

Deadline	Thu 3 Apr 2025, 23:59:59 (IOCB deadline Mon 31 Mar 2025 - please respect the interim IOCB deadlines below)
Call name	POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP – INCOMING 2026
www	https://gacr.cz/pif-in-2026/
Focused on	Support of projects in basic research focused on following scientific fields: a) Technical Sciences; b) Physical Sciences; c) Medical and Biological sciences; d) Social Sciences and Humanities; e) Agricultural and Biological-Environmental Sciences.
PI	Applicant up to 4 years from Ph.D. defense (30 Sep 2021 – 30 Sep 2025); excluding the maternity leave and parental leave, sick leave for long-term sickness and other long-term career breaks on legal basis; to be sufficiently proved. The Applicant shall explain the above circumstances in parts A and D1 of the Project Proposal. Long-term experience abroad - A minimum of 2 of years out of the last 3 years before 2025 as a doctoral student abroad or employment with a scientific institution abroad (or those two combined) shall be deemed long-term experience abroad. This excludes maternity leave and parental leave, sick leave for long-term sickness and other long-term career breaks on legal basis; to be sufficiently proved. Long-term experience abroad must be completed and documented by 30 Sep 2025 at the latest
Eligible organisation	Research organizations: research institutes, universities, higher education institutions, and other legal entities seated in CR dealing with research. Project proposal comprises only one applicant (one institution). Participation of co-applicants is not possible.
Target group	The POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP is a single-investigator project, and the Investigator is expected to work on this POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP exclusively. If the nature of the Project so requires, the Project may involve technical staff and/or master's programme students (the total workload of other team members cannot exceed 1,00 FTE). When creating research teams, equal opportunity trends should be taken into account. As of the date of the publication of the Tender Notice, the Applicant may not be employed by the Organization or any other scientific institution in the Czech Republic. The employment must be established at the start date of the Grant Project, exceptionally, within 4 months of the execution of the date on which the Agreement on Grant Funding takes force and effect or the Decision to Provide Funding is issued at the latest.
Expected outputs	Publications and other outputs of fundamental research (according to Methodology for Evaluating of RDI): Peer-reviewed article (J_{imp} , J_{sc} , J_{ost}); Book (B); book chapter (C); paper in proceedings (D).
Call opens	12 Feb 2025
IOCB deadline	Tue 25 Feb 2025 inform us about your intention to apply and your choice of evaluation panel at projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz Tue 4 Mar 2025 budget and justification (exported from GRIS) for checking Tue 18 Mar 2025 formal check of whole proposal except part C1 (the project description) Thu 27 Mar 2025 formal check of part C1 Mon 31 Mar 2025 a final version of the project proposal for submission
Final deadline	Thu 3 Apr 2025, 23:59:59
Evaluation results	28 Nov 2025
Signature of agreement	Subject to GA ČR procedures.
Earliest date of implementation	1 Jan 2026 (01 Oct 2026 at the latest) The Investigator's first day of the Fellowship abroad shall be deemed the launch date of the Project, in accordance with the Project
Latest date of implementation	1095 days from the start of the project
Sustainability	Not applicable
Reporting	Periodical financial report: annually (for each started calendar year of the project implementation) Interim scientific report after 2 years of the project duration. Final scientific report within 1 year of the project conclusion. The submission of this report may be postponed by up to six months upon the request.
