

Call for Mobility Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	China
Partner organisation:	Chinese Academy of Sciences
Programme:	Mobility Projects
Period:	1.1.2023 – 31.12.2025

Legal framework

The call is based on Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2016 between the Czech Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Sciences, 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 Parties;
- Stimulation of involvement of early career researchers and PhD students;
- Supporting 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 **3 years, i.e. 36 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Czech side** by a [CAS institute](#);
- **On the Chinese side** by an institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

In case 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.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following a running project with the same team must justify the need for a continuing project and describe outcomes of the running project. This shall be stated in the Project Proposal form in the part "Description of the project".

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).

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 Chinese side:

- All members must be employees of the institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Range of exchanges

Number and length of exchanges and shares of individual research team members in exchanges must reflect the scope and objectives of the project and planned activities. **Days not used** during one calendar year cannot be transferred to subsequent years of the project.

Maximum exchange quota is 30 days per research team and year/project for each of the parties.

Maximum number of approved projects: 4 (four)

Financial provisions

Funding is provided in the form of **financial contributions toward the costs of mobility** (exchanges of Czech and partner research team members) in direct connection with the implementation of the project.

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

Financial contributions can be provided only in the year of the exchange realisation, i.e. unclaimed requirements for financial contributions cannot be claimed in subsequent years.

Provision of financial contributions by the partner organisations is subject to availability of funds.

Financial contributions to Czech research team members

- a) **For international transportation – the CAS institute** covers the **international transport expenses** from the Czech Republic to China and back inclusive **travel insurance**.
- b) **For subsistence in China – the Chinese Academy of Sciences** covers the **daily allowances** of 600 RMB/person/day for accommodation, daily allowances and domestic long-distance public transport (in accordance with the approved programme of the visit).

Financial contributions to partner research team members

- a) **For international transportation – the Chinese Academy of Sciences** covers the **international transport expenses** from China to the Czech Republic and back inclusive **travel insurance**.
- b) **For subsistence – the Head Office of the Czech Academy of Sciences** covers:
 - **Accommodation expenses** of up to **1.600**, - CZK/person/night;
 - **Meal allowance and pocket money** in accordance with applicable legislation (Part VII. Act No. 262/2006 Coll., the Labour Code, as amended) and in accordance with the internal rules - the maximum amount in 2022 is **792**, - CZK/person/day;
 - **Domestic transport expenses** by Czech long-distance public transport (bus, train) in actual amount spent, original ticket receipts required; the daily transfers between accommodation facility and the workplace are not reimbursable.

The above stated amounts are valid on the date of the call for proposals and are meant for the purposes of calculation of the project budget. In the event of significant changes in price levels or a change in legislation in the field of travel expenses, partner organizations reserve the right to make appropriate modifications to the above stated amounts and/or the method of calculation.

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 applicant is 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, the applicant shall forward it through his KIS account to the Director of the respective CAS Institute for 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 12 June 2022.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data contained in the project proposal pursuant to the relevant Czech legislation;

- 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 for Researchers of the Czech Academy of Sciences;](#)
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.](#)

On the Chinese side:

The project proposal must be submitted to Mr. Chen Changrui from CAS Bureau of International Cooperation at crchen@cashq.ac.cn. Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available from the website of the <http://www.bic.cas.cn/>.

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of 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 organisations 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.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - Quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, time schedule, outcomes);
 - State-of-the-art;
 - Innovation potential and perspective to broaden knowledge;
 - Expected mutual benefits for both research institutes;
 - Potential of project results and its possible outreach.
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Justification of collaboration needs;
 - Competence and qualification of research team members;
 - Level of involvement of junior researchers and PhD students;
 - Research teams' complementarity;
 - Previous cooperation.
- **Appropriate project budget.**

Schedule

14 April 2022	Announcement of the call for project proposals
12 June 2022 24:00	Deadline for submission of project proposals
Sept./Oct. 2022	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2022	Completion of the joint assessment at international level
Nov./Dec.2022	Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2022	Announcement of results

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