

The Association of University Teachers Professional Development Fund

The **Association of University Teachers Professional Development Fund** is a new fund that was agreed upon as part of the collective wage agreement between the Association and the Minister of Finance on 16 November 2015. A protocol on this matter can be accessed [here](#) (in Icelandic).

The goal of the AUT Professional Development Fund is to promote the systematic professional development of Association members, such as pursuing formal studies, attending conferences/courses, conducting research and professional collaboration. The Fund is also intended to create more opportunities for the University of Iceland and affiliated institutions to enable Association members to pursue mutually beneficial projects.

Requirements for a grant:

1. The applicant's union membership fees have been paid for an uninterrupted period of six months as of the final application deadline.
2. The maximum grant sum is ISK 500,000 per 18 months.
 - Payment of union fees averaging ISK 2,100 per month or more for the period specified in 1.1 a) shall confer the right to a full grant (ISK 500,000).
 - Payment of union fees averaging between ISK 1,050 and ISK 2,099 per month for the period specified in 1.1 a) shall confer the right to a half grant (ISK 250,000).
 - Payment of union fees averaging less than ISK 1,050 per month for the period specified in 1.1 a) shall not confer the right to a grant.
3. Payments from the Fund shall generally be dependent on provision of original invoices.
4. The final deadlines for application, including submission of supporting documentation, are 1 February, 1 April, 1 June, 1 August, 1 October, and 1 December each year.
5. Grants from the Fund are usually paid at the beginning of January, March, May, July, September and November each year.
6. Allocation rules and online application see:
http://fh.hi.is/starfsthrounarsjodur_felags_haskolakennara

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[Board operational rules, September 2016.](#)

[Resolutions of the Professional Development Fund, September 2016.](#)