

Criteria for financing of PhD subject courses decided by FUN

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- PhD courses should have a course syllabus with clear learning goals and motivation for number of course credits.
- Activities that do not require a course syllabus should clearly state the learning goals for PhD students.
- Courses or activities should be for a minimum of 5 PhD students admitted at SLU. Exceptions could be made when PhD-students can take part in master courses. In this case, FUN could cover extra costs associated with the attendance of the PhD students. These courses also require a course plan for the PhD students.
- FUN accepts costs for teaching hours (following Alnarpstaxa), rent of teaching facilities, excursions, travel and housing for external teachers, or other costs necessary for conducting the course and reaching the learning goals.
- No financing of salaries for faculty professors (following the recommendation from the SLU board).
- No financing for food or social activities for students or teachers. For external teachers, a standard allowance is allowed.
- A maximum cost for one course is 180,000 SEK.
- In the case the budget of FUN does not allow to fund all courses and activities, courses and activities should be given a priority 1, 2 or 3 following discussions in FUN, where 1 has the highest priority and 3 the lowest.

Factors to consider for priorities of courses and activities

- FUN should support a variety of courses/subject areas, matching the needs of PhD students at the faculty.
- Courses and activities should be of high quality.
- Courses that have received FUN funding the previous year (or are similar to such courses) and has not attracted a large number of SLU PhD students, should receive a lower priority and could be recommended to apply for funding the coming year.
- Master courses that apply for attendance of PhD students could be co-funded rather than fully funded, as these courses already have funding from undergraduate education. A suggestion is to follow FUN guidelines for the funded amount and set a maximum level to 90 000 kr per course. The funding will be given per SLU PhD-student.
- Courses with lower priority may be co-funded and in that case asked to provide an updated application that fits the recommended budget.