



Deadline	Fri 21 March 2025 12:00 CEST (IOCB deadline Fri 14 March 2025)
Call name	AZV: Applied Health Research Support Program for 2024 -2030 (Program na podporu zdravotnického aplikovaného výzkumu na léta 2024 – 2030) Call for the 2026-2029 period
www	https://www.azvcr.cz/vyhlaseeni-jednostupnove-verejne-souteze-o-ucelovou-podporu-mz-na-leta-2026-2029/
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). The applicant by means of an affidavit documents these facts (PhD award, parental leave, etc.).
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). <u>Major results defined as:</u> 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); the Applicant must be listed as an author or member of the author's team <u>Secondary results defined as:</u> peer-reviewed scientific article (J _{imp} Review, Letter; J _{sc}); professional book (B); chapter in a book (C); research report, summary research report (V). <u>Other results defined as:</u> peer-review article (J _{ost}); proceedings article (D); organization of a conference (M) or a workshop (W); others results (O).
Call opens	3 Feb 2025
IOCB deadline	Fri 14 March 2025
Final deadline	Fri 21 March 2025 12:00 CEST
Evaluation results	16 Nov 2025
Signature of agreement	Nov/Dec 2025
Earliest date of implementation	01 Jan 2026
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2029
Sustainability	The implementation plan
Reporting	Interim reports (every year around mid-January of the following calendar year) Final report. incl. Implementation plan (31 January 2030)
Project duration (min-max)	01 Jan 2026 – 31 Dec 2029 (48 months)
Allocation for the call	200 M CZK for year 2026
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 8.5 M. CZK
Success rate	S: 26,6 %; J:19,2 % (AZV VES2024)
Eligible costs	Direct costs:

	<p>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; Remuneration not exceeding 25% of the annual maximum of the highest wage scale and the maximum allowable personal allowance in the concerned IOCB tariff is also eligible.</p> <p>Other operational costs – material costs, travel, intangible costs, costs of other services, costs of clinical and experimental studies, patent and licensing costs; conference fee, publication and editorial costs including Open Access, research data management costs - creation of DMP</p> <p>Investments costs – acquisition or depreciation of tangible assets - aliquot part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project</p> <p>Indirect costs: overheads of up to 25% of the eligible direct costs</p>
Reimbursement	<p>Research organizations: 100%</p> <p>Enterprises: 100% basic research; industrial research 50-70%, in case of effective cooperation 80%; experimental development 25-45%, in case of effective cooperation 40-60%</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;</p> <p>271 019 257; Technical assistance for the ISVP: helpdesk.registry@uzis.cz;</p> <p>+420 222 269 999</p>
Call identifier	AZV VES2026
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 100,000 CZK, in the following years – max 200,000 CZK per year. • The project description must have the following mandatory structure of this part (see attachment AZV2026-Project description_structure (EN)). • 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 32 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;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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); • 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- must not be identical to the submitted/implemented project; three keywords; general 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 the 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! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. The methods and criteria for evaluating project proposals are described in detail in the Tender documentation (pages 29-32) and in the General rules (pages 20-24).</p>
Research areas	Health sciences in three topics: Public health, Pathogenesis and development of diseases, Innovative solutions for medicine. Detailed information on the sub-areas of research is described on pages 7-12 of the General Rules.
Call workshop	Seminar on the new competition "VES2026" – Feb 18 2025 (in person and on-line)
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>AZV2026 Summary (in English)</p> <p>AZV2026 Souhrn (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2026 Zadavaci dokumentace (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2026 Tender documentation (in English)</p> <p>AZV2026 Všeobecná pravidla (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2026 General rules (in English)</p> <p>AZV2026 Popis projektu_struktura (in Czech)</p> <p>AZV2026 Project description_structure (in English)</p>