

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	
CAS Implementation period:	1.4.2025 – 31.3. 2027	1.1.2025 – 31.12.2026
Maximum project duration:	2 years, i.e. 24 months Extension beyond this period is not permitted.	

The Call is open from 19 April until 10 June 2024 (23:59). **However, the online applications on ICMS portal of CSIR can be submitted from 30 April 2024 onwards.**

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 (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;
- 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](#)**
- **On the Czech side by the [CAS 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 mobility 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 must 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 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).

The research experience does not include maternity and child care leave lasting more than 90 days.

On the CSIR side:

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

On the CAS 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 provisions

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations as *per Annexure I*. Each partner organisation must meet all costs of its research team and provide travel insurance for its research team members.

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

CSIR funding regulations:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the CSIR towards the costs of the Indian research team
- The maximum funding per project per year will be restricted to INR 12,00,000.
 - The project cost of upto INR 800000 towards mobility (travel, living expenses, insurance, visa fee) will be met by CSIR HQs.
 - The Research costs (consumables, services, equipment, networking, overheads etc.) of upto INR 400000 will be met by the concerned CSIR Institute.

- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports.

CAS funding regulations:

- CAS provides financial contribution only towards the costs of the Czech research team.
- The maximum financial contribution is **CZK 250,000** per mobility project per year (12 months).
- Eligible costs are non-investment costs of the CAS research team:
 - **mobility costs (abroad):**
 - travel and living expenses, conference fee in the partner country
 - if justified, travel and living expenses, conference fee in a “third” country (if active participation in a conference, directly related to the project)
 - **research costs (directly related to the project implementation):**
 - consumables
 - services (incl. travel expenses related to the project within the Czech Republic)
 - small equipment (up to CZK 80,000)
 - networking (organisation of conferences, workshops, etc., in the Czech Republic, conference fee at a conference held in the Czech Republic)
- **Min. 50 % of the requested financial contribution must be used to cover mobility costs each year of the project implementation.**
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 80,000), overheads, or any investment costs.
- **Eligibility of all costs will be assessed based on specific justification in the project proposal.**
- 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 cost categories.
- A successful project proposal shall be funded based on the respective grant that shall be provided to the CAS institute in accordance with the Guideline of the Academy Council of the CAS on Grants Provided by the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Project proposal submission

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations. Project proposals considered eligible by both partner organisations will only be evaluated.

On the Indian side:

- Project proposals must be complete and submitted within the stated deadline.
- Project proposals submitted **simultaneously on the [International Cooperation Management System \(ICMS\)](#) Portal and via email (head.istad@csir.res.in; kamlesh@csir.res.in) by the deadline of the call, only will be considered as submitted.**
- You are requested to register in the ICMS Portal using the above link and fill in the project proposal and upload all necessary documents as mentioned in the online application form.

- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.
- The application form is given at **Annexure IV**

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 CAS side:

- **Complete project proposals in Czech or English must be submitted in the KIS application and simultaneously via the CAS data mailbox within the stated deadline.**
- **Only project proposals submitted simultaneously in the KIS application and via the CAS data mailbox by the deadline of the call are considered as submitted and will be evaluated.**
- Project proposals submitted in any other way will be rejected on formal grounds.

The process of submitting a project proposal is as follows:

- 1) The applicant (PI) is requested to register in the KIS application as “an applicant” at <https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/register>, and fill in a project proposal.
- 2) After completing the project proposal, the applicant (PI) must forward 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 and submit the project proposal to OMS KAV ČR (Division of International Cooperation, Head Office of the CAS) via her/his KIS account, and simultaneously send it as a PDF document to the CAS data mailbox (CAS ID fr6adt5) by the stated deadline.

