

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN



Student Proof of Concept Fund

Call for proposals

2020/2021

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1. Background and goals of the Student Proof of Concept Fund

The University of Debrecen Student Proof of Concept (SPoC) Fund was established within the framework of the University Innovation Ecosystem project supported by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office. The program is coordinated by the Innovation Ecosystem Center within the University.

The SPoC program aims to provide support to the students of the University of Debrecen for the technical and market validation of their innovative ideas, and to strengthen the entrepreneurial approach and synergistically provide programs for competence development and awareness-raising in innovation.

Involving students in the SPoC program contributes to the development of the University's third mission activity, creating a new type of opportunity to strengthen the relationship between university and industry and expand knowledge transfer to new areas.

The aims of the program:

- creating an opportunity for students who are interested in the practical application of knowledge acquired through traditional education to develop prototypes and validate their ideas on the market;
- establishing the professional career of students by deepening their knowledge in entrepreneurship and related areas;
- promoting the commercialization of innovative student ideas.

The supported projects should aim for the testing of student ideas, the production of prototypes, technology development, analyzing market potential and other activities facilitating commercialization.

Projects are evaluated by a team of experts consisting of innovation managers and corporate, business and investment professionals.

2. Funding

Selected teams will receive the following support:

- Maximum of 6 million HUF grant per project
- Mentoring
- Opportunity to participate in courses aimed at acquiring entrepreneurial practical knowledge
- Consultancy on intellectual property protection
- Opportunity to consult with industrial partners (upon availability)

3. Application, eligibility

Applicants:	Student teams with active student status at the University of Debrecen.
Grant amount:	Minimum 500.000 HUF, maximum 6.000.000 HUF grant per project and per team.
Project duration:	Maximum of 6 months

Application Online through the SPOC website:
<https://techtransfer.unideb.hu/en/student-poc-2020>
Application deadline: 15 December 2020

4. Further information

The information in this document is not comprehensive. Further information is included in the documentation package of the **Student Proof of Concept Fund program** and on the following website:

<https://techtransfer.unideb.hu/en/student-poc-2020>

All documents and data submitted by the teams are kept secret by the University of Debrecen and will not be disclosed to third parties without the prior approval of the team, except for the members of the committee evaluating the applications.