

# **Kerttu and Jukka Vuorinen Fund**

## **Instructions of Fund Administrative Committee to grant applicants**

Under the clauses of the will, grants are paid annually based on the return on the Fund's capital. As a result of this, the number of annual grants and the amounts paid may vary slightly. The Fund Administrative Committee controls the spending of the Fund and decides on the awarding of grants.

### **Research grants**

Research grants are primarily awarded to writers of doctoral dissertations. The grant is awarded for the latter half of the dissertation research project, when two articles included in the dissertation, for example, have been completed. Grants are not awarded to dissertation research projects still at an initial idea phase, only just started, or already completed.

The applicant for the grant shall provide justification for the need for the grant in the application. As a rule, research grant receivers are required to write an article of their research for the Nordic Concrete Research publication. This requirement can be waived, if the outcome of the research is of no wider significance.

The amount of a research grant is usually about EUR 3000. For justified reasons, the grant can be larger, but not more than EUR 5000. The reason for a larger grant can be, for example, lack of funding for the dissertation at the final stage of the dissertation project. Research grants are personal and not intended for the funding of costs related to research. An applicant may only be awarded a grant once.

If author compensation has already been paid from Vuorinen Fund for articles related to the dissertation, the amount of the compensation is deducted from the research grant.

### **Author compensation for scientific articles**

Author compensation is primarily paid for articles published in the Nordic Concrete Research publication. Author compensation can also be applied for published articles of Jufo classification levels 1, 2 or 3 which address topics associated with concrete technology. No author compensation is paid for articles related to a dissertation to authors who have been awarded a research grant.

The author compensation is usually EUR 500. As a rule, author compensation for an article is paid to the first author of the article who may share the compensation at their own discretion with any other authors of the article. Author compensation shall be applied for within one year after the publication of the article.

### **Travel grants**

Travel grants can be applied to cover direct expenses incurred in travel related to the purpose of the Fund, including travel and accommodation expenses and costs of attendance, but excluding daily allowances or loss of income due to travel.

Usually, a grant can be used to cover part of the travel expenses. In some cases, travel expenses can be covered in full. Travel grants are primarily awarded to e.g., scientists carrying out research on a grant with no possibility to any other funding for travel. The applicant for the grant shall provide justification for the need for the grant in the application. The Administrative Committee decides on awarding the grant specifically in each case.

The application for a grant shall be submitted in good time before travelling.

### **Theses with a grade of Excellent**

Master's programme theses with a grade of Excellent can be put up for an award. The proposal for the award is usually submitted by the thesis instructor or supervisor. The amount of the award is approximately EUR 1000.

### **Supporting scientific research in concrete sector at universities**

Funding can be applied for concrete-related research projects conducted at universities and research institutes. The amount will be determined case-by-case, and the decision is made by the Board of Suomen Betoniyhdistys (Concrete Association of Finland). The Fund Administrative Committee can issue an opinion on grant applications for research projects submitted to the Board of the Associations.