Project duration (min-max)	3 years (1095 days)

Allocation for the call	90 M CZK/year
Project budget (min-max)	No limits defined
Success rate	18,4 % (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); max. 400 CZK/hour; for an applicant, other professional co-workers (master's programme students only), other technical staff. • material costs – consumables, low-value assets – a small equipment (up to 80,000 CZK), travel costs (for an applicant only), services, intangible asset costs, OA publishing costs, costs of data management, costs of IPR, etc. <p>Indirect costs: up to 20% of direct costs.</p>
Reimbursement	100%
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English, only the title of project also 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 PIF IN 2026
Information	The goal of the POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP group of projects is to motivate excellent Czech scientists who have long-term international experience, and are in the early stages of their careers, to carry out their own “Excellence Project” at an institution in the Czech Republic for the duration of the Project, i.e. 3 years; to facilitate the transfer of exceptionally talented postdocs from other countries to Czech research organizations, and/or the return of highly talented Czech scientists back to the Czech Republic after completing their scientific missions abroad.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single person may only submit as an applicant one POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP project proposal, or only one JUNIOR STAR project proposal, or only one Restart Grants. • A single person who submits a POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP project proposal as the applicant may also submit a maximum of two more project proposals with the start of the project in 2026 (in all competitions launched by the GA), one as an applicant and one as a co-applicant. • If the applicant of a POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP project is successful in more than one public call for proposals, he/she may either only carry out this POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP project, or a maximum of two other projects (one as principal investigator and one as co-investigator). Tool for verification CZ • 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 Principle (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. • The Investigator in the POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP may not be the Investigator, Co-investigator or any other participant involved in any role in any other project funded by GAČR. • Throughout his or her involvement in the POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP, the Investigator may not participate as Applicant or Co-applicant in any other tender or call made by GAČR, except for Proposals submitted in the final year of the Project. • The Project Proposal may already be submitted before the Applicant's Ph.D. defence, and the Investigator must enclose an affidavit with the Project Proposal, and hand in the certificate of earning an academic title (Ph.D. or equivalent) to GAČR on or before 10 Oct 2025. • If the nature of the Project so requires, the Project may involve technical staff and/or master's programme students. • Required workload is at least 0,7 full-time equivalent (FTE) for the applicant. • The sum of the workloads (FTE) of all other Professional Co-workers (master's programme students and/or technical staff) dedicated to the Project may not exceed 1.00 FTE. Personnel costs from other types contracts (DPP, DPC) are excluded from this limit. • Zero workload is not acceptable. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by GAČR cannot exceed 1,0 FTE. • The gross salary of the applicant: up to a max. 65,000 CZK per month (for a workload of 1,0 FTE).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The other team members (master's programme students and/or technical staff) the gross salary up to a max. 40,000 CZK per month (for a workload of 1,0 FTE). • Rewards and bonuses are not eligible personnel costs • The international experience of the applicant needs to be described in Parts A and D1. • Permitted attachments (to be uploaded only to the GRIS application) • A copy of PhD diploma • A list of foreign institutions that 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 – required if the service(s) from a single supplier represent a value higher than 750,000 CZK/project; • Special licences – if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence). • The POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP as a Project may only be awarded to an individual only once. Exceptions are described in the Tender document.
Proposal consists of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application forms are available on-line in the GRIS web application http://gris.cz. • Project proposal consists of the following parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A - basic identification data, abstract (1100 characters) and aims of the project (300 characters); - B - total funding, breakdown of financial items, incl. justification, detailed structure of personnel costs; - C (C1 and C2) - justification of project proposal (C1: up to 10 pages; font size 11pt; 6MB) - D (D1 and D2) - CV (D1: up to 2 pages/person; font size 11pt; 1 MB; English) and bibliography and other achieved results (D2) of the applicant; - E – information on other projects of the applicant • Project proposal has to be converted to PDF format and sent by email to projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz who will submit it to GAČR 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project aims (breakthrough character and prospective impact, ambitious intention, high risk/high gain); • Proposed methodology of implementation (conception, preparation and adequacy of the proposed methodology, including the time schedule of the implementation) • Competence and prerequisites of applicants and research team members (significant international experience of applicants, the quality and length of the Applicant's international activities); • Readiness and quality of the research organization to carry out the grant project (technical and institutional facilities); • The expected quality of project outputs; • International cooperation; • Adequacy of proposed costs. <p>Evaluation of project proposals is carried out in evaluation panels and discipline committees of GAČR: (1st stage - 2 expert reviews by panel members + panel evaluation; 2nd stage - assessment from at least two foreign experts + panel evaluation). The Discipline Committee may invite the pre-selected Applicants for an interview;</p>
Research areas	All scientific fields and disciplines of basic research.
Call workshop	https://gacr.cz/seminare-s-predsedou-2025/ (in Czech)
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us with your questions, concerns or request for help. Contact us on: projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz ; Veronika Palečková , ☎: 266; Jitka Šilerová , ☎: 229; Šárka Křížová , ☎: 527, Lenka Šterbová , ☎: 179
Download documents	GACR PIF IN 2026 Souhrn (in Czech) GACR PIF IN 2026 Summary (in English) GACR PIF IN 2026 Zadávací dokumentace (in Czech) GACR PIF IN 2026 Tender document (in English) GACR PIF IN 2026 Praktické informace (in Czech)