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Proposal to Optimize Use of Research Funds in FRG Program

Problem:

There is room for optimizing the allocation of research funds through the FRG program in a manner that would improve the university's research output.

Currently, department chairs, endowed chairs, and distinguished professors may obtain stipends as part of their FRG.

This represents a problem: while a small amount of faculty at the highest rank in the university still receive stipends (in addition to funds for travel, equipment, personnel, and other items), research projects from regular faculty on tight schedules for tenure and promotion go unfunded.

Proposal:

We propose to amend the existing regulations, adding department chairs, endowed chairs, and distinguished professors to the pool of applicants ineligible for stipends, but still eligible for regular research funds.

Given the current budgetary constraints and salary freezes, this change would contribute to increase the university's research output, and to rationalize and optimize the use of research funds.