






Deadline	<b>Weds 29 June 2022 12:00 CET (IOCB deadline Fri 24 June 2022)</b>
Call name	<b>AZV: Applied Health Research Support Program for 2020 -2026 (Program na podporu zdravotnického aplikovaného výzkumu na léta 2020 – 2026) Call for the 2023-2026 period</b>
www	<a href="http://www.azvcr.cz/aktuality/vyhlaseni-jednostupnove-verejne-souteze-o-ucelovou-podporu-mz-na-leta-2023-2026">http://www.azvcr.cz/aktuality/vyhlaseni-jednostupnove-verejne-souteze-o-ucelovou-podporu-mz-na-leta-2023-2026</a>
Focused on	Research projects with outputs applicable in healthcare with a focus on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ageing of the population</li> <li>• lifestyle diseases</li> <li>• infections and antimicrobial resistance</li> <li>• development of new biotechnologies</li> <li>• finding new molecules with therapeutic effects</li> <li>• information and communication technologies in health care</li> </ul>
PI	Senior researcher, junior researcher (Ph.D. degree is required) Program is divided into two subprograms: 1) early career researchers (applicant and his/her team - maximum 35 years in the year of project submission) 2) other researchers
Eligible organisation	Research institutions, universities, university hospitals & specialized institutes; enterprises, and other legal entities dealing with research. Project proposal comprises only one applicant (one institution). Participation of one or more co-applicant(s) is possible.
Target group	Research teams: senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs, students, technicians, enterprises representatives;
Expected outputs	At least one major and one secondary result; alternatively two major results or one result published in a prestigious international journal (1 <sup>st</sup> quartile or 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> decile according to Methodology 17+) is required. For proposals requesting support exceeding 12 M CZK at least 2 major and 1 secondary R&D results are required. Major results defined as: peer-reviewed scientific article (J <sub>imp</sub> Article), utility model (F); prototype, functional sample (G); patent (P); software (R); methodology, treatment procedure (N); pilot operation, proven technology (Z); Secondary results defined as: peer-reviewed scientific article (J <sub>imp</sub> Review, Letter; J <sub>sc</sub> ); professional book (B); chapter in a book (C); Other results defined as: peer-review article (J <sub>ost</sub> ); organization of a conference (M) or a workshop (W); others results (O).
Call opens	16 May 2022
IOCB deadline	<b>Fri 24 June 2022</b>
Final deadline	<b>Wed 29 June 2022 12: 00 CET</b>
Evaluation results	24 Feb 2023
Signature of agreement	Mar/Apr 2023
Earliest date of implementation	01 May 2023
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2026 latest date of project termination
Sustainability	The implementation plan
Reporting	Annual reports: on 15 Jan of the year following the calendar year being reported on; a final report 31 Jan 2027
Project duration (min-max)	<b>01 May 2022 – 31 Dec 2026 (44 months)</b>
Allocation for the call	Total 1 300 M CZK (2023: 200 M CZK)
Project budget (min-max)	Not specified
Success rate	<b>19,3% (2021)</b>
Eligible costs	<u>Direct costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Personnel costs</b> – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,358 x gross salary) and personnel costs from other types of contracts (apart from basic</li> </ul>

	<p>employment relationship - DPP, DPC); for applicant, co-applicant, team members (researchers, students), technical and administrative staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other operational costs</b> – material costs, travel, intangible costs, costs of other services, costs of clinical and experimental studies, patent and licensing costs;</li> <li>• <b>Investments costs</b> – acquisition or depreciation of tangible assets - aliquot part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect costs:</b> overheads of up to 20% of the sum of personnel and other operating costs</p>
Reimbursement	<p>Research organizations: 100%</p> <p>Enterprises: 100% basic research; industrial research 50-70% ; experimental development 25-45%</p>
Mode of funding	ex-ante (payment within 60 calendar days from signing the agreement or within 60 calendar days from 1 January)
Language of application	Czech and English
Provider	<p>Czech Health Research Council – Agentura pro zdravotnický výzkum (AZV ČR); <a href="http://www.azvcr.cz/">http://www.azvcr.cz/</a>; Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic <a href="http://www.mzcr.cz/">www.mzcr.cz</a>;</p> <p>ISVP online system: <a href="http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/">http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/</a>; Helpdesk: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@azvcr.cz">helpdesk@azvcr.cz</a>; Ms. Lenka Krafkova; <a href="mailto:veda@mzcr.cz">veda@mzcr.cz</a>; <a href="mailto:lenka.krafkova@mzcr.cz">lenka.krafkova@mzcr.cz</a>; +420 224 972 318</p> <p>Technical assistance for the ISVP: <a href="mailto:helpdesk.registry@uzis.cz">helpdesk.registry@uzis.cz</a>; +420 222 269 999</p>
Call identifier	AZV VES2023
Call info	<p>The AZV supports applied research projects in healthcare that aim to solve problems related to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human diseases. The project may also include necessary basic research activities if they are essential for obtaining the results of applied research.</p>