By submitting a project proposal, the director of the CAS institute and the applicant (PI):

- Confirms she/he has read and understood the Privacy Policy (<https://www.avcr.cz/en/academic-public/international-affairs/bilateral-cooperation/Currently-announced-programmes/>). She/he confirms that the partner principal investigator as well as the members of both research teams are also familiar with the 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 Czech Academy of Sciences, as subsequently amended in Guideline No. 17/2021.
- Declares that the information she/he stated is accurate, true and complete and that she/he is aware that if otherwise, there may be legal consequences.
- Declares that, if approved, during the implementation she/he will follow:
 - [The Code of Ethics for Researchers of the Czech Academy of Sciences](#)
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity \(Revised Edition 2023\)](#)

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-April 2024	Announcement of the call for project proposals
10-June 2024	Deadline for submission of project proposals (both ICMS portal and email)
Sept./Oct. 2024	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2024	Completion of the joint assessment at international level
Nov./Dec.2024	Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2024	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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<p>How to apply and selection process</p>	<p><u>Joint application submission at CSIR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal submission is made through the CSIR Website (www.csir.res.in) on CSIR's International Cooperation Management System(ICMS) • Link for submission of applications through CSIR-ICMS will be live from 30th April 2024 • Submission of proposals by hard copies or fax will also be accepted. <p><u>Selection at CSIR</u> Departmental Expert committee reviews the proposals and recommends 3 proposals for funding support.</p>
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Project documents:

Online application form to be filled by the CSIR candidate submitting the proposal. The following documents should be enclosed with the application form at Sl. No.:

2. Description of the project (max. 3 pages in total)
4. Description of the research teams
- 8.1 Detailed Budget description as per **Annexure I**
- 8.2 Academic CV of CSIR principal investigator including max. 5 relevant publications in the last five years (1 page)
- 8.3 Academic CV of CAS principal investigator including max. 5 relevant publications in the last five years (1 page)

8.4 Specific Recommendations of the Director of the CSIR Institute indicating his/her expectations from the proposed project as also recommending the proposal *as per Annexure II.*

8.5 Concurrence of Project partner to submit the project as per *Annexure III*

Annexure I

Description of project budget

For Indian Partners

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

PROJECT COSTS	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	Total (in INR)
Mobility costs (in INR)			
Research costs (in INR)			
Total (in INR)			

Total mobility costs (Upto Rs. 8,00000)	
Travel costs* (in INR) : Indicate unit cost and total cost	
Living expenses (in INR): Indicate unit cost and total cost	
Justification of requested funding:	

Total research costs** (Rs. 4,00000)	
Consumables (in INR):	
Services (in INR):	
Small equipment (in INR):	
Networking (in INR):	
Availability of Manpower:	
Justification of requested funding:	

Source of Funding:

- * 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	2025	2026	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	
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:	



Certificate of Director of the CSIR Institute

Name of the Project:

PI Name:

Funding requested from CSIR:

Recommendations:

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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

Name:
Date:
(Seal of Institution)



Concurrence of the PI's

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

(Date, Name)

(Date, Name)

Annexure IV

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:	2025–2026		
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:		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.
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1. Abstract

English (max. 1100 characters incl. spaces):

Česky (max. 1 100 znaků včetně mezer):

2. Upload detailed description of the project (max. 3 pages in total)

The description should include the following:

1. Expected/Intended results and benefits, broader impact:
2. Scientific importance and originality of the project, current state-of-the-art in the field (including relevant literature):
3. Methods and approaches:
4. Activities and outputs/outcomes as planned for each year of the project:
5. Proposed Plan for Protection /sharing of IP likely to be generated under project

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3. Research teams

CSIR principal investigator		CAS principal investigator	
Name:		Name:	
Category:	Choose an option	Category:	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)

Category: Junior researchers – Postdocs

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

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

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4. Upload detailed description of the research teams (max. 1.5 page in total)

The research team description should include the following:

1. Qualification, relevant previous cooperation, compatibility and complementarity (personal, methodical, instrumental):
2. Role of each of the research teams:
3. Participation of junior researchers and PhD students in the project:

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5. Evaluators with potential conflict of interest

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6. Planned Travel

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

* n.n. if person is not identified yet

7. Description of project budget

For Indian Partners

Total Funding requested from CSIR: INR(RS)

For Czech Partners

Total Funding requested by Counterpart: CZK

8. **Uploads**

8.6 Detailed Budget description as per *Annexure I*

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

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

8.9 **Specific Recommendations** of the Director of the CSIR Institute indicating his/her expectations from the proposed project as also recommending the proposal as per *Annexure II*.

8.10 **Concurrence of Project partner to submit the project as per *Annexure III***

Undertaking:

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