

### **Purpose:**

The IOCB Intramural support is intended to finance the preparatory phases of high risk/high gain projects, as in the Czech funding system it is difficult to obtain funding for higher-risk projects or to test completely new hypotheses. Nevertheless, submitting high risk/high gain projects (e.g. ERC, GA CR EXPRO) it is required that the proposal already contains preliminary "proof-of-principle data". In addition, these innovative ideas require internal support due to intellectual property protection. IOCB Intramural does not replace domestic or European funding systems, and therefore only high quality, high-risk projects that external funding agencies are unwilling to fund due to their high risk are eligible for this support. These may be single or multidisciplinary projects proposed and implemented by a single principal investigator.

### **Eligibility:**

- Only a group leader can be an applicant.
- In the case of multidisciplinary projects, colleagues from other IOCB groups may also be members of the project team.

### **Financial means:**

#### **1) Eligible costs**

- a) Operational costs necessary for the proposed project (i.e., like GA ČR: material costs, service costs and other intangible costs, or travel costs necessary for the implementation of the proposed project).
- (b) Personnel costs for the members of the project team, for the capacity dedicated to the proposed project.

2) Ineligible costs: salary of the group leader, overheads, investment costs, costs of publication and presentation of results, including travel costs to conferences.

The proposed budget for this project must be reasonable and up to the amount necessary for the proposed project. However, the maximum amount is up to the average annual amount of a standard GA CR project in the given field.

### **Proposal requirements:**

#### **1) Application containing the following information:**

- A justification for the application, incl. what the breakthrough of the project is.
- How and why the project will particularly benefit from the IOCB Intramural funding?
- Current limitations/obstacles to receiving external funding for the project.
- Envisaged plan for subsequent a high risk/high gain project proposal.
- Project description
- A short CV of PI and a key team member(s)
- External funding received in the last 5 years.
- A list of publications over the last 5 years.

2) Proposed budget requested from IOCB Intramural support.

**Evaluation criteria:**

- 1) Novelty, ambitiousness and beyond state-of-the-art nature of the project, the ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the project.
  - 2) The applicant's track record
  - 3) The applicant's potential for obtaining external funding for the high risk/high gain project in the future.
- Proposals will be evaluated by a Committee composed of the IOCB Director and external members of the IOCB Board. If necessary, a thematically relevant member(s) of the International Advisory Board may be invited.
  - The primary decision-making process is based on the presentation of the applicant's project to the committee (presentation of the project and answering questions from committee members).

The decision to award the IOCB Intramural lies with the IOCB Director and is based on the recommendation of the evaluation Committee.

**Deadlines and submission procedure:**

- There are **two application deadlines per year: 1 October and 1 May**.
- Project funding will be provided for the October deadline from 1 January of the following year; for the May deadline from 1 July of that calendar year.
- Applications are always made for one year's support.
- Support can be granted for a maximum of three 3 consecutive years.
- The application package should be sent electronically to: [IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz](mailto:IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz)

**Reporting:**

- In case of continuing support, a progress report must be submitted 1 month before the end of the support. The report should be max. 4 pages in length and should summarize the results to date, as well as work plans and a proposed budget for the next phase of the project. The PI must be prepared to present results at the evaluation meeting. Positive evaluation secures financing for another year.
- The final report must be submitted within three months of the end of the IOCB Intramural Support. The report should be approximately 1-2 pages in length and should summarize the results and any plans for further work.
- The reports should be sent electronically to: [IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz](mailto:IOCBgrants@uochb.cas.cz)
- No later than during the second year of IOCB Intramural support, a project proposal based on the results obtained through this support must be submitted to an external funding agency.