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Restart Grants



Deadline	Thu 3 Apr 2025, 23:59:59:00 (IOCB deadline Mon 31 Mar 2025 8am - please respect the interim IOCB deadlines below)
Call name	Restart grants 2026
www	https://gacr.cz/ng-2026/ https://gacr.cz/en/tenders-announced-for-2026-projects/
Focused on	Support for excellent scientists to restart their careers after a career break (for a minimum of 1 year) by parental leave or caring for a dependent
PI	Researchers max 10 years after PhD (parental leave not counted), max 2 years after career break (i.e. total break of at least 1 year due to parental leave or caring for a dependent). Proposer's doctoral thesis must be defended by the date of the competition announcement (12 February 2025).
Eligible organisation	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 proposer/organization.
Target group	Research teams: individual project (50-100% of the principal investigator), possibility of student and technician limited involvement
Expected outputs	Publications and other outputs of fundamental research (according to Methodology for Evaluating RDI): Peer-reviewed article (J _{imp} , J _{sc} , J _{ost}); Book (B); book chapter (C); paper in proceedings registered in Scopus or WoS (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 – 1 Dec 2026
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2027 – 31 Dec 2030
Sustainability	Not applicable
Reporting	Annually: interim financial (January of the following calendar year) Two years after the start of the project (if project lasts >2yrs): interim scientific report (January of the following calendar year) Final report: financial and scientific report (30 days after the project termination)
Project duration (min-max)	2 – 4 years (The PI commitment is 0.50 - 1.00 FTE for a project duration of 2 years; for longer duration, the time commitment is reduced proportionally to 0.25 - 0.50 for the rest of the project)
Allocation for the call	50 M CZK
Project budget (min-max)	No limits defined
Success rate	Not available
Eligible costs	Direct costs: personnel costs – salary of the PI (employment contract) including deductions (gross salary max. 65 thousand CZK at 1,00 FTE), other team members: students and technical staff (average gross salary max. 40 thousand CZK at 1,00 FTE); Maximum possible total subsidy for salaries or other personal costs of other team members is 480 thousand CZK for the whole project duration. material costs – consumables, travel costs, services, intangible asset costs, OA publishing costs, costs of data management, costs of IPR, etc. costs for the child care of the PI child or other dependants up to 150 thousand. CZK

	Indirect costs: up to 20% of direct non-investments costs (child care costs exclusive)
Reimbursement	100%
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English (Project title must be in Czech as well)
Provider	Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), www.gacr.cz , Project submission – GRIS application: https://www.gris.cz/ Questions: helpdesk: info@gacr.cz
Call identifier	GAČR RG 2026
Information	Restart grants are designed to support individual basic research projects and help excellent scientists restart their careers after a career break by parental leave or caring for a dependent. The objectives and modalities of the project are determined by the proposer. The grant is intended to contribute to the development of the proposer's career and to his/her continuation in research.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single individual may submit no more than two Project Proposals within all of the public tenders administered by GAČR in a given calendar year for Projects launched in 2026 (subject to the exception provided below), and may be in the role of Applicant in one of the Proposals, and co-Applicant in the other. Tool for verification: https://gacr.cz/soubehy-navrhu-projektu-2026/ • If both such Project Proposals submitted by a single individual are selected for funding, he or she may proceed to carry out both Projects, unless prevented by any other circumstance arising from the relevant tender documentation or applicable rules. • Exceptions to the foregoing are the tenders for JUNIOR STAR projects and the POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP (both INCOMING and OUTGOING) and Restart Grants, in which an Applicant may submit Project Proposals regardless of any other tenders or calls. • An individual who submits a Project Proposal for a JUNIOR STAR, Restart Grants or POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP project may submit a maximum of two more Project Proposals, one as Applicant, and the other as Co-applicant. • The Restart Grant PI cannot be the PI or Co-PI of another GA ČR project at the same time • Career break = a continuous interruption of the applicant's scientific career for a minimum of 1 year due to maternity, paternity or parental leave or for the care of a child under 10 years of age or for the care of another dependent. The proposer may report the time of break by taking a credit of 18 months for each child she cared for during that time (not necessarily full-time) • A project proposal may be submitted if the proposer has defended doctoral thesis as of the date of the start of the competition, but not earlier than 10 years before the start of the competition (i.e. 12/2/2015 - 12/2/ 2025) and no more than 2 years (12/2/2023 – 12/2/2025) have elapsed since the end of the career break on 12 February 2025; the proposal may be submitted also during the career break • The PI workload to the project is 0.5 - 1.0 FTE for a 2-years project duration; the duration can be adjusted during the project. The PI workload is reduced proportionally to 0.25 - 0.5 for a prolonged timespan up to 4 years. Zero workload is not allowed. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects funded by GAČR cannot exceed 1 FTE. • Salary cap: Only the aliquot part of the salary with maximum at 65,000 CZK (gross salary) at 1,0 FTE is eligible. For other team members: average gross salary is max. 40 thousand CZK at 1,00 FTE. • The maximum possible total subsidy for salaries or other personal costs of the other team members for the entire duration of the project is CZK 480 000 for max 2088 hours of work. • 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 list of foreign reviewers 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 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; - 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 in the GRIS web application http://gris.cz. • Project proposal consists of following parts: (entire proposal in English only) <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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C (C1 and C2) - justification of project proposal (C1: up to 10 pages, font size 11pt; 6MB; using DOI in References is recommended; C2 – expected project results) - D (D1 and D2) - CV of the applicant; (D1: up to 2 A4 pages, font size 11pt; 1 MB; D2 bibliography 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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originality and quality level of the proposed project • The ability and aptitude of the proposer to successfully implement the project • The potential of the grant project to contribute to the development of the proposer's career and to the continuation of the proposer's research • The proposer's readiness to tackle the grant project regarding its technical and institutional background • The creative contribution of the proposer in the scientific field according to the focus of the proposal, considering their previous results <p>Evaluation of project proposals is carried out in evaluation panels and discipline committees of GA ČR: (1st stage - 2 expert reviews by panel members + panel evaluation; 2nd stage assessment from foreign experts + panel evaluation).</p>
Research areas	All scientific fields and disciplines of basic research.
Call workshop	
IOCB contact	<p>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:</p> <p>projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz; Veronika Palečková, ☎ : 266; Jitka Šilerová, ☎ : 229; Šárka Křížová, ☎ : 527, Lenka Šterbová, ☎ : 179</p>
Download documents	GAČR RG 2026 Summary (in English) GAČR RG 2026Tender document (in English)