

Deadline	Wed 3 Apr 2024, 23:59:59 (IOCB deadline Mon 25 Mar 2024 8am - please respect the interim IOCB deadlines below)
Call name	EXPRO grants 2025
www	https://gacr.cz/en/tenders-for-2025-projects/ https://gacr.cz/expo-2025/
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	Experienced researchers working in the field of basic research. For the submission of the proposal, the necessary condition for the applicant is to be an internationally recognized scientific personality and author (co-author) of recent top-quality publications with a high citation rate. The previous activity of the applicant as the principal investigator of the project funded by the national or international provider is also evaluated.
Eligible organization	Research organizations: research institutes, universities, higher education institutions, and other legal entities seated in CR dealing with research. The project proposal has to be submitted by one main proposer/organization, collaboration with one other partner institution is possible.
Target group	Teams may consist of: researchers in any career stage, postdocs, students, technical and administrative staff. When creating research teams, equal opportunity trends should be taken into account.
Expected outputs	Publications and other outputs of fundamental research (according to Methodology for Evaluating RDI): Peer-reviewed article (J_{imp} , J_{sc}) journals belonging to the first 10% in the field; Book (B); Chapter in a book (C); paper in proceedings (D).
Call opens	Fri 9 Feb 2024
IOCB deadline	Thur 29 Feb 2024 inform us about your intention to apply and your choice of evaluation panel at projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz Thur 7 Mar 2024 budget and justification (exported from GRIS) for checking Thur 14 Mar 2024 formal check of whole proposal except part C1 (the project description) Mon 25 Mar 2024 8am formal check of part C1, followed by sending of final version of the project proposal after approval
Final deadline	Wed 3 Apr 2024, 23:59:59
Evaluation results	31 Oct 2024
Signature of agreement	Subject to the GA ČR procedures.
Earliest date of implementation	1 Jan 2025
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2029
Sustainability	Not applicable
Reporting	Annually: interim financial report (January of the following calendar year); 2,5 years after the start of the project: interim scientific report Final reports: financial (30 days after the project termination) and scientific report (1 year after the project termination). It has to be completed in English.
Project duration (min-max)	5 years
Allocation for the call	800 M CZK/year
Project budget (min-max)	max. 50 M CZK /project
Success rate	10.3 % (2023)

Eligible costs	<p>Direct costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personnel costs – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,348 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 collaborators. Other types of contracts (apart from basic employment relationship) may be up to 7% of the total subsidy. • material costs – consumables, travel costs, services, intangible asset costs, OA publishing costs, costs of data management, costs of IPR, etc. • investments costs – acquisition or depreciation of fixed assets (acquisition cost > 80,000 CZK), aliquote part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project (up to 20 % of personnel and material costs) <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 also be provided in Czech
Provider	Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), www.gacr.cz , Project submission – GRIS application: https://www.gris.cz/ Questions: helpdesk: info.gacr.cz
Call identifier	GAČR EXPRO 2025
Information	The aim of this group of grant projects is to create conditions for development of excellent research, to set standards of excellent science, to enable obtaining necessary knowledge and experience that pays off when submitting highly prestigious European grants. The successful project within the EXPRO grant group will result in a project proposal for one of the main ERC calls for proposals. Only projects that reasonably expect to achieve excellent scientific results of international significance, with a decisive contribution of the research team to their achievement, may be supported.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single person may only submit one EXPRO proposal as an applicant or a co-applicant, or one JUN STAR proposal as an applicant. • A single person who submits an EXPRO project proposal as the applicant or co-applicant may also submit a maximum of two more project proposals (in all competitions launched by the GAČR in a given calendar year), one as an applicant and one as a co-applicant. Tool for verification: https://gacr.cz/soubehy-navrhu-projektu-2024/ • If the applicant of an EXPRO project is successful in more than one public call for proposals, he or she may either carry out only this EXPRO project, or a maximum of two other projects (one as a principal investigator and the other as a co-investigator). • If the applicant withdraws from a public tender, or withdraws from the evaluation process pursuant to the relevant provision of the Rules for International Grant Projects evaluated on a Lead Agency basis (LA Grants) before submitting another Project Proposal which would otherwise cause an overlap of projects contrary to the above provisions, the Project Proposal withdrawn by the applicant shall be treated as if it had never been submitted. Such project proposal will then not count towards the limit of project proposals submitted in a given year. • Recommended workload is at least 0,5 full-time equivalent (FTE) for applicant and other professional co-workers. This request is not applicable to the technical and administrative staff as well as to master and bachelor students. • Zero workload is not acceptable. