



## Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

### Identification information

Partner Countries	India	Czech Republic
Partner organisations:	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	Czech Academy Of Sciences (CAS)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects	
Implementation period:	<b>2023 – 2024</b>	

### Legal framework

The call is based on MoU on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the year 2018 between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Council of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as CSIR) and the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CAS).

### Basic definitions

#### Objectives

- Enhancement 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 excluding Humanities and Social Sciences** are accepted.

Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- On the Indian side by the CSIR institutes (<https://www.csir.res.in/csir-labs>);
- On the Czech side by the CAS institutes (<http://www.avcr.cz/en/about-us/cas-structure/research-institutes/>)

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

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



### **Research team**

Each research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher employed on regular basis);
- One or more co-investigators (employed on regular basis)

Research team members are divided into four categories:

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

### **On the Indian side:**

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

### **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.

### **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 Indian side:**

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the CSIR towards the costs of the Indian research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be INR 8,00,000/- per mobility project per year.
  - Min. 60% of the approved project cost towards mobility (travel, living expenses, insurance, visa fee) will be met by CSIR;
  - Research costs (consumables, services, equipment, networking etc. etc.) will be met by the concerned CSIR Institute.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports.

### **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 250,000** per mobility project per year.
- Eligible costs are: mobility costs (travel and living expenses) and research costs (consumables, services, small equipment, and networking)
- Min. 50% of the approved financial contribution shall be used to cover mobility costs: travel, living expenses.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 80,000), overheads.



- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- 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.

## Project proposal submission

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

### On the Indian side:

- Project proposals must be complete and submitted within the stated deadline through email ([kamlesh@csir.res.in](mailto:kamlesh@csir.res.in)) and by post.

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data;
- 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 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (<https://www.csir.res.in/sites/default/files/OM%20Ethics%20Guidelines28-02-2020.pdf>).

### On the Czech side:

- Project proposals in English must be complete and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the “KIS” online application.
- You 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 your proposal, you shall forward it through your KIS account to the Director of your CAS Institute for its approval. The Director shall approve your 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 of researchers at the Czech Academy of Sciences](#);
  - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#);
  - [Recommendations of the International Commission "Self-Control in Science" \(Recommendations of the International Commission on Professional Self-Regulation in Science\)](#)



## 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 and formal quality:
    - Quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, time schedule, outcomes)
    - the state-of-the-art
    - expected mutual benefits
    - 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.

Evaluation of the final report

The project results and outputs will be evaluated.

Schedule

• 19.04. 2022	• Announcement of the call for joint research proposals
• 12.07. 2022	• Deadline for submission of joint research proposals
• September 2022	• Completion of the assessment at national level
• October 2022	• Completion of the joint assessment
• November 2022	• Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
• December 2022	• Announcement of results

*Please be aware that the date of the call and of the deadline for project submission might differ on the CAS SIDE! Indian/Czech principal investigators, therefore, should be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application by the relevant deadline.*



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## Mobility Plus Project Proposal

Fill in white fields only, in English or in Czech (line spacing: 1, font: Arial, size: 11).  
In order to meet all formal requirements applicants must fill in all required fields.

Partner countries:	India	Czech Republic	
Partner organisations:	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS)	
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects		
Implementation period:	2023–2024		
Project title (en):			
Keywords (en):			
Keywords (cs):			
Branches of science:	Choose an option.	Choose an option.	Choose an option.

CSIR institute		CAS institute	
Name (cs):	Choose an option	Name (en):	
Address:		Address:	
Principal Investigator:	Name:	Principal Investigator:	Name:
	Tel.:		Tel.:
	E-mail:		E-mail:
I hereby declare that the information I state in the project proposal is accurate, true and complete. I am aware that otherwise I will face all legal consequences. I agree to the processing of personal data contained in the project proposal pursuant to the relevant Indian legislation.			
Submission Date:	Klikněte sem a zadejte datum.		



