

Call for Researchers at Risk Fellowship 2024

Identification information

Programme:	Researchers at Risk Fellowship (RISK Programme)
Implementation period:	max. 24 months

The Call is open from 16 January until 29 February 2024.

Schedule

16 January 2024	Announcement of the Call
29 February 2024	Deadline for submission of applications
March 2024	Evaluation process
March – April 2024	Announcement of the results
01 April 2024	Earliest date of start of fellowship
01 October 2024	Latest date of start of fellowship

Basic definitions

Objectives:

The Researchers at Risk Fellowship (hereinafter “RISK Programme”) is a programme that is focused on researchers whose scientific work is at risk due to threats of war, persecution, human rights violations, and other life-threatening dangers they may face. The RISK Programme enables them to temporarily continue their research in a safe environment at the CAS institutes in the Czech Republic for maximum 24 months.

Target groups:

- Postdocs (less than eight years after receiving Ph.D. as of the start of the candidate’s fellowship),
- Researchers (eight or more years after receiving a Ph.D. as of the start of the candidate’s fellowship).

The research experience does not include maternity and parental leave, work disability lasting more than 90 days, compulsory military service, the period during which care is provided to a person who is considered to be dependent on the assistance of another natural person under the Social Services Act.

Eligibility criteria:

- The proposed candidate must be a citizen of an eligible country as defined in the Call and must not hold dual citizenship, which would allow access to a safe country of residence.
- The proposed candidate must not have resided outside her/his home country (home country = country of citizenship) for more than one year as of the application submission date, Exception: The proposed candidates who were provided the CAS grant within the RISK Programme in 2022 and/or 2023 are also eligible regardless of the residence outside the home country.
- The proposed candidate does not have to be an employee of the CAS institute at the time the application is submitted.
- The proposed candidate must have a qualification required for the position at the CAS institute.

Eligible countries: Stated in Annex 1.

Research fields: All research fields.

Implementation period: Max. of 24 months (starting between 1 April and 1 October 2024).

Financial provisions

- Eligible costs are personal costs and shall be supported by a grant.
- The grant is awarded for a maximum of 24 months.
- The maximum amount of the grant is CZK 720 000 per calendar year if the proposed candidate's working capacity on her/his fellowship is at least 0.8 full-time equivalent. The amount of the grant shall be reduced proportionately if the researcher's working capacity on her/his fellowship is less than 0.8 full-time equivalent.

Amount of the applicant's working time:	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8 – 1,0
Amount of the grant per a month	6 000	12 000	18 000	24 000	30 000	36 000	42 000	60 000

- The proposed candidate's employment with the institute must last for the entire duration of the grant provision.
- A successful application shall be funded based on [the respective grant](#) that shall be provided to the CAS institute in accordance with the *Guideline of the Academy Council of the CAS on Grants Provided by the Czech Academy of Sciences*.

Application form submission

The application form in Czech or English must be completed exclusively in the KIS online application, downloaded in PDF format and sent via data mailbox (the CAS ID fr6adt5) within the stated deadline. The application form must be submitted by the CAS institute, where the proposed candidate shall be employed. Applications submitted differently may be rejected on formal grounds.

The example of application form is available on the CAS website in the International Affairs section at the following links: [Currently announced programmes - Akademie věd České republiky \(avcr.cz\)](#) and [Aktuálně vypsané spolupráce - Akademie věd České republiky \(avcr.cz\)](#) or at [the AV CR Intranet](#).

The application form includes:

- A description of the threat the proposed candidate is facing in her/his home country.
- A description of the proposed candidate's planned research project/activities at the CAS institute.
- CV of the proposed candidate, including previous publications and the most important research results achieved.
- A copy of the ID pages of the proposed candidate's passport.
- Statutory declaration of the CAS institute confirming that the proposed candidate fulfils Eligibility Criteria as listed in this Call.

By submitting the project proposal, the proposed candidate:

- agrees to the processing of personal data pursuant to the relevant Czech legislation,
- confirms that the CAS Institute will support the project in accordance with the Guideline No. 15/2019 of the Academy Council of the CAS from 26 November 2019 on the Support for International Cooperation at the Research Institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences, as subsequently amended in Guideline No. 17/2021,

- declares that the information she/he stated is accurate, true and complete and that she/he is aware that otherwise there may be legal consequences.

Evaluation procedure

Criteria for evaluation are:

- threat the applicant is facing in her/his home country,
- quality of the research project/activities proposal incl. outputs and results,
- proposed candidate's professional experience.

Other provisions

- The proposed candidate is responsible for securing her/his entry visa to the destination country.
- Any changes in the amount of the applicant's working time, a duration of the fellowship or changes regarding the planned research project/activities at the time of its implementation period are possible, however, these shall be reported via e-mail to the contact person and duly justified in the final fellowship report. Changes may result in a budget adjustment (compared to the original application form).
- At the end of the implementation period, the CAS Institute is required to submit a final fellowship report. The report is to be completed exclusively in the KIS online application, downloaded in PDF format and sent via data mailbox (the CAS ID fr6adt5) within 30 days after the completion of the fellowship.

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