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project may also include necessary basic research activities, if they are immediately followed by applied research activities (these must form the major part of the project). The declared result of the project proposal must be clearly focused on the use in healthcare, its applicability and a clear impact on healthcare must be demonstrated.</li> <li>• The project proponent / co-proposer must have a Ph.D. or its equivalent.</li> <li>• A single person may submit no more than two Project Proposals within this public tender, and may only be in the role of the Applicant in one of the Proposals, and in the role of the co-Applicant in the other.</li> <li>• A minimal workload of at least <b>0,2 full-time equivalent (FTE)</b> is required <b>for the applicant (PI)</b> and the <b>co-applicants (co-PI)</b>. Zero workload (FTE) is not permitted. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by AZV cannot exceed 1 FTE.</li> <li>• Travel costs per project: in the first year - max 80 000 CZK, in the following years – max 150 000 CZK per year.</li> <li>• The project description (part C1) must have following structure: introduction, project description (formulation of the hypothesis, content of the project, description of the project goal(s) and relationship to the program), methodology, time line, expected results, collaborations, information on (personnel and material technical) readiness of the applicant, the co-applicants and their institutions (incl. taking into account gender equality within HR Award etc), possibilities for cooperation(s), justification of the participation of all co-applicants and collaborators, references).</li> <li>• Permitted attachments (for details see page 29 of the Tender Documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- affidavits and permitted documents (Project Office);</li> <li>- special licenses - if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence;</li> <li>- a list of foreign institutions that shall not be asked to evaluate the proposal;</li> <li>- a list of 3 suitable opponents;</li> <li>- a quote from a supplier comprising the proper identification of supplier, the supplied items and the preliminary price – required if a single supplier represent a value higher than 500,000 CZK/project;</li> <li>- proof of co-financing (affidavit)</li> <li>- unsigned draft of consortium agreement - if relevant (Project Office);</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Adding additional attachments will be regarded as grounds for exclusion of the project proposal for formal reasons.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>1) Project proposals must be prepared via the ISVP online system (<a href="http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/">http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/</a>)</p> <p>The project proposal consists of following parts:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A</b> – basic project information and abstract (abstract: 2 000 characters incl. spaces; title: 250 characters; three keywords; aims: 2 000 characters, time line, expected project results, applicant and co-applicants contact details: ID ORCID, specification of the research dataset)</li> <li>• <b>B</b> - Budget tables and breakdown of financial items, incl. justification (in Czech)</li> <li>• <b>C1</b> - Project description in English – max 10 p (font size 11); 3MB</li> <li>• <b>C2</b> – An estimation of the total number of expected results</li> <li>• <b>D1</b> - CV of PI(s) in English – max 2 p per PI; 1 MB</li> <li>• <b>D2</b> - PI(s) bibliography (incl. 8 most significant results)</li> <li>• <b>E</b> - Information on other projects of PI(s) in the last three years</li> <li>• The project proposal has to be filled out in the ISVP online system, converted to PDF format and sent by email to the Project Office on: <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a> who will submit it to AZV via its <b>data box</b>.</li> <li>• The Statutory declaration will be submitted by the Project Office</li> <li>• The project proposal cannot be modified after the final PDF version is generated! - breach of the electronic seal constitutes a reason for the rejection of the project proposal.</li> </ul>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Quality of the applicant (professional abilities and results achieved; institutional and technical facilities)</p> <p>Quality of the project (project aims, methodological approach, outputs, foreign collaboration, compliance with the National R&amp;D&amp;I priorities).</p>
Research areas	Health sciences in three topics: The origin and development of diseases; New diagnostic and therapeutic methods; Epidemiology and prevention of the most serious diseases.
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IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply.</p> <p>For new applicant we will open a user account in the ISVP application for you.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help.</p> <p>Contact us at: <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a></p>
Download documents	<p><a href="#">AZV2023 Summary</a>  (in English)</p> <p><a href="#">AZV2023 Souhrn</a>  (in Czech)</p> <p><a href="#">AZV2023 Guidelines</a>  (in Czech)</p>