**Abstract**

**English** (*max. 1 100 characters incl. spaces*):

**Česky** (*max. 1 100 znaků včetně mezer*):



**Description of the project (max. 3 pages in total)**

**Expected/Intended results and benefits, broader impact:**

**Scientific importance and originality of the project, current state-of-the-art in the field (including relevant literature):**

**Methods and approaches:**

**Activities and outputs/outcomes as planned for each year of the project:**

**Proposed Plan for Protection /sharing of IP likely to be generated under project**





**Description of the research teams (max. 1.5 page in total)**

**Qualification, relevant previous cooperation, compatibility and complementarity (personal, methodical, instrumental):**

**Role of each of the research teams:**

**Participation of junior researchers and PhD students in the project:**



**Research teams**

CSIR principal investigator		CAS principal investigator	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	Choose an option	<b>Category:</b>	Choose an option

*Indicate all co-investigators classified according to categories listed below in the following format: SURNAME Name, Title(s). Add lines using the Tab key if necessary.*

**CSIR co-investigators**

**CAS co-investigators**

**Category: Senior researchers**

*(5 or more years since completion of a doctoral programme)*

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**Category: Junior researchers – Postdocs**

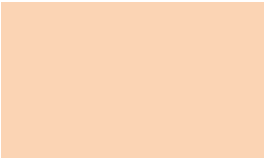
*(less than 5 years since completion of a doctoral programme)*

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**Category: Others (e.g. engineers, technicians)**

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Evaluators with potential conflict of interest



**Planned Travel**

	CSIR experts visiting Czech partners*			CAS experts visiting Indian partners*		
1 <sup>st</sup> year	Name	Duration (days)	Start of visit (month)	Name	Duration (days)	Start of visit (month)
	1.					
	2.					
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Name	Duration (days)	Start of visit (month)	Name	Duration (days)	Start of visit (month)
	1.					
	2.					

\* n.n. if person is not identified yet



Description of project budget

For Indian Partners

Maximum financial contribution is upto INR 8,00,000 per year (i.e. 12 months)

PROJECT COSTS	2023	2024	Total (in INR)
Mobility costs (in INR)			
Research costs (in INR)			
Total (in INR)			

Total mobility costs (Min. 60% of total cost)	
<b>Travel costs* (in INR) :</b> Indicate unit cost and total cost	
<b>Living expenses (in INR):</b> Indicate unit cost and total cost	
<b>Justification of requested funding:</b>	

Total research costs** (min. 30% of total amount)	
<b>Consumables (in INR):</b>	
<b>Services (in INR):</b>	
<b>Small equipment (in INR):</b>	
<b>Networking (in INR):</b>	
<b>Availability of Manpower:</b>	
<b>Justification of requested funding:</b>	
<b>Source of Funding:</b>	

\* Travel costs include expenses towards international and domestic travel , insurance, visa

\*\* Research costs will be met by the concerned CSIR Institute



**For Czech Partners**

Maximum financial contribution is CZK 250 000 per year (i.e. 12 months)

PROJECT COSTS	2023	2024	Total (in CZK)
Mobility costs (in CZK)			
Research costs (in CZK)			
Total (in CZK)			

Total mobility costs <i>(min. 50% of total amount)</i>	
Travel costs (in CZK):	
Living expenses (in CZK):	
Justification of requested funding:	

Total research costs <i>(min. 30% of total amount)</i>	
Consumables (in CZK):	
Services (in CZK):	
Small equipment (in CZK):	
Networking (in CZK):	
Justification of requested funding:	

Other sources of funding <i>Provide information about other projects with overlapping scope and activities of all members of the Czech research team. Copy the table if necessary.</i>	
Funding provider:	
Project title:	
Implementation period:	
Research team member:	



Academic CV of CSIR principal investigator including max. 5 relevant **publications in the last five years**  
(1 page)

Academic CV of CAS principal investigator including max. 5 relevant **publications in the last five years**  
(1 page)



**Signatures of Principal Investigators**

We have completed the Mobility Plus Project Proposal for support under CSIR-CAS Collaboration MoU. The proposal is submitted jointly for consideration. In the event of our proposal being accepted, we agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Mobility plus Project support programme under CSIR-CAS Collaboration MoU.

**Indian Partner**

**Czech Partner**

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(Date, Name)

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(Date, Name)

**Certificate of Director of the CSIR Institute**

It is certified that the above mentioned details are true to the best of my knowledge and that Consumables, manpower, services, infrastructure, administrative support etc will be provided for implementation of the above project entitled “ ”.

***Signature of the Director of the Institute with Seal***

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Name:

Date:

(Seal of Institution)