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Idea Generation Program
for University Students and
Young Researchers**

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BEFEKTETÉS A JÖVŐBE

1. Introduction of the programme

The programme titled “Idea to Life”, launched by the Faculty of Medicine (FM) of the University of Debrecen for university students and young researchers (hereinafter: the Programme), provides support to the students of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Debrecen, as well as the PhD students and young researchers of the related doctoral schools in order to validate their innovative ideas and to strengthen the approach aimed at the exploitation of such ideas in the health industry. The involvement of the target group in the program contributes to the development of the third mission activity of the university: it creates new forms of opportunities to enhance the relationships between the university and the industry and to extend the transfer of knowledge to new areas.

The general objectives of the program:

- Creating opportunities for young people interested in the practical application of the knowledge acquired through traditional education and research in order to improve their innovation projects;
- Laying the foundations for the professional careers of young researchers by fostering the mind set and the related knowledge aimed at utilization and achieving social impact;
- Promoting innovative ideas towards clinical/market exploitation.

The program supports the detailed exploration of the scientific field lying behind the idea, the theoretical validation of the ideas and the thorough elaboration of the project plans aimed at exploitation. The direct objective of the support is to lay the foundations of and design innovative projects in their initial phase and to establish the relating detailed project plan and/or research plan, through which they will become suitable to attract further financial resources and support, depending on their robustness and technical maturity, through applications to the UD-IMPACT innovation programs of the university or using external resources.

The beneficiaries will receive the following support:

- Personal allowance (scholarship or salary supplement)
- Mentoring support
- Advisory on the protection of intellectual property
- Consultation with industrial or clinical specialists (optional).

2. Details of application and conditions of eligibility

2.1. Students and young researchers can apply to the program with their own innovative ideas in any field related to the medical area (e.g. prevention, diagnostics, therapy, medical device, other clinical application, education, research, etc.). Projects based on knowledge of the specialized literature and scientific results receive priority during the assessment.

Scope of applicants:

- Active full-time 4-6. year students of the FM of the University of Debrecen and doctoral students from fields related to medicine, and
- a young researcher with a doctoral degree or a pre-degree certificate who has obtained a doctoral degree not more than 7 years ago, who is not classified as a research group leader, and who is employed by the Faculty of Medicine.

Amount of benefit: For the team leader: gross HUF 150,000 / month
For the team members: gross HUF 100,000 / month

Project period: Maximum 6 months (15th June 2022 – 31st December 2022)

Application process:	By electronically submitting the Application Form to the email address klivia@med.unideb.hu .
Deadline for applications:	31 st May 2022
Publication of results:	10 th June 2022

- 2.2. Application is possible both individually and in teams. Team applications shall be given priority during the assessment. Maximum team size: 4 members, including the team leader. A team may have up to two young researcher members. Personal allowance may only be received by those team members who meet the conditions specified in the section titled "Scope of Applicants". During the application, it is necessary to present the individual competencies and planned tasks of the team members and the reasons why it is essential/necessary to involve the given team member.
- 2.3. The application documents to be submitted consist of three parts: a letter of motivation, the presentation of the team members and the description of the innovative idea. The Application Form can be downloaded from <https://aok.unideb.hu>.
- 2.4. The University of Debrecen will keep all documents and data submitted by the applicants confidential and will not be disclose them to third parties without the prior approval of the applicant, except for the members of the panel assessing the applications and the mentors.
- 2.5. After their receipt, the submitted applications will be reviewed by the employees of the FM charged with coordination. The applicant will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of the application for reasons related to format and eligibility within 3 working days after the deadline specified for the application.
- 2.6. The approved applications will then be evaluated and ranked by the professional panel appointed by the Dean of the FM. The Dean of the FM will decide on the award of the support.
- 2.7. The valid and approved applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a) *Strategic fit*: The general compliance of the application with the objectives of the program.
 - b) *Innovative potential, uniqueness of the idea*: The applicant's idea raises or concerns unique or novel problems or solutions. The project proposal credibly presents that the product/service/process to be developed is unique and that it has significant competitive advantage and/or important social impact.
 - c) *Scientific integrity*: The idea is based on contexts that can be derived from the scientific literature and/or the applicant's own research results.
 - d) *Competences*: The team leader possesses the innovation and managerial skills necessary for the implementation of the project. The team members have the relevant and necessary competencies.
- 2.8. The assessment takes place on the basis of a three-part points system: 2 points - Satisfactory; 1 point - Partly satisfactory; 0 points - Unsatisfactory. If the score given for criteria a) and/or d) is zero, the application will be automatically rejected.

3. Rules related to the support

- 3.1. In relation to the implementation of the Project, the supported student/young researcher or, in the case of team applications, the members of the team (hereinafter: the Beneficiary) and the University of Debrecen will conclude a grant agreement or wage supplement agreement, an annex of which will be the presentation of the tasks undertaken by the participants the implementation

of which is necessary for acceptance.

- 3.2. The Beneficiary shall prepare complete professional documentation on the activities performed under the project. During the period of the Project, monthly professional reports shall be prepared by the individuals, which is certified by the team leader before it is submitted to the dean for approval. During the implementation, team-level reports shall be prepared on two occasions: the milestone report specified in section 3.3 and the final report at the end of the project. The team-level report should also include the presentation of the teamwork and the collaboration between the team members.
- 3.3. A milestone shall be planned for the end of the 3rd month of the Project. The professional panel evaluates the progress achieved by the milestone on the basis of an oral presentation and makes a proposal regarding the continuation of the Project.
- 3.4. The implementation of the Project may not adversely affect the normal operation of the concerned department(s), institute(s), the performance of their basic tasks, or, in the case of doctoral students, the performance of the tasks related to the doctoral status.
- 3.5. The Beneficiary undertakes to devote their time and resources as much as necessary and to the fullest extent possible to the implementation of the Project. Further, the Beneficiary undertakes to take part in organized mentoring sessions and other events organized under the Program.
- 3.6. The Beneficiary and, in case of team applications, the team members guarantee the following:
 - a) The information supplied during the application process and those related to the implementation of the project are complete and accurate according to the best of their knowledge;
 - b) The project proposal forming the subject of the application is based on an original idea and does not infringe a third party's intellectual property rights and, if it also concerns a research at the faculty, the head of the faculty has also approved the submission of the application;
 - c) They have no such commitments towards third parties that may breach the rules set out in this guidance or endanger the implementation of the project;
 - d) They will implement the approved professional plan with reasonable diligence, in compliance with the rules and spirit of the Program.

4. Communication and publicity

- 4.1. The Beneficiary agrees that the University may use non-confidential information related to the Project for the marketing and promotional purposes of the Program and in order to comply with the mandatory tendering and other rules the University of Debrecen is subject to.
- 4.2. The Beneficiary shall assist the promotion of the Program to the best of their knowledge by participating in events or online meetings and by sharing public information related to the Project. The Beneficiary also undertakes to participate in events related to the Program at the request of the University.
- 4.3. If relevant, the Beneficiary undertakes to display the following acknowledgments during the activities, communication, related statements and publications of the implemented program and project:

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