant may cover, in accordance with what has been set out in the application, the remuneration of one or more researchers, including social security expenses, current expenses such as material and supplies and overheads related to the project, and the purchase of new instruments needed for the research.

The leader of the Lendület research team must prepare a progress report each year on the team’s work and submit it to the President of MTA, who will forward the report to experts and to the relevant special committees of MTA’s Council of Research Institutes for evaluation, in accordance with the procedures and conditions provided for by the competent body.

The rules and the requirements concerning the criteria of evaluation of the performance of the research teams in Lendület I and Lendület II shall be laid down in Decision 33/2016. (XII. 1.) of MTA’s President on the rules of procedure concerning the annual, 3rd year and final evaluation of the performance of Lendület research teams, and on the award of a permanent position to research team leaders. Researchers applying in a field of the humanities or the social sciences may in their application propose a choice as to which of the procedures as described in Annex 2 of the Decision 33/2016. (XII. 1.) of MTA’s President should be used when specifying the major evaluation criteria for the award of the grant.

Should it be established in the evaluation that the research team has not attained the intended results within 3 years, the special funding of the team must be discontinued at a point of time set by the President of MTA (usually from 1st January of the year following the year of evaluation). Thus, for research teams operating at *MTA research institutions*, it shall mean cuts in the funding from the date of entry into force of the relevant decision of MTA’s President until the end of the 4th year of the project, according to the following terms:

- where the leader of the research team had been employed by the host institution prior to the project, the leader’s remuneration shall be reduced to his/her former remuneration as established by his/her original appointment;
- where the leader of the research team had not been employed by the host institution prior to the project, the leader’s remuneration shall be reduced to a level corresponding to his/her classification based on his/her public employee status;
- furthermore, the part of funding provided for current expenses, overheads, and purchasing expenses not covered by any commitment shall be cut by half.

In the case of Lendület research teams operating *at universities*, where it is established that the team’s scientific performance has not reached the appropriate level, the grant amount meant to cover the period from the date of entry into force of the relevant decision of MTA’s President up to the end of the 4th year of the project may be used by the team only to such an extent as to cover the costs of the phase-out, that is, the costs of the dissolution of the research team.

In the second half of the fifth year of the grant period, the President of MTA will ask experts to evaluate the scientific performance of the Lendület research team and that of its leader. If the evaluation finds that the team's work has been successful (its scientific performance being qualified as "excellent" or "good"), the leader of the Lendület research team operating at an MTA research institution may be appointed to public employee status for an indefinite term. In such a case the President of MTA shall provide the research institution with financial support for personnel costs related to the research work carried out by the team leader, whose amount shall cover

- the team leader's remuneration provided by MTA under the Lendület grant scheme, including social security expenses (this amount shall continue to be used for the remuneration of the leader for a period of five years after the completion of the grant period, but at most as long as the team leader remains in public employee status at the host institution);
- the regular (guaranteed) remuneration due in the position of "scientific officer", including social security expenses, to be used for support of the employment of one more researcher.

Where at the end of the five-year grant period it is established by MTA that the research team's work has not been successful (its scientific performance being qualified as "sufficient" or "insufficient"), the President of MTA shall decide to discontinue all support of the research institution related to the research project.

As to Lendület research teams operating *at universities*, their funding by MTA shall be discontinued at the end of the five-year grant period irrespective of the expert evaluation of their performance.

During the grant period, Lendület research teams are expected to draw up their independent research programmes, to act as tutors of students preparing their MA and PhD dissertations or preparing for university-level scientific competitions, and to make every effort for successful participation in Hungarian and international scientific calls.

Where the leader of the Lendület research team wins an ERC grant during the Lendület grant period, the grant agreement for the Lendület project may be modified, subject to a prior decision to this effect by the President of MTA.

Conditions of funding in the category "Targeted Lendület Research"

In this category a minimum of 50 per cent and a maximum of 70 per cent of the grant amount for the project shall be provided by the funding company, whereas a minimum of 30 per cent and a maximum of 50 per cent shall be provided by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The part of the grant amount to be provided by the funding company shall be the subject of a separate agreement between the host institution and the company.

The funding provided by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences may be used to cover personnel costs as well as current expenses and overheads.

The funding provided by the company may also be used to cover personnel costs as well as current expenses and overheads, and it may cover employment wages and related labour costs, other types of personnel costs in the form of allowances, current expenses as well as purchase of goods or services.

Where the funding provided by the company does not cover the remuneration for the leader of the research team, including social security expenses, the leader of the research team shall be appointed to public employee status for a fixed term in accordance with the conditions laid down for Lendület I and Lendület II, and his/her remuneration shall be established under the terms of Lendület II: that is, it shall be twice the amount of the regular (guaranteed) remuneration presently due in the payment grade 1 of the position "scientific advisor" (from the year 2017 foreseen to be HUF 1 056 000 / month).

In this category the operation of the research team shall be evaluated by the funding company, in collaboration with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Where the grant period is either three or four years, at the end of this grant period MTA and the funding company may make a joint decision about the extension of this period, subject to a limit of five years. Where no such extension is made, or where the extended period has ended, or where the grant period has been five years and it has reached its end, funding by the Academy shall end irrespective of the evaluation. If before the end of the five-year period the funding company in its evaluation finds that the research project has not yielded any results, funding by the Academy shall end as well.

Other information

The grantor hereby informs the applicants of the following:

- a) The legal provisions on the right to informational self-determination set out what shall be considered as data of public interest. The data which would not qualify as such in the first place but are being processed by an individual or a body
 - who/which is in charge of the preparation of the call for applications,
 - who/which is in charge of the announcement of the call for applications,
 - who/which is in charge of the preparation of the decision on the award of the grant,
 - who/which is in charge of the decision-making, and which are related to the call for applications or to the application process or to the decision on the award of the grant, shall be considered data which are public on grounds of public interest, provided that they are not to be considered sensitive or special personal data.
- b) The grantor shall check the use of the grant in line with the terms of the grant agreement, pursuant to the provisions of the Government Decree 368/2011. (XII. 31.) on the implementation of the Act on Public Finances.

Budapest, 1st December 2016.


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