

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Spain
Partner organisation:	Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
Period:	1.1.2024 – 31.12.2025

Legal framework

The call is based on Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2022 between the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “CAS”) and the Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (hereinafter referred to as “CSIC”), and in accordance with art. 2 par. 2 of the Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Czech Academy of Sciences, as amended, and art. 3 par. 2 of the Statutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Basic definitions

Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between both Parties;
- Stimulation of involvement of early career researchers and PhD students;
- Supporting research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future;
- Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure and equipment for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

Eligibility criteria

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Czech side** by the [CAS Institutes](#);
- **On the Spanish side** by the CSIC Institutes.

In case applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent projects realized by the same research teams can be funded.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following a running project with the same team must justify the need for a continuing project and describe outcomes of the running project. This shall be stated in the project proposal form in the part “Description of the project”.

Research team

Each research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher);

- One or more co-investigators.

Research team members are divided into four categories:

- Senior researchers (8 or more years after receiving PhD at the time of submission of the project proposal);
- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 8 years after receiving PhD at the time of submission of the project proposal);
- PhD students;
- Others (e.g. undergraduate students, engineers, technicians).

On the Czech side:

- All members must be employees of the CAS Institutes.
- Out of the whole team, at least 1/3 must be junior researchers or PhD students.

On the Spanish side:

- The responsible of the action may be a CSIC scientific staff whose employment status complies with the instructions set out in the Manual for the management of staff providing services in the institutes, centres and units of the State Agency CSIC.
- Both the CSIC responsible and the participating team members from CSIC can only be part of one proposal in this call, regardless of whether they participate as responsible or as team member.
- The CSIC responsible and the other members of the participating CSIC team must be staff or have a contract compatible with participation in internationalisation networks. Staff from Joint Centres and Associated Units may participate as members of the team.
- The CSIC responsible and the other members of the CSIC team must maintain their employment relationship with CSIC for the duration of the action. Otherwise, they must guarantee the continuity of the action through a substitution that must be approved by the VRI. Exceptionally, team members may participate provided that they maintain their employment relationship with CSIC until the actions in which they are involved in the framework of this programme have been completed.

Financial provisions

Financial contributions shall be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

Up to two (2) two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

On the Czech side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the CAS towards the costs of the Czech research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **CZK 250,000** per mobility project per year (12 months).
- Eligible costs:
 - **Mobility costs** (travel and living expenses);
 - **Research costs** directly related to the project implementation (consumables, services, small equipment, and networking – workshops, conferences organised in the Czech Republic etc.).

- **Min. 50 % of the requested financial contribution must be used to cover mobility costs and must be maintained on the project level as well as yearly.**
- Non-eligible costs: personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 80,000), overheads.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports including use of financial means, justification of costs and possible transfers between categories.

On the Spanish side:

- All expenditure must be carried out in accordance with the proposed work plan and the corresponding budget for a maximum annual allocation of €24,000 per grant (€12,000/annuity) and will be in accordance with the terms of the call.
- All expenses must be adequately detailed in the work plan and be consistent with the proposed activities. Eligible costs are:
 - - Transport, subsistence and accommodation costs for CSIC team trips.
 - - Costs related to the organization of meetings, workshops, seminars and other internationalization activities that take place in Spain (expenses destined to the rental of rooms and audio- visual means).

Project proposal submission

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations.

On the Czech side:

- Project proposals in Czech or English must be complete and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the “KIS” online application.
- The applicant is requested to register in the KIS online application using the following link <https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/register> and fill in a project proposal. After finishing the project proposal, the applicant shall forward it through his/her KIS account to the director of the respective CAS Institute for approval. The director shall approve the project proposal by submitting it to OMS KAV ČR (Division of International Cooperation, Head Office of the CAS) via his/her KIS account. **Bear in mind that project proposals must be submitted by the CAS Institute directors by 15th September 2023 at the latest.**
- Project proposals submitted in any other way, may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data contained in the project proposal pursuant to the relevant Czech legislation;
- Declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise, they will face all the legal consequences.
- Declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
 - [The Code of Ethics for Researchers of the Czech Academy of Sciences;](#)
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.](#)

On the Spanish side:

- Applications shall be submitted simultaneously by the CSIC team and by the foreign teams through the application indicated in each of their institutions, within the period specified in the call.
- The proposal and the documentation required at CSIC will be submitted in a single application by the CSIC responsible and project coordinator, through the telematic application of calls on the CSIC Intranet: <http://siw.csic.es/icv/> "BILATERAL ACTIONS".

- Applications shall be written in English or Spanish, using Times New Roman or Arial font, with a minimum size of 11 point. Applications that do not respect these required norms will be immediately excluded and become ineligible for evaluation. Moreover, application pages that exceed the maximum established page limit will not be considered in the evaluation.
- The application will require the telematic validation by the ICU Head/Manager for its later submission by the applicant.
- The deadline for submission of applications will be **from June 12th to September 15th, 2023**. The reception of applications will end at 24h on the closing day of the call. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the requirements established in this resolution on the closing date will be automatically rejected.
- Once the period for submitting applications has ended, a provisional list of those admitted and excluded will be published on the CSIC intranet. There will be no time period to rectify errors.

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of two-step process:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates submitted project proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
- At the international level, both partner organisations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the project proposals selected for funding. Total number of mobility projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organisations.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - Quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, time schedule, outcomes);
 - State-of-the-art;
 - Innovation potential and perspective to broaden knowledge;
 - Expected mutual benefits for both research institutes;
 - Potential of project results and its possible outreach.
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Justification of collaboration needs;
 - Competence and qualification of research team members;
 - Level of involvement of junior researchers and PhD students;
 - Research teams' complementarity;
 - Previous cooperation.
- **Appropriate project budget.**

Evaluation of the final report

The project results and outputs will be evaluated. For definition of results see the [Methodology for Evaluating Research Organisations and R&D&I Purpose-tied Aid Programmes \(2017+\)](#).

Schedule

20th June 2023

15th September 2023 23:59

Sept./Oct. 2023

November 2023

Nov./Dec.2023

December 2023

Announcement of the call for project proposals

Deadline for submission of project proposals

Completion of the assessment at national level

Completion of the joint assessment at international level

Approval of the final results by both partner organisations

Announcement of results

Please be aware that the date of announcement of the call for submission of project proposals differs **on the CSIC side.**

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