

Deadline	Wed 26 June 2024 12:00 CEST (IOCB deadline Wed 19 June 2024)
Call name	AZV: Applied Health Research Support Program for 2024 -2030 (Program na podporu zdravotnického aplikovaného výzkumu na léta 2024 – 2030) Call for the 2025-2028 period
www	https://www.azvcr.cz/vyhlaseni-jednostupnove-verejne-souteze-o-ucelovou-podporu-mz-na-leta-2025-2028/
Focused on	Projects with an application output applicable in healthcare. The project may also include basic research that is necessary to obtain the results of applied research.
PI	Senior or Junior researchers with a Ph.D. or equivalent The programme is divided into 2 sub-programmes (differentiated according to the career stage of the applicant): 1) Standard Projects (S) 2) Junior research Project (J): (applicant - maximum of 8 years after the award of the academic degree Ph.D. or its equivalent, possibly extended by time on maternity, parental or long-term sick leave).
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 of the Jimp type published in a prestigious international journal (IF in the 1 st quartile (Q1) according to WOS) is required. 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). 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); 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). Other results defined as: peer-review article (J _{ost}); proceedings article (D); organization of a conference (M) or a workshop (W); others results (O).
Call opens	14 May 2024
IOCB deadline	Web 19 June 2024
Final deadline	Wed 26 June 2024 12:00 CEST
Evaluation results	21 Feb 2025
Signature of agreement	Mar/Apr 2025
Earliest date of implementation	01 May 2025
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2028 latest project ending date
Sustainability	The implementation plan
Reporting	Interim reports (every year around mid-January of the following calendar year, except after the first year of the project) Final report. incl. Implementation plan (31 January 2029)
Project duration (min-max)	01 May 2025 – 31 Dec 2028 (44 months)
Allocation for the call	220 M CZK for year 2025
Project budget (min-max)	Standard projects (S): no limits; higher number of outputs required for proposal with planned subsidies above 12 M CZK Junior Research Projects (J): the limit is 7 M. CZK
Success rate	S: 26,6 %; J:19,2 %
Eligible costs	<u>Direct costs:</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,348 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>Indirect costs: 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; 271 019 257; Technical assistance for the ISVP: helpdesk.registry@uzis.cz; +420 222 269 999</p>
Call identifier	AZV VES2025
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 declared result of the project proposal must be clearly focused on the use in healthcare. • The project proponent / co-proposer must have a Ph.D. or its equivalent and or obtain it no later than the date of signing the project agreement. • All parts of the project proposal are to be completed in English unless otherwise stated (some parts are required in both English and Czech). • 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 0,1 FTE is required for the co-applicants (co-PI) for the entire duration of project implementation. Zero workload (FTE) is not permitted. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by AZV cannot exceed 1 FTE. • - It is necessary to follow the required structure of the Project description part (see AZV2025 Project description_structure attachment) • 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 structure of this part. • It is necessary to provide information on the Gender Equality Principles (GEP, and HR Award) in the application on the proposer/co-proposer tab. • - In section C - Bibliography, a list of research results for the last five years is required (free form in PDF, in English), for publications outputs highlighting of the author's status (first, corresponding), IF of the journal (currently valid), relevant quartile, decile according to WoS; • Permitted attachments (for details see page 28 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 experts who shall not be asked to evaluate the proposal; - a quote from a supplier comprising the proper identification of supplier, the supplied items and the preliminary price, exchange rate– 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);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding additional attachments will be regarded as grounds for exclusion of the project proposal for formal reasons.
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 (in Czech and in English)) • B - Budget tables and breakdown of financial items, incl. justification (in English)) • C - applicant/co-applicant bibliography (incl. 5 most significant results, list of results for 5 years (PDF attachment), total number of citations, h-index, history of international collaboration and contribution to the field (1000 characters each)) • D - Information on other projects of applicant/co-applicant in the last three years • Project description – Project description in English (attached as PDF) – max 10 p (font size 11); 3MB • CV – CV of applicant/co-applicant in English (attached as PDF) – max 2 p per PI; 1 MB • The project proposal filled 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! - breach of the electronic seal constitutes a reason for the rejection of the project proposal.
Evaluation criteria	<p>Quality of the applicant/co-applicant and composition of the research team (professional skills, track record, institutional and technical background);</p> <p>Quality of the project proposal (focus and relevance of the project, quality of the project proposal, feasibility and other aspects of the project, including previous cooperation with the donor).</p> <p>Appropriateness of the proposed eligible costs in relation to the expected results, level of specification and justification of the items</p>
Research areas	Health sciences in three topics: Public health, Pathogenesis and development of diseases, Innovative solutions for medicine.
Call workshop	
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> <p>Veronika Palečková, ☎: 266</p> <p>Jitka Šilerová, ☎: 229</p>
Download documents	<p>AZV2025 Summary (in English)</p> <p>AZV2025 Souhrn (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2025 Zadavaci dokumentace (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2025 Tender documentation (in English)</p> <p>AZV2025 Popis projektu_struktura (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2025 Project description_structure (in English)</p>