





Deadline	<b>Mon 4 May 2020, 23:59:59:00 CET (IOCB deadline Wed 29 Apr 2020)</b>
Call name	<b>JUNIOR STAR grants 2021</b>
www	<a href="https://gacr.cz/vyhlaseni-verejne-souteze-junior-star/">https://gacr.cz/vyhlaseni-verejne-souteze-junior-star/</a>
Focused on	Support of projects in basic research focused on following scientific fields: EX1 Mathematics and Physics 1; EX2 Physics 2; EX3 Chemistry; EX4 Human Biology and Medicinal Sciences; EX5 Biology and Agricultural Sciences; EX6 Social Sciences; EX7 Humanities; EX8 Technical Sciences and Informatics
PI	<b>Applicant up to 8 years from Ph.D. defence</b> (1 Oct 2012 – 10 Oct 2020); excluding the maternity leave and parental leave, sick leave for long-term sickness and other long-term career breaks on legal basis; to be sufficiently proved. <b>Significant international experience</b> – Ph.D. diploma acquired abroad, a long-term research stay or several short-term research stays abroad, cooperation with foreign authors – proved by a peer-reviewed publication
Eligible organisation	Research organizations: research institutes, universities, higher education institutions, and other legal entities seated in CR dealing with research. Project proposal comprises only one applicant (one institution). Participation of co-applicants is not possible.
Target group	Teams may consist of: researchers in any career stage, postdocs, students, technical and administrative staff.
Expected outputs	Publications and other outputs of fundamental research (according to Methodology for Evaluating of RDI): Peer-reviewed article (J <sub>imp</sub> , J <sub>sc</sub> ); Book (B); Chapter in a book (C); paper in proceedings (D).
Call opens	Fri 21 Feb 2020
IOCB deadline	<b>Wed 29 Apr 2020</b> <b>Wed 1 Apr 2020</b> inform us about your intention to apply at <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>
Final deadline	<b>Mon 4 May 2020, 23:59:59 CET</b>
Evaluation results	2 Nov 2020
Signature of agreement	Subject to the GA ČR procedures.
Earliest date of implementation	1 Jan 2021
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2025
Sustainability	Not applicable
Reporting	Periodical report: financial (annually in Jan of the following year) and scientific report (2,5 years after the project start) Final report: financial (30 days after the project termination) and scientific report (1 year after the project termination)
Project duration (min-max)	<b>5 years</b>
Allocation for the call	125 M CZK/year
Project budget (min-max)	max. 25 M CZK /project
Success rate	Estimation 20 % (25 projects shall be funded)
Eligible costs	Direct costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>personnel costs</b> – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,36 of a gross salary) and personnel costs from other types contracts (DPP, DPC); for applicant, co-applicant, co-workers (members of team), other professional co-workers (postdocs, PhD students), other</li> </ul>

	<p>collaborators. Other types of contracts (apart from basic employment relationship) may be up to 7% of personnel costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>material costs</b> – consumables, travel costs, services, intangible costs, costs of IPR, etc.</li> <li>• <b>investments costs</b> – acquisition or depreciation of fixed assets, aliquote part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project (up to 20 % of personnel and material costs)</li> </ul> <p>Indirect costs: up to 20% of direct non-investments costs (overhead inclusive)</p>
Reimbursement	100%
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English, selected information must be provided in Czech
Provider	Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), <a href="http://www.gacr.cz">www.gacr.cz</a> , Project submission – GRIS application: <a href="https://www.gris.cz/">https://www.gris.cz/</a> Questions: helpdesk: <a href="mailto:info.gacr.cz">info.gacr.cz</a>
Call identifier	GAČR JUN STAR 2021
Information	JUNIOR STAR projects are focused on the support of excellent early-career researchers (max. 8 year from PhD) with the aim of supporting excellent basic research while provide an opportunity for the early-career researchers with an original research topic to build an independent group with several co-workers and modern equipment, that will enrich the recent structure of the basic research in CR.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Standard project call and International project call in particular year, one person may apply for 1 project as main applicant and for 1 project as co-applicant.</li> <li>• The same person may apply in EXPRO call and JUNIOR STAR call once as a main applicant and once as a co-applicant (possible in EXPRO call only).