



Deadline	Thu 29 June 2023 12:00 CEST (IOCB deadline Thu 22 June 2023)
Call name	AZV: Applied Health Research Support Program for 2024 -2030 (Program na podporu zdravotnického aplikovaného výzkumu na léta 2024 – 2030) Call for the 2024-2027 period
www	https://www.azvcr.cz/vyhlaseni-jednostupnove-verejne-souteze-o-ucelovou-podporu-mz-na-leta-2024-2027/
Focused on	<p>Research projects with outputs applicable in healthcare with a focus on the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health, incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Socio-economic aspects of healthcare - Digitalization of healthcare system - Demographic changes and care for the elderly - Healthcare - Promoting health literacy and patient orientation - Health promotion and prevention - Global Health • Pathogenesis and development of diseases, incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metabolic and endocrine diseases - Diseases of the Circulatory System - Cancer - Chronic lung diseases - Blood diseases - Nervous and Mental Diseases - Musculoskeletal and inflammatory diseases - Immunopathological diseases - Infectious disease - Diseases of the perinatal period and childhood • Innovative solutions for medicine, incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personalized medicine and new diagnostic and theranostic procedures - Low-Molecular-Weight Pharmaceuticals - Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products - Biological medicines, including prophylactic and therapeutic vaccines - New drug formulations - Research and development of new medical devices and equipment - Innovative research in surgery including transplantation - Telemedicine and eHealth - Innovative practices in palliative and supportive care
PI	<p>Senior researcher, junior researcher (Ph.D. degree is required)</p> <p>Program is divided into two subprograms:</p> <p>1) early career researchers (applicant and his/her team - maximum 8 years from their Ph.D. award, a period which can be extended by time spent on maternity, parental or long-term sick leave)</p> <p>2) other researchers</p>
Eligible organisation	<p>Research institutions, universities, university hospitals & specialized institutes; enterprises, and other legal entities dealing with research.</p> <p>Project proposal comprises only one applicant (one institution). Participation of one or more co-applicant(s) is possible.</p>
Target group	Research teams: senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs, students, technicians, enterprises representatives;
Expected outputs	<p>At least one major and one secondary result; alternatively two major results or one result of the Jimp type published in a prestigious international journal (IF in the 1st quartile (Q1) according to WOS) is required.</p> <p>For proposals requesting support exceeding 12 M CZK at least 2 major and 1 secondary R&D results are required; alt: three major results; alt. one major result of the Jimp type published in a journal with IF in the first decile (D1).</p> <p>Major results defined as: peer-reviewed scientific article (J_{imp} Article), utility model (F); prototype, functional sample (G); patent (P); software (R); methodology, treatment procedure (N); pilot operation, proven technology (Z);</p>

	<p>Secondary results defined as: peer-reviewed scientific article (J_{imp} Review, Letter; J_{sc}); professional book (B); chapter in a book (C); research report, summary research report (V).</p> <p>Other results defined as: peer-review article (J_{ost}); proceedings article (D); organization of a conference (M) or a workshop (W); others results (O).</p>
Call opens	16 May 2023
IOCB deadline	Thu 22 June 2023
Final deadline	Thu 29 June 2023 12:00 CET
Evaluation results	24 Feb 2024
Signature of agreement	Mar/Apr 2024
Earliest date of implementation	01 May 2024
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2027 latest project ending date
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 2028
Project duration (min-max)	01 May 2024 – 31 Dec 2027 (44 months)
Allocation for the call	Total 1 240 M CZK (2024: 220 M CZK)
Project budget (min-max)	Not specified
Success rate	20,7% (2022), 19,3% (2021)
Eligible costs	<p><u>Direct costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,358 x gross salary) and personnel costs from other types of contracts (apart from basic employment relationship - DPP, DPC); for applicant, co-applicant, team members (researchers, students), technical and administrative staff. • Other operational costs – material costs, travel, intangible costs, costs of other services, costs of clinical and experimental studies, patent and licensing costs; • Investments costs – acquisition or depreciation of tangible assets - aliquot part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project <p><u>Indirect costs:</u> 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); http://www.azvcr.cz/; Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic www.mzcr.cz;</p> <p>ISVP online system: http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/; Helpdesk: helpdesk@azvcr.cz;</p> <p>Technical assistance for the ISVP: helpdesk.registry@uzis.cz; +420 222 269 999</p>
Call identifier	AZV VES2024
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"> • 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. • The project proponent / co-proposer must have a Ph.D. or its equivalent. • 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. • A minimal workload of at least 0,2 full-time equivalent (FTE) is required for the applicant (PI) and the co-applicants (co-PI). Zero workload (FTE) is not permitted. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by AZV cannot exceed 1 FTE. • Junior projects (subprogram 2) cannot exceed a budget of 7 M CZK.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel costs per project: in the first year - max 80 000 CZK, in the following years – max 150 000 CZK per year. • The project description must have the following mandatory outline: introduction, project description (preliminary/pilot data, statement of the project significance and its relevance to the program, hypothesis and objectives of the project, experimental design), 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 GEP, HR Award etc), possibilities for cooperation(s), justification of the participation of all co-applicants and collaborators, risk analysis, brief description of research data to be collected, references). • Permitted attachments (for details see page 29 of the Tender Documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - affidavits and permitted documents (Project Office); - special licenses - if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence; - a list of Czech and foreign institutions that shall not be asked to evaluate the proposal; - a list of 3 suitable opponents; - 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; - proof of co-financing (affidavit) - unsigned draft of consortium agreement - if relevant (Project Office); <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 (http://eregpublic.ksrzis.cz/)</p> <p>The project proposal consists of following parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – 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) • B - Budget tables and breakdown of financial items, incl. justification (in Czech) • C - PI(s) bibliography (incl. 5 most significant results) • D - Information on other projects of PI(s) in the last three years • Project description – Project description in English (attached as PDF) – max 10 p (font size 11); 3MB • CV – CV of PI(s) in English (attached as PDF) – max 2 p per PI; 1 MB • 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: projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz who will submit it to AZV via its data box. • The Statutory declaration will be submitted by the Project Office • The project proposal cannot be modified after the final PDF version is generated! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - breach of the electronic seal constitutes a reason for the rejection of the project proposal.
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&D&I priorities).</p>
Research areas	Health sciences in three topics: Public health, Pathogenesis and development of diseases, Innovative solutions for medicine.
Call workshop	Introduction of the new grant competition within REGON, 7 June 2023 9:00-11:00: https://www.azvcr.cz/predstaveni-vyzvy-ves-2024-na-regon-2023/
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: projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</p>
Download documents	<p>AZV2024 Summary (in English)</p> <p>AZV2024 Souhrn (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2024 Guidelines (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2024 Guidelines (in English)</p>