

## University of Iceland's grants to support applications to external grants

The University of Iceland awards its staff grants to apply for external competitive research grants. There are two types of grants; smaller and larger. The smaller grants are awarded in relation to *IRF preparatory grants* (<https://en.rannis.is/funding/research/preparatory-grant/>) but the larger ones are independent of the *IRF preparatory grants*. The objective is to financially support University of Iceland's staff when applying to external competitive research funds.

**Smaller preparatory grants** are awarded in relation to the *IRF preparatory grants*. IRF has lately placed explicit focus on supporting Horizon 2020 applications. The preparatory grants awarded by the University of Iceland are directed at those who are unsuccessful in their applications for *IRF preparatory grants*. The grants are a maximum of 150.000 ISK for applications in which the University of Iceland is a partner but 250.000 ISK for applications for projects in which the University of Iceland is the coordinator. For applications for NordPlus and Erasmus+ KA2 grants for projects in which the University of Iceland is a participant the maximum amount is 100.000 ISK. For Erasmus+ KA2 applications in which the University of Iceland leads the project the maximum amount is 250.000 ISK. Only one grant can be awarded for each project application. If there are more than one applicant within the University of Iceland a party to the project application, the preparatory grant application must stipulate the division of the grant between those parties.

**Larger preparatory grants** are awarded in relation to staff's applications to larger competitive funds for projects led by the University of Iceland. Priority will be given to ERC and H2020 projects coordinated by the University of Iceland though other large projects led by the University are also considered. An application for a larger preparatory grant must be delivered before the project application is sent to the external funder, preferably 3-5 months before the the deadline expires. Applications to the larger preparatory grants must be written in cooperation with the School's Research Manager and must include a draft budget for the intended use of the preparatory grant (the budget can include, but is not limited to, salary for a grant writing assistant, travel to build a consortium, application writing consultancy). Maximum amount per application is 1,5 Million ISK. The preparatory grant is paid when the Division of Science and Innovation has received a confirmation of a sent application to the external grant provider.