

IOCB postdoc fellowship – frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. I am a Czech candidate (Czech national) – do I need experience from a foreign institution?

Thanks to the fact that IOCB has already established its international character and standing, we no longer feel the need to artificially distinguish between Czech and foreign applicants for the IOCB postdoctoral fellowship (Fellowship). The same criteria apply to all, and we look for scientifically strong candidates who have successfully completed their PhD studies at respected academic institutions outside the IOCB.

2. How long after the award of my PhD can I apply (length of postdoctoral experience to date)?

Seven years from award of the earliest PhD degree (time limit can be extended by periods of maternity/parental leave).

3. How long can the candidate have been working at the IOCB before application?

Up to 9 months.

4. Am I eligible for IOCB postdoctoral fellowship if I did my PhD at IOCB?

No, your PhD must be from institutions other than IOCB.

5. How long after Fellowship granting can employment at IOCB start?

No later than 1 year, except in cases of maternity/parental leave (18 months extension). If a later start is intended, the committee will require a new proposal to be submitted.

6. When should I request the 1-year extension to my Fellowship?

Annually by April 1st and October 1st.

7. When should the final report be submitted?

By one month after the Fellowship end date. If the contract ends with the end of the Fellowship, report must be submitted before leaving the IOCB.

8. Can I also be funded from external/grant project (a team member) while being supported by the IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowship? If so, is there a limit to the capacity I can participate in the project?

Yes, it is possible to be involved in the grant project up to a total of 0.25 FTE. You must inform the Commission of your involvement in the grant project by sending an e-mail to the following address: fellowship@uochb.cas.cz

9. What about the payment of my salary if I participate in a grant project?

Participation in a grant project can only be in a form of a part-time-capacity only, either

with no salary from the project (salary paid only by the IOCB Fellowship) or with the relevant part of the salary paid by the project. However, the total capacity of the Postdoc cannot exceed 1 FTE at IOCB Prague.

10. What is the correct procedure for using the allocated travel allowance for IOCB Postdoctoral fellowship holder?

In case of a travel assignment, ask the group leader for the identification code for the IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowship ("9992/group code") and fill in this code in the "Funding source (code)" field of the travel order. The actual cost of your travel will be reimbursed to the group leader budget by TEA once the trip has been completed.