

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Egypt
Partner organisation:	Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of the Arab Republic of Egypt (ASRT)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
Implementation period:	2022 - 2024

Legal framework

The call is based on Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2015 between the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CAS) and the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter referred to as ASRT), 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 **3 years, i.e. 36 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

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 Egyptian side by ASRT institutes and any other educational or research institutions accepted by the ASRT.

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. 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

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 Egyptian side:

- Researchers from the institutes of the ASRT and any other educational or research institutions accepted by the ASRT

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 100.000 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.
- 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 Egyptian side (for information only):

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the ASRT towards the costs of the Egyptian research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be E.P 100.000 per mobility project per year.
- Min. 70% 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, small equipment, and publications.

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 31 May 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 Egyptian side:

- **Partner applicant submits the project proposal to the partner organisation.** Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available from the website of the ASRT www.asrt.sci.eg

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.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals

- **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.**

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

April 1, 2021	Announcement of the call for project proposals
31.05.2021 24:00	Deadline for submission of project proposals
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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