Internal Research Projects (IRP): program for supporting PhD students at the Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Charles University, Prague

[1] Rationale
The main goal of the Internal Research Project (IRP) program is to support highly motivated Ph.D. students at the Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Charles University, Prague. The program is primarily designed as a targeted distribution of funding received from the University resources (e.g., SVV), but may also be enhanced by other Institute’s resources.

[2] Who is eligible to apply
All Ph.D. students enrolled at the Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Charles University, Prague are eligible to apply, but priority will be given to:
(1) students in the full-time (internal) mode of study,
(2) students in the first to third year of study,
(3) students evaluated as excellent by the subject-area board (Geology),
(4) students participating actively in the academic life of the Institute.

[3] Project proposal
Project proposals should be clearly and concisely written in English, project goals clearly defined, each item of the proposed budget specified. Financial support may be used to cover any expenses related to the Ph.D. research (consumables, travel expenses, services, presentations on conferences), in line with all relevant regulations of the Faculty of Science, Charles University. If the Applicant has submitted or received any other grant (e.g., GAUK, GAČR), the proposal must contain an explanation why additional support is required. After completion, a short report summarizing key outcomes of the project must be submitted and results of the project will also be presented at the Institute’s proseminars.

[4] Project evaluation
The evaluation and final decision will be made by an advisory board of 2–5 faculty members. The key parameters in evaluation are scientific quality of the project and its potential for publication in highly ranked international journals.

[5] Important deadlines, timeline
Maximum project duration is one year. Deadline for submitting applications is March, 15th. Application forms should be sent via email to: jirizak@natur.cuni.cz Evaluation of the proposals will be completed within 2–3 weeks after the deadline.

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