</li> <li>• If funding approved for more proposals, this person may implement <u>exclusively</u> either 1 EXPRO project, or 1 JUNIOR STAR project, or Standard and International projects as stated in previous paragraph (1 as applicant, 1 as co-applicant).</li> <li>• Recommended workload is at least <b>0,5 full-time equivalent (FTE) for applicant and other professional co-workers</b>. This request is not applicable to the technical and administrative staff as well as to master and bachelor students.</li> <li>• Zero workload is not acceptable. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by GAČR cannot exceed 1 FTE.</li> <li>• Postdoc is a person who defended the PhD in less than 8 years before the starting date of the project (2.1.2013 – 1.1.2021). Career breaks as maternity leave, parental leave and long-term illness are excluded from the limit.</li> <li>• Rewards and bonuses are not eligible personnel costs</li> <li>• An international experience of the applicant needs to be describe in Parts A and D.</li> <li>• Permitted attachments (to be uploaded only to the GRIS application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a copy of PhD diploma</li> <li>- a Letter of Intent confirming foreign cooperation or commitment to perform the necessary work at a foreign laboratory</li> <li>- a copy of documents confirming a significant international experience</li> <li>- a list of foreign workplaces that shall not be addressed with a request for evaluation</li> <li>- An offer from a supplier comprising the proper identification of supplier, the supplied items and the preliminary price – only if the supply from a single supplier represents higher value than 500 thous. CZK/project;</li> <li>- Special licences – if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Proposal consists of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application forms are available on-line at GRIS web application <a href="http://gris.cz">http://gris.cz</a>.</li> <li>• Project proposal consists of following parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A</b> - basic identification data, abstract (1100 characters) a aims of the project (300 characters);</li> <li>- <b>B</b> - total funding, breakdown of financial items, incl. justification, detailed structure of personnel costs;</li> <li>- <b>C</b> - justification of project proposal (up to 15 pages; 6MB)</li> <li>- <b>D</b> - CV and bibliography of the applicant; (up to 2 pages/person; 1 MB)</li> <li>- <b>E</b> – information on other projects of the applicant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Project proposal has to be converted to PDF format and submitted via <b>data box GAČR</b> with identifier <b>ntq92qs</b> latest by the deadline (ensured by project office).</li> <li>• Project proposal cannot be modified after the final PDF version is generated! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- breach of the electronic seal constitutes the reason for the rejection of the project proposal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A Statutory declaration will be submitted by the Project Office.</li> </ul>
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project aim (breakthrough character and prospective impact, ambitious intention, high risk/high gain);</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed methodology of implementation (conception, preparation and adequacy of the proposed methodology, including the time schedule of the implementation)</li> <li>Competence and prerequisites of applicants and research team members (significant international experience of applicants, scientific results)</li> <li>Readiness of the applicant to carry out the grant project (technical and institutional facilities);</li> <li>Adequacy of proposed costs.</li> </ul> <p>Evaluation of project proposals is carried out in evaluation panels and discipline committees of GA ČR: (1<sup>st</sup> stage - 4 expert reviews by panel members + panel evaluation; 2<sup>nd</sup> stage - assessment from at least two foreign experts + panel evaluation).</p>
Research areas	All scientific fields and disciplines of basic research.
Call workshop	Project office will organize a seminar following the official seminar of the GA ČR. We will inform you about the internal seminar date as soon as possible.
IOCB contact	<p>Please, inform Project office about your intention to apply by <b>Wed 1 Apr 2020</b>. Do not hesitate to reach us with your questions, concerns or help request.</p> <p>Contact us at: <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>; phone +420_220 183 266 or +420_220 183 179 or +420_220 183 229</p>
Download documents	<p>GACR JUN STAR 2021 Souhrn  (in Czech)</p> <p>GACR JUN STAR 2021 Summary  (in English)</p> <p>GACR JUN STAR 2021 Zadávací dokumentace  (in Czech)</p> <p>GACR JUN STAR 2021 Tender document  (in English)</p>