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Deadline	Thu 3 Apr 2025, 23:59:59:00 (IOCB deadline Mon 31 Mar 2025 - please respect the interim IOCB deadlines below)
Call name	GAČR WEAVE Lead agency (GAČR IN THE ROLE OF LEAD AGENCY) – Call for proposals, evaluated on the Lead Agency principle under the WEAVE initiative
www	https://gacr.cz/vyzvy-la-2026/ https://gacr.cz/en/types-of-grant-projects/ https://gacr.cz/en/extracts-from-tender-documents/ https://weave-research.net/
Focused on	Support of Czech part of bilateral and trilateral projects in basic research under the WEAVE initiative located in the partner countries, including CR (GAČR), Austria (FWF), Germany (DFG), Poland (NCN), Slovenia (ARRS), Switzerland (SNSF), and Luxembourg (FNR), Croatia (HRZZ). The call is 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	Researchers at any career stage (age unrestricted) working in research institutions located in the WEAVE initiative countries: Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Croatia. The project proposal has to be submitted by one main proposer/organization, collaboration with one or more other partner institution(s) is possible.
Eligible organisation	Research organizations: research institutes, universities, higher education institutions, etc.
Target group	Teams may consist of: researchers at any career stage, postdocs, students, technical and administrative staff. Teams from at least two countries must be part of the proposal. When creating research teams, equal opportunity trends should be taken into account.
Expected outputs	Publications and other outputs of fundamental research (according to Methodology for Evaluating RDI): Peer-reviewed article (J _{imp} , J _{sc}); 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) Mon 31 Mar 2025 8am formal check of part C1, followed by sending of final version of the project proposal after approval.
Final deadline	Thu 3 Apr 2025, 23:59:59
Evaluation results	28 Nov 2025
Signature of agreement	Subject to national procedures.
Earliest date of implementation	From 1 January 2026 at the earliest - the duration (implementation) of the project must be the same for both the Czech and the foreign part of the submitted project proposal expected 1 Apr or 1 Jul 2026 (FWF, Austria) according to delivery of the receipt from DFG, several possible dates expected: 1 Apr 2026 and 1 Jul 2026 (DFG, Germany) 1 Jan or 1 Apr 2026 (NCN, Poland) expected 1 Apr 2026 (ARRS, Slovenia) expected 1 Apr 2026 (SNSF, Switzerland) 1 Jan or 1 Apr 2026 (FNR, Luxembourg)

	1 Jan or 1 Apr 2026 (HRRZ, Croatia)
Latest date of implementation	2-3 years after the start of the project
Sustainability	Not defined
Reporting	Annually: interim financial report (January of the following calendar year) Two years after the start of the project: interim scientific report (January of the following calendar year) The beneficiary is obliged to deliver the final report to the provider no later than the date indicated on the website https://www.gacr.cz .
Project duration (min-max)	24 - 36 months (must be identical for both/all national parts of proposal)
Allocation for the call	Not defined
Project budget (min-max)	Not defined
Success rate	20 % (20% of projects with highest rankings submitted to each agency will be funded)
Eligible costs	Czech partner: Direct costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personnel costs – salaries including mandatory contributions (1,348 of a gross salary) and personnel costs from other types of contracts (DPP, DPC); for applicant, co-applicant, co-workers (members of team), other professional co-workers (postdocs, PhD students), other collaborators (technical and administrative). • material costs – consumables, travel costs, services, intangible asset costs, OA publishing costs, costs of data management, costs of IPR, etc. • investments costs – acquisition or depreciation of tangible assets (acquisition cost > 80,000 CZK), aliquot part of costs reflecting the duration and intensity of the use in the project (up to 10% of personnel and material costs). <u>Indirect costs:</u> overhead up to 20% of direct non-investments costs Other Partner budget is subject to the national rules.
Reimbursement	100%
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English for joint proposal forms, GACR documents - Czech and English
Provider	Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), www.gacr.cz , Project submission – GRIS application: https://www.gris.cz/ Contact: la@gacr.cz , helpdesk: info@gacr.cz
Call identifier	GAČR WEAVE LA lead 2026
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAČR WEAVE (Lead Agency) supports bilateral and trilateral projects in basic research with clear aspect of cooperation among involved research teams from 2–3 countries involved in the WEAVE initiative (Austria, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Croatia). Proposals will be evaluated under the Lead Agency principle, i.e. the project proposal is evaluated only by the Lead agency. A joint project proposal must be prepared according to formal conditions and requirements of the Lead Agency (in this case GAČR). The Lead Agency will administer the whole evaluation process in accordance with its usual procedures. A budget proposal is submitted separately by both teams to their national agency in accordance with the national conditions. Each provider funds its own national research team. • A project proposal prepared jointly by the Czech and foreign partner must be submitted to the Lead Agency (in this case GAČR) • The foreign applicant (partner) must, concurrently, submit the foreign part of the proposal to their funding agency (which has a partner agreement with GAČR) • Applicants may choose which side they choose as the Lead Agency • A single individual may submit no more than two Project Proposals within all of the public tenders administered by GACR 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 and the POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP (both INCOMING and OUTGOING) and Restart grant, 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 or POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL