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by GAČR cannot exceed 1 FTE. • Postdoc is a person who defended the PhD in less than 8 years before the starting date of the project (2.1.2017 – 1.1.2025). Career breaks as maternity leave, parental leave and long-term illness are excluded from the limit. • Rewards and bonuses are not eligible personnel costs • Permitted attachments (to be uploaded only to the GRIS application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Letter of Intent confirming foreign cooperation or commitment to perform the necessary work at a foreign laboratory - a list of foreign institutions that shall not be asked to evaluate the proposal - A quote offer from a supplier comprising the proper identification of supplier, the supplied items and the preliminary price – required if the cost of a single tangible asset exceeds 250,000 CZK or if the service(s) from a single supplier represent a value higher than 750,000 CZK/project. Should the total price of the supplies exceed 750 000 Kč, two other competing quotes shall be submitted for each purchase, along with an explanation of which of the offers was selected and why. Competitive quotes need not be submitted in cases where the selected supplier is the only supplier whose offer meets the required parameters necessary.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special licences – if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence)
Proposal consists of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application forms are available on-line at GRIS web application http://gris.cz. • Project proposal consists of following parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A - basic identification data, abstract (1100 characters) a aims of the project (300 characters); - B - total funding, breakdown of financial items, incl. justification for the entire duration of the project, detailed structure of personnel costs (English); - C (C1+C2) - justification of project proposal (C1: up to 15 pages; min font size 11pts.; 6MB; English) - D (D1+D2) - CV of the applicant and co-applicants; (D1: up to 2 pages/person; min font size 11pts.; 1 MB; English), bibliography and other achievements of the Applicant and Co-applicant (D2; English) - E - information on other projects of the Applicant and Co-applicant (English) • Project proposal has to be converted to PDF format and sent by email to the Project Office on: projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz who will submit it to GA CR via its data box. • Project proposal cannot be modified after the final PDF version is generated! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - breach of the electronic seal constitutes the reason for the rejection of the project proposal • The Statutory declaration will be submitted by the Project Office.
Evaluation criteria	<p>Originality, quality and ground-breaking ideas of the project proposal, competence and prerequisites of the applicant or co-applicant and their research team members to carry out the project, with regard to their technical and institutional facilities are assessed.</p> <p>Evaluation of project proposals is carried out in evaluation panels and discipline committees of GA ČR: (1st stage - 4 expert reviews by panel members + panel evaluation; 2nd stage - assessment from at least two foreign experts + panel evaluation).</p>
Research areas	All scientific fields and disciplines of basic research.
Call workshop	<p>Seminars with the GAČR President 23 Feb 2024 (Prague and online) and 6 Mar 2024 (Brno and online)</p> <p>https://gacr.cz/seminare-s-predsedou-ga-cr-v-praze-a-brne/</p>
IOCB contact	<p>Please, inform Project office about your intention to apply.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to reach us with your questions, concerns or help request.</p> <p>Contact us on: projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz; Veronika Palečková, ☎: 266; Jitka Šilerová, ☎: 229; Blanka Collis, 📠: 527; Lenka Štěrbová, 📠: 179</p>
Download documents	<p>GACR EXPRO 2025 Souhrn (in Czech)</p> <p>GACR EXPRO 2025 Summary (in English)</p> <p>GACR EXPRO 2025 Zadávací dokumentace (in Czech)</p> <p>GACR EXPRO 2025 Tender document (in English)</p> <p>GAČR EXPRO 2025 Změny oproti minulé výzvě (in Czech)</p> <p>GAČR EXPRO 2025 Changes compared to the previous call (in English)</p>