

POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP –OUTGOING 2026 – extract from the Tender Document

Part C1 – justification of project proposal

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Part C1 has prescribed structure and has to include the following:

- a) **a summary of the current state of knowledge** of the subject matter in the given scientific field, and a description of the Applicant's contribution to date to the research in the given matter and/or related issues;
- b) a statement of the substance and timeliness of the Grant Project, its **aims, methods** including **conceptual and methodical procedures, a detailed schedule, and Project phases** (project phases and the accomplishment of each aim must be associated with the expected results); wherever relevant, the possible impact on women and men should be taken into account; where relevant to the Project and the course thereof, a description of the implications for addressing possible biological differences (gender) or differences in the experience and needs of women and men (gender), and/or their interaction; information shall also be included as to whether the results of the research will be as beneficial, functional and safe as possible for both men and women;
- c) **identification of the risks** to the achievement of the project results, including the **intensity** of such risks, their **probability**, and ways to **minimise** the risks;
- d) **an explanation of the choice of the institution and location of the Fellowship**, including an explanation of the necessity of a fellowship for the achievement of the scientific aims of the Project, a description of the institution abroad and the team involved, an estimate of the expected benefits of the Fellowship abroad, and the expected duration thereof. **A Letter of Intent** as an expression of support to the Fellowship must be attached to the Project Proposal, to be executed by the host institution's authorised representative/agent, explicitly stating the duration of the Fellowship, and the title of the Project.
- e) description of the substance and extent of **international collaboration**, existing and planned, within the project, if such collaboration is being planned within the Project;
- f) information on the **readiness of the Applicant and his/her institution, and on the equipment of the facilities to be used for the Project**, and the opportunities for collaboration; additionally, information about the enforcement of **the principles of responsible research and innovations (RRI)**, if any, including the strategic tools of human potential development and the improvements of the Organization's working conditions (e.g. the assurance of high ethical standards of research, development of gender equity plans and/or measures to improve gender equity within HR Awards, etc.);
- g) **justification of / reasoning behind the participation of other Collaborators, Professional Collaborators and other**, the definition of their roles in dealing with the subject matter, including the expected workload of the individual workers;
- h) **a brief description of the research data** to be generated, used, and stored in the course of the Project, and how these data will be handled; in particular, **information on the availability and dissemination of the research results and research data**, in accordance with the principle that research results and research data are not made public only where justified (an update shall be provided with each Interim Report and Final Report); the Beneficiary agrees to submit **a Data Management Plan (DMP)** no later than the date of delivery of the first Interim Report, and to update the DMP periodically as needed;

- i) a brief description of the **potential benefits of the project** and possible future application potential;
- j) **a brief plan of how the project results will be communicated to their potential users and the public**; in the communication of the project results, the Beneficiary shall mention the Czech Science Foundation as the Provider of grant funding for the Project;
- k) **references** to the literature used, we recommend that references to the literature used include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

The information for Part C1 listed above may be supplemented by information based on the specific focus of the given project.

Part C2 (expected project results):

Verbal description of the result types, with emphasis on quality, defined in Annex 7 of this Tender Document which are expected to be published as part of the Grant Project (articles in leading international journals, monographs, articles in international proceeding etc.).

Articles which may be recognized as outputs of the project shall only be those which have been published in journals with IF (Jimp type output), in specialised periodical (Jsc, Jost type outputs), which are monographs (B type output), chapters in monographs (C type output) and articles in proceedings registered in the Scopus database or in the Web of Science Conference Proceedings Citation database (D type output); see Annex 7 to this Tender Document for a description of the types of results. In the event that the definition of the types of results changes in the course of the project compared to this Tender Document, the results shall be evaluated in accordance with Annex 7 of the Tender Document applicable to the public tender published in the year in which the results are evaluated.

4.3. Evaluation of the professional standard of the Project Proposal

During the evaluation of the proposals, the following are simultaneously assessed:

- a) **originality, quality, and overall quality of the Grant Project Proposal**;
- b) **competence and qualifications of the Applicant** to carry out the Grant Project, wherein the Applicant's professional competence shall be assessed as well as his / her scientific outputs to date, taking into account the length of his / her career to date;
- c) **creative contributions** in the Investigator's scientific field vis-à-vis the focus of the Project Proposal, taking into account **his or her research and experimental development results to date**;
- d) **readiness of the Organization** to carry out the Grant Project with regard to its technical and institutional resources; the following shall also be taken into account: the adoption and enforcement of **the principles of responsible research and innovation (RRI)**, including the strategic tools of human potential development, and the improvements of the Organization's working conditions, the existence of a plan for the **development of gender equity and/or measures to improve gender equity within HR Awards**, etc.

During the **evaluation of quality and level of the Grant Project Proposal**, the following criteria shall be assessed from the viewpoint of the professional focus of the panel to which the proposal has been submitted:

- a) **the focus area of the Project** – the potential for a breakthrough and the potential impact of the research Project shall be assessed, including the degree to which the research proposed addresses important challenges, the ambition of the research Project, and how far the Proposal goes beyond the current status

quo (e.g. new concepts and/or approaches, the development between, among, or across individual scientific fields), the extent to which the Proposed Project is “**high risk/high gain**” (i.e. the outputs will be extremely significant if the Project succeeds, however, at the same time the risk of failing to achieve some of the Project’s original aims is higher than usual);

b) **the proposed approach to the Project** – an assessment shall be made of the degree to which the proposed scientific approach is feasible, considering the fact that the proposed research is high risk/high gain, the degree to which the proposed scientific methods and work approaches are suitable for the achievement of the Project’s intent, the degree to which the Project Proposal involves new methods, the degree to which the approximate schedule of the Project is being proposed, and the degree to which the resources and commitments proposed by the Applicant are reasonable and properly justified;

c) **expected quality of project outputs**;

d) **international experience** – the extent and quality of the Applicant’s international activities to date (and/or planned activities) shall be assessed;

e) the **quality and readiness of the host institution abroad** where the 370-day scientific Fellowship is to take place;

f) **process, outputs and ways of carrying out any previous grant projects carried out by the Organization** and/or Applicant if they have ever carried out any such grant project using funds granted by the Provider; any previous violation of the rules by the Organization and/or Applicant in the management of the targeted funds granted in the past, satisfaction of all obligations defined in the Agreement or the Decision on Grant Funding, the interim and final evaluations of such Grant Projects, if any, shall be taken into account.

4.4. Evaluation of the Proposed Costs

The following elements shall be assessed within the evaluation of proposed costs:

a) **appropriateness of the proposed costs, and the amount of workload**, in relation to the Project Proposal and its **anticipated results**;

b) **legitimacy of individual items** of the proposed costs;

c) **proportion of funds requested from the Provider** in the total amount of proposed costs (i.e. the Proportion of Funding from the Provider);

d) **satisfaction of the requirements for the volume and definition of eligible costs pursuant** to article 3.2. (5) to (8) and Article 3.3. of this Tender Document.