	<p>FELLOWSHIP project or Restart grant may submit a maximum of two more Project Proposals, one as Applicant, and the other as Co-applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthermore, project proposals that have been excluded from the evaluation on the part of the foreign agency will not count towards the limit of project proposals submitted in a given year. • If an 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 basis (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. • Recommended workload is at least 0.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) for principal investigator and 0.1 FTE for co-investigator. A zero workload for a participant is not permissible. A sum of workloads for one person in all projects financed from GAČR cannot exceed 1 FTE. The research organization/beneficiary undertakes to ensure that the proposer/investigator spends a period at the host institution equivalent to the amount of full-time employment in the project. • A postdoc is a person who obtained their PhD less than 8 years before the starting date of the project (2.1.2018– 1.1.2026). Career breaks such as maternity leave, parental leave and long-term illness are excluded from the limit. • Salary cap: Only the aliquot part of the salary with maximum at 65 000 CZK (gross salary) at 1,0 FTE is eligible. In other types of contracts – limit for eligibility of the costs is 400 CZK/hour • The costs of bonuses are not eligible for reimbursement. • Part C1 of the application must contain specific justification of both parts of the project budget (Czech and foreign). • Permitted attachments (to be uploaded only to the GRIS application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Letter of Intent verifying the international cooperation or a commitment to perform the necessary work at an institution abroad. - A list of foreign evaluators 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 750,000 CZK or if the service(s) from a single supplier represent a value higher than 250,000 CZK/project; - Special licences – if required for the project implementation (check validity of the licence) • <u>Important note for joint proposals with NCN (Poland):</u> when GAČR is acting as the Lead Agency, the budget in EUR in the GAČR application must not differ from the budget in Zloty submitted in the OSF application of the NCN. Failure to comply will result in rejection of proposals for formal reasons. The current EUR/Zloty conversion rate is available on the NCN website https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en/ogloszenia/konkursy/weave-unisono. Another reason for formal rejection by NCN is inconsistency between the information on the Czech and Polish side in the number of team members and salaries requested. The Czech part of the application must include a detailed breakdown of the financial requirements, including justification also for the Polish side of the project. This information must be consistent with the information provided in the Polish NCN application.
Proposal consists of	<p>Application forms are available on-line in the GRIS web application http://gris.cz. To submit a project proposal to GAČR as the Lead Agency pick the call Lead Agency (Weave) –2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proposal consists of the following parts (everything in English): • A - basic identification data = Czech and foreign Applicant/Co-applicant, abstract (1100 characters) and aims of the project (300 characters); • B - total funding, breakdown of financial items, incl. justification, detailed structure of personnel costs + Part B financial plan total funding requested from the foreign provider for the implementation of the international part of the project in EUR; • C (C1,C2, and C3) justification of project proposal and a description of the benefits of the international cooperation (C1: up to 15 pages; font size 11, spacing 1; 6MB); • D (D1 and D2) CV and bibliography of the applicant and co-applicants; (D1: up to 2 pages/person; 1 MB) – CV of foreign applicant (no limit); • E – information on other projects of the applicant and co-applicants • 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.

	Provide the project proposal to your foreign partner applicant, such that he/she can attach it to the complementary budget application to their local funding agency, according to local terms and conditions.
Evaluation criteria	Scientific aim (aim of the project proposal); proposed methodology of implementation; quality of the national/foreign applicant (publications, previous international collaboration, experience leading projects); type of expected project outcomes; added value of the international collaboration; evaluation of past cooperation between the applying research organization and GAČR; international cooperation; adequacy of proposed costs. Evaluation of project proposals is carried out in evaluation panels and discipline committees of GA ČR: (1 st stage - 2 expert reviews by panel members + panel evaluation; 2 nd stage assessment from foreign experts + panel evaluation). The Project Proposals shall be evaluated and ranked against the other Project Proposals submitted in the tender for Standard Projects. This approach shall ensure a true competitive environment of Proposals in the LA Grants group vis-à-vis competing Proposals submitted domestically and evaluated by the Czech Science Foundation.
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 Štěrbová ☎: 179
Download documents	GAČR WEAVE LA 2026 GAČR lead Souhrn  (in Czech) GAČR WEAVE LA 2026 GAČR lead Summary  (in English) GAČR WEAVE LA 2026 Pravidla pro LA granty GAČR Lead role  (in Czech) GAČR WEAVE LA 2026 LA Grant Rules GAČR Lead role  (in English) GAČR_lead WEAVE LA 2026 call dates  (in Czech) GAČR_lead WEAVE LA 2026 Změny (in Czech) GAČR_lead WEAVE LA 2026 Changes (in English)