

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Argentina
Partner organisation:	CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TÉCNICAS (CONICET)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
Implementation period:	2022 – 2023

Legal framework

The call is based on Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2017 between the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CAS) and The Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Técnicas (hereinafter referred to as CONICET), and 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 both countries;
- Stimulation of involvement of young 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 institutions.

Eligibility criteria

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

Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted without previous authorization of both countries.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- On the Czech side by the CAS institutes (<http://www.avcr.cz/en/about-us/cas-structure/research-institutes/>);
- On the Argentinian side: Project leaders (PI) must be an active member of the Scientific Researcher Career (CIC) of CONICET;
 - The PI shall direct or be a part of a CONICET National Project (PIP, PIO or PUE) or an ANPCyt Project, that is approved or in execution, related to the topic of the Bilateral Project proposal submitted in this call.

In case an applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent projects realized by the same research teams can be funded.

Argentinian side (for information only):

Only one proposal will be admitted by PI per year (calendar) for all CONICET's International Cooperation Programs.

Research team

Each 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 (5 or more years after receiving PhD);
- Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 5 years after receiving PhD);
- PhD students;
- Others (e.g. engineers, technicians).

On the Czech side:

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

On the Argentinian side:

- Research groups can be formed by researchers, doctoral and postdoctoral fellows and technicians from CONICET and other Argentinian institutions (higher-education or research). Proposals presented by groups that combine several local institutions will be appreciated.
- All the members shall be digitally associated to the project through SIGEVA to complete and validate the proposal.
- Members of the counterpart research group shall be informed in the proposal submission (Annex III).

Financial conditions

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

Up to 3 (three) projects shall be selected for funding.

On the Czech side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the CAS towards the costs of the Czech research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **CZK 300,000 per** Mobility project per year.
- Min. 50% of the approved financial contribution shall be used to cover mobility costs: travel, living expenses.
- Min. 30% of the approved financial contribution shall be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, small equipment, and networking.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 40,000), overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.

- The ratio between mobility and research costs shall be maintained on the project level as well as yearly. Transferring financial contributions between these two categories is allowed if the minimal ratio for both categories is maintained.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports including use of financial means, justification of costs and possible transfers between categories.

On the Argentinian side (for information only):

- CONICET will fund (per year):
- One (1) international ticket in economy class
- Expenses for US\$ 2.500, - paid in Argentine pesos – for up to thirty (30) days of stay (maximum)
- The beneficiaries of the international mobilities must be active members of the Scientific Researcher Career (CIC) or postdoctoral fellows of CONICET, exclusively
- Proposals that prioritize the exchange of young researchers (postdoctoral Fellows, assistant or adjunct researchers) will be appreciated.
- The beneficiaries of the international mobilities must be different every year.
- The beneficiaries of the international mobilities must inform if he/she has another funding source for international mobilities provided by CONICET or other national institutions.

Project proposal submission

Project proposals must be submitted in **parallel to both partner organisations**.

On the Czech side:

- Project proposals in Czech or English must be complete and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the “KIS” online application.
- The applicants are requested to register in the KIS application using the following link <https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/register>, and fill in a project proposal. After finishing the proposal, applicant shall forward it through his KIS account to the Director of his CAS Institute for its approval. The Director shall approve the proposal by submitting the project proposal to OMS KAV ČR (Division of International Cooperation, Head Office of the CAS) via his KIS account. **Bear in mind that all project proposals must be submitted by the CAS Institute Directors by July 30 2021.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data within the meaning of the Act No. 101/2000 Coll., On Personal Data Protection, as amended;
- Declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise they will face all the legal consequences;
- Declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
 - [The Code of Ethics of researchers at the Czech Academy of Sciences](#);
 - [The European Charter and Code for researchers](#);
 - [Recommendations of the International Commission "Self-Control in Science" \(Recommendations of the International Commission on Professional Self-Regulation in Science\)](#)

On the Argentinian side (for information only):

Proposal submission will be made exclusively through SIGEVA, CONICET's system.

Language: Spanish (preferably) or English.

The digital applicant must be the Argentinian PI

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of a two-step process:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates submitted proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
- At the international level, both partner organizations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.

Important for Argentinian applicants:**proposals with the following errors ARE NOT ADMITTED:**

- *Have not been presented to CONICET and [COUNTERPART] simultaneously.*
- *Have not been submitted through SIGEVA **before 23:59** of the call closing day.*
- *Have not assigned beneficiaries of international mobilities in the admitted categories indicated in the point "2.a) CONICET requirements".*
- *Have assigned the same person as the beneficiary of all the international mobilities of the project.*
- *The members of the research group have not been digitally associated to the project through SIGEVA.*

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals on the Czech side

- **Quality of the project:**
 - Scientific relevance (concept, innovative character in relation to the state-of-the art, quality of objectives);
 - Methodology, work plan of activities and outputs;
 - Impact of project results, their dissemination and exploitation.
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Composition and expertise of research teams;
 - Complementarity, methodology and equipment; previous cooperation and outputs;
 - Justification of collaboration needs.
- **Active involvement of junior researchers and PhD students.**
- **Added value and broader impact of bilateral cooperation.**

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals on the Argentinian side (for information only):

- Argentine research group background: 20%
 - Argentine PI background.
 - International mobilities beneficiaries' background.
- Foreign research group background: 20%
 - Foreign PI background.
 - Foreign group academic background.
- Quality of the proposal: 25%.
 - Originality
 - Workplan feasibility.
- Benefits of cooperation: 35%.
 - Cooperation impact on the objectives of the national on-going research project.
 - Cooperation impact on the human resources training and on the incorporation of new techniques

Evaluation of the final report

The project results and outputs will be evaluated. For definition of results see the Methodology for Evaluating Research Organisations and R&D&I Purpose-tied Aid Programmes (2017+) (<https://www.vyzkum.cz/FrontClanek.aspx?idsekce=799796>).

Schedule

01. 06. 2021	Announcement of the call for project proposals
30. 07. 2021	Deadline for submission of project proposals on the Czech side
September 2021	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2021	Completion of the joint assessment at international level
Nov./Dec.2021	Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2021	Announcement of results

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