

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification

Partner country:	France
Partner organisation:	Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
Implementation period:	1.1.2026 – 31.12.2027
Maximum project duration:	2 years, i.e. 24 months Extension beyond this period is not permitted.

! This call follows up on the cancelled call with CNRS originally linked to the CNRS International Emerging Action (IEA) initiative, which the CNRS has unexpectedly decided not to open this year. This call enables CAS researchers to apply under the same conditions on the Czech side, whereas funding on the French side will be subject to French applicants and their institutes.

Applicants must obtain a “Letter of intent” signed by the French partner stating their agreement with the text of the common project and with the specific tasks of the French team. The letter should also state the origin and amount of funding of their involvement in the project from any French funding sources. The electronic version of this letter (PDF) will be submitted via the CAS data mailbox together with the project proposal (the letter of intent will not be uploaded in the KIS application).

The call is open to 24 September 2025 (23:59).

Legal framework

The call is in accordance with art. 2 par. 2 of the Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Czech Academy of Sciences, as amended, and art. 3 par. 2 of the Statutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Basic definitions

Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between the two countries
- Stimulation of involvement of early career researchers and PhD students
- Support of research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future
- Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure and equipment for the mutual benefit of both countries

Eligibility criteria

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Project proposals can be submitted by the [CAS Institutes](#).

If the applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call (i.e. with the same partner organisation), only one of them can be funded.

Only two consecutive mobility projects carried out by the same research team can be funded. Repeated participation in a call with the same partner organisation will be assessed by the evaluator.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following an ongoing project with the same research team must justify the need for a continued project and describe the outcomes of the ongoing project. This must be included in the "Description of the project" section of the project proposal form.

Research team

Research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher)
- One or more co-investigators

Research team members are divided into four categories:

- Senior researchers (8 or more years after receiving PhD at the time of submission of the project proposal)
- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 8 years after receiving PhD at the time of submission of the project proposal)
- PhD students
- Others (e.g. undergraduate students, engineers, technicians)

All members of the research team must be employees of the CAS Institutes. Out of the whole team, at least 1/3 should be junior researchers or PhD students.

Research experience does not include maternity and parental leave, incapacity to work for more than 90 days, compulsory military service, time spent caring for a person considered to be dependent on the assistance of another natural person under the Social Services Act.

Financial provisions

The financial contribution must be calculated and provided in accordance with the national legislation and the internal rules of the CAS. The CAS will cover all the costs of its research team and provide travel insurance for its research team members.

Up to five (5) two-year mobility projects are expected to be selected for funding within this call.

Funding regulations

- The CAS will only contribute to the costs of the Czech research team. The maximum financial contribution is **CZK 180,000** per mobility project per year (12 months). The financial contribution must not be carried over to the next year of the project implementation.

- Eligible costs are non-investment costs of the CAS research team:
 - **Mobility costs (all costs related to international mobility and stay abroad):**
 - Travel expenses
 - Living expenses

Mobility costs also include **conference fees** in the partner country. Mobility costs (travel, living expenses and conference fees) incurred in another (third) country are eligible if they can be justified by active participation directly related to the project.

- **Research costs (all other costs within the following categories):**
 - Consumables
 - Services (incl. travel expenses in the Czech Republic, if related to the project and duly justified; accommodation in the Czech Republic is excluded)
 - Small equipment (up to CZK 80,000)
 - Networking (e.g. costs related to the organisation of a conference or workshop in the Czech Republic or the conference fees for a conference held in the Czech Republic)
- **Min. 50 % of the requested financial contribution must be used to cover mobility costs for each year of the project implementation.**
- Non-eligible costs are personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 80,000), overheads, or any investment costs.
- **The eligibility of all costs will be assessed based on the specific justification in the project proposal.**
- The progress of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports including the use of funds, justification of costs and possible transfers between cost categories.
- The grant is awarded to a CAS Institute based on a **Grant Application** submitted by a CAS Institute within a respective **Call for Grant Applications** in accordance with the Guideline of the Academy Council of the CAS on Grants Provided by the CAS. The respective Call for Grant Applications is announced on the CAS website (www.avcr.cz/cs/veda-a-vyzkum/podpora-vyzkumu/aktualni-vyzvy-av-cr).

Project proposal submission

Complete project proposals in Czech or English must be submitted in the KIS application and simultaneously via the CAS data mailbox within the specified deadline. Only project proposals submitted simultaneously in the KIS application and via the CAS data mailbox by the deadline of the call will be considered as submitted and will be evaluated.

Project proposals submitted in any other way will be rejected for formal reasons.

The procedure for submitting a project proposal is as follows:

- 1) The applicant (PI) is requested to register with an "applicant" account in the KIS application at <https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/register> and to complete a project proposal.
- 2) After completing the project proposal, the applicant (PI) must submit the complete project proposal via her/his KIS account to the Director of the respective CAS Institute for approval (the Director will receive a notification e-mail).
- 3) The Director of the CAS Institute must approve the project proposal and submit it to the OMS KAV ČR (Division of International Cooperation, Head Office of the CAS) via

her/his KIS account and simultaneously send the proposal as a PDF file and a **“Letter of intent”** to the CAS data mailbox (CAS ID fr6adt5) by the specified deadline.

By submitting a project proposal, the Director of the CAS Institute and the applicant (PI):

- Confirms that she/he has read and understood the CAS Privacy Policy (<https://www.avcr.cz/en/academic-public/international-affairs/bilateral-cooperation/practical-information-and-links/>). Confirms that the partner Principal Investigator and the members of both research teams are also familiar with the CAS Privacy Policy.
- Confirms that the CAS Institute will support the project in accordance with 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 CAS as subsequently amended in Guideline No. 17/2021.
- Declares that the information she/he has provided is accurate, true and complete and that she/he is aware that failure to do so may have legal consequences.
- Declares that, if accepted, she/he will comply with the following during the implementation:
 - [The Code of Ethics for Researchers of the Czech Academy of Sciences](#)
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity \(Revised Edition 2023\)](#)

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Evaluation and Selection

- The submitted project proposals will be evaluated on the CAS side by the evaluation committee according to its internal rules.

After the evaluation process and the approval of the results by the Academic Council of the CAS, the official letter announcing the results will be sent to the Director of the CAS Institute via mailbox at the end of 2025 (in January 2026 at the latest). The results will also be published on the CAS website (<https://www.avcr.cz/en/academic-public/international-affairs/bilateral-cooperation/running-projects/>).

Criteria for the evaluation of project proposals

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - Quality of the project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, time schedule, outcomes)
 - State-of-the-art
 - Innovation potential and prospects for advancing knowledge
 - Expected mutual benefits for both research teams
 - Potential of the project results and their possible impact
- **Quality of the research teams:**
 - Justification of the need for collaboration
 - Competence and qualification of the research team members

- Level of involvement of junior researchers and PhD students
- Complementarity of the research teams
- Previous cooperation
- **Appropriate project budget**

Evaluation of the final report

The results and outputs of the project will be evaluated. For the definition of results see the [Methodology for Evaluating Research Organisations and R&D&I Purpose-tied Aid Programmes \(2017+\)](#).

Schedule

25 June 2025	Announcement of call for project proposals (Updated call announced on 4 August – see Page 1)
24 September 2025 23:59	Deadline for submission of project proposals (both KIS and data mailbox)
Oct./Nov. 2025	Completion of the assessment
Nov./Dec.2025	Approval of results
Dec. 2025/Jan. 2026	Announcement of results

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