



## ***The Research Grant program support from June 2021***

### ***IBU Research Grants programme - terms and conditions***

IBU Research Grant programme (RGP) aims to promote advanced research with a biathlon perspective by established researchers in priority fields of research identified annually by the IBU.

#### ***Programme overview***

The IBU RGP has been established to support research on biathlon. All research institutions and individual university professors, lecturers, and research fellows who have completed their doctorate and currently hold an academic/research appointment/affiliation covering the grant period (from submission of the application to delivery of the final report) are eligible to apply. Once completed, the study is shared with the 59 IBU member associations and is used for growth and development purposes.

The priority fields of research will be identified annually by the IBU Research Grant Working Group (RGWG) and generally should be relevant and specifically applicable to biathlon:

- Physiology
- Biomechanics
- Sports psychology
- Performance analysis
- High-performance pathways
- Long Term Athletes Development
- Sports Anthropometry
- Sports injuries/injury prevention (sports medicine)
- Or other areas as agreed by the IBU Research Grant Working Group.

Applicants may apply on an individual or collective basis. In the second case, all research group members have to fulfil all the eligibility criteria. In addition, one member of the group should be nominated as the coordinator and remain the main contact person for the IBU. Interdisciplinary and intercultural collective applications are encouraged.

Grant holders will undertake to publish/disseminate their research results within the academic world. They will also undertake to ensure that all subsequent publications or productions, using all or part of the results obtained under the research grant's auspices, will appropriately acknowledge the IBU Research Grant Programme. Also, they will share with the IBU any such publications or productions.

Applications must reach IBU by 31 March to be considered. The IBU RGWG examines applications that meet the IBU Research Grant Programme requirements. The RGWG comprises a chairperson, representatives of the NFs and academics known internationally for their work connected with biathlon. In principle, the RGWG decides on the exact level of funding on a case-by-case basis (a maximum of



€10,000 per individual grant, €20,000 for joint applications). The total budget is 50 000 EUR per cycle. The RGWG will generally award at least one grant to a project in the medical sciences. 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 IBU Research Grant Programme cycle.

#### ***IBU Research Grant Programme cycle (besides 2021)***

31 March	Application deadline
30 April	Applicants informed
May	Introductory meeting, an agreement signed
November	Researchers submit an interim report
30 April	Researchers submit a final report
May/June	Researchers present a final report to the IBU

#### ***IBU Research Grant Programme cycle 2021***

30 September	Application deadline
October	Applicants informed
October	Introductory meeting, an agreement signed
January	Researchers submit an interim report
<u>30 April</u>	<u>Researchers submit a financial report</u>
June	Researchers submit a final report
June/July	Researchers present a final report to the IBU

#### ***Information to the Applicants***

Applicants must upload the following supporting documents with their online application in the IBU Scope:

1. Researcher CV including profession, position in the institution, research areas and merits
2. Endorsement Letter - from Academic Institution/Research Centre and Member Federation.
3. Budget and Budget Justification

Researchers are requested to submit a budget justification to explain and justify the expenses outlined in the proposal budget. The researcher should accurately reflect the costs of the proposed research project. The budget justification provides the IBU and the RGWG with information about why costs are necessary and how they are calculated.



IBU Research Grants programme intend to cover the following direct costs:

- Travels- relevant to the research project
- Investigators allowance (the approximate working hours of the investigator)
- Specialised software
- Supplies and equipment directly related to the project
- Writing/publication expenses

Funding not supported by the IBU Research Grants programme includes:

- Salaries
- Taxes
- Tuition fees
- Institutional overhead
- Expenses incurred before the effective date of the grant
- Living expenses
- Miscellaneous expenses not presented in the application
- Fees paid for external consultant or vendor

### ***Assessment criteria for the applications***

Applications are assessed in terms of:

1. Relevance of research questions and their application to biathlon.
2. Benefits of research results for biathlon athletes, coaches or entourage members.
3. Originality and innovation of the research subject in biathlon research or added value to existing biathlon research.
4. Quality of the project and publication possibilities in an international journal.
5. Research applicability for training and performance.

### ***Process of selection***

IBU Research Grant Working Group (RGWG) will evaluate the applications for research grants. This group shall be made up of:

1. The delegated member of the Development Reference Group
2. The IBU Development Director
3. The IBU Education Manager
4. The delegated member of the IBU Academy Expert Group
5. Experienced Academics



The RGWG recommends the list of awardees and research focuses to the EB, who will confirm the awarding of the grants. The RGWG members should not have any relationship with applying institutions or connected individuals, which could be deemed a conflict of interest.

### ***Monitoring and Reporting on Research Grants***

A Research Grants Agreement will be signed between the IBU and the grant awardee - individual academic or institution - which covers the following areas:

1. Focus of Research
2. Research question(s)
3. Methodology
4. Expected outcomes/findings and their applicability to biathlon
5. KPIs against stages of the project
6. Allocation of grant/part of grant against KPIs or stages
7. Confidentiality and communication
8. Publication rights

### ***The RGWG will monitor progress against the research plan of each project***

Researchers awarded grants by the IBU will have eleven months to produce a maximum of the 20-page final report. Researchers will also be asked to produce an abstract of two pages (approx. 600 words) and a poster presentation where the project experience is explained straightforwardly and graphically. Applications and final reports must be written in English.

### ***Contact Person***

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