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The AMU Foundation - support for doctoral students

The 7th Language and Technology Conference (LTC 2015), a meeting organized by the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland in cooperation with the Adam Mickiewicz University Foundation, will take place on November 27-29, 2015. You have started this Conference series 20 years ago and only 10 years ago we as Foundation initiated cooperation in relation to organizational matters of this series.

The Foundation of the Adam Mickiewicz University, which is celebrating its 25 anniversary this year, is a non-typical organisation of such kind on the Polish market of general and higher education. The organisation, established by the then Rector - Prof. Bogdan Marciniak, covers nowadays an area of 5.4 ha and manages 18 thousand m² of its surface. The laboratory space (about 4 thousand m²) is leased to a great extent, just like the office space. The AMU Foundation employs 130 persons, but there are about 80 entrepreneurship on its territory (mostly innovative spin-off and start-up companies), employing about 400 persons. Last year, the AMU Foundation reached revenue of about

6 million USD, from which 2/3 was gained from the business activity conducted. The Poznan Science

- organisation of internships, traineeships and study visits for students and doctoral students of AMU on the area of the Foundation

- support for AMU students, doctoral students and employees conducting knowledge-based economic activity

- cooperation with AMU doctoral students and employees in application and implementation of research projects in the fields of chemistry, earth science, archaeology and physics as well as social and economic studies, obtained mainly from the National Centre for Research and Development in Poland and the National Science Centre

- activities in favour of support and activation of basic organisational units of AMU (especially of A and A+ categories) in obtaining funds from the European Horizon 2020 programme

- technological and scientific audits of AMU research teams, implementation potential analyses and patent analyses for those research teams

- support for research units (AMU Career Services, Innovation and Technology Transfer Centre, Promotion and Marketing Department) within the scope of labour market, technology transfer, commercialisation of research works and promotional activity (First Step Into Own Business, lectures in the Castle, AMU evening with the Grand Theatre)

- cooperation, organisational and financial support for AMU organisational units in relation to organisation of scientific conferences, symposia and meetings
- cooperation as well as financial and organisational support for the AMU Graduates Association in Poznan (including organisation of the “Young people on the Greater Poland labour market” workshops) and the AMU Botanical Garden
- conduction of scarcity book sales in AMU didactical units
- cooperation with AMU in editing scientific publications (from the branch of history and archaeology)
- leasing the Foundation/Park’s spaces to the ¹⁴C AMS Laboratory (on the basis of a lease agreement) and the Chemistry Department of AMU
- conduction of a kindergarten with preferential rules of acceptance for children of AMU employees

Funding scholarships is a significant part of the Foundation’s statutory activity. The scholarship programme of the AMU Foundation covers:

- the AMU Foundation scholarships for doctoral students
- Jan Kulczyk scholarships for students and doctoral students (known previously as the Kulczyk Family Funds)
- Jan Kulczyk scholarships for students, which are citizens of Ukraine
- scholarships funded with purpose funds of the Foundation (students and doctoral students)
- scholarships for AMU sportsmen

The total amount of scholarships awarded is about 150.000 USD annually.

The range of services provided by the Poznan Park of Science and Technology of the AMU Foundation is aimed at doctoral students, including:

- a possibility of using the research infrastructure of the Park (chemistry, biotechnology, environmental protection, ICT)
- information, training and counselling services concerning obtaining funds for research activities in the Regional Contact Point (Horizon 2020)
- advising on possible commercialisation paths (licensing, spin off, purchasing technology)
- advising and counselling within the scope of intellectual property
- searching for investors
- supporting knowledge-based entrepreneurship preincubation and incubation processes

Development of AMU doctoral students and their further business careers are, as seen above, significant aims of our statutory activity.