

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals for projects starting in 2027

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India, through ISTAD, drives strategic global scientific partnerships and advances the internationalisation of its research ecosystem. CSIR anchors its global engagement by forging high-impact international collaborations and expanding its scientific footprint. ISTAD enables CSIR to build, scale, and sustain high-value international scientific collaborations.

Objectives

The Call is based on MoU on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the year 2018 between the CSIR and the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS), Czech Republic. The project-based Mobility Plus programme under the CSIR-CAS MoU supports the mobility of CSIR research teams to the Czech Republic. The joint 2-year Mobility Plus Projects (MPP) aim to establish or intensify international scientific collaboration between CSIR and the CAS research teams, with each partner organisation funding its own research team and issuing its own calls. The MPPs ensure access to key infrastructure and expertise, stimulating involvement of young researchers; enabling high-quality collaborative research and fostering future international projects.

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:	2027 – 2028	

General Conditions

- **Areas:** Project proposals from **all research fields excluding Humanities and Social Sciences** are accepted.
- **Duration:** Maximum project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.
- 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.
- Up to 3 (three) projects shall be selected for funding under the Call.

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 three categories:
 - Senior researchers (8 or more years after receiving PhD);
 - Junior researchers (less than 8 years after receiving PhD);
 - Others (e.g. engineers, technicians).

- Eligibility:

- on the Indian 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 Czech side:

- All research team members must be employees of the CAS institutes either in an employment relationship or based on an agreement outside an employment relationship.
 - At least one third of the CAS research team should be early-career researchers (junior researchers or PhD students).
- In case of any change in the research team on either side during the project implementation period, the Indian PI must report with due justification.

Financial conditions

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations. Financial contribution shall exclusively cover the costs of the CSIR and CAS research teams directly related to the implementation of the project, in line with the planned activities outlined in the approved project proposal.

- On the Indian side:

- 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 lakhs
 - 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.

(Details to be provided as per **Annexure I**)

- On the Czech side:

- The maximum amount of the financial contribution varies depending on the partner organisations (**Annex 1**).
 - Eligible costs include non-investment costs of the CAS research team, and are classified into two main categories:
 - **Mobility costs**
= all costs related to international mobility and stays abroad:
 - Travel costs
 - Living costs (accommodation, daily allowances)
 - Conference fees for conferences held in the partner country
 - Mobility costs in another country, if duly justified (e.g., active participation in a conference directly related to the project).
 - **Research costs**

- = all other costs within the following categories:
- Consumables
 - Services (incl. travel costs within the Czech Republic if project-related and duly justified; accommodation costs in the Czech Republic are not eligible)
 - Small equipment (up to CZK 80,000)
 - Networking (e.g., costs related to organising a conference or workshop in the Czech Republic, or conference fees for events held in the Czech Republic)
- Non-eligible costs include personnel, large equipment (exceeding CZK 80,000), overheads, and investment costs.
 - Each year of project implementation, at least 50% of the requested financial contribution must be allocated to mobility costs.

Project documents:

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

1. Description of the project (max. 3 pages in total)
2. Description of the research teams
3. Detailed Budget description as per **Annexure I**
4. Academic CV of CSIR principal investigator including max. 5 relevant publications in last five years (1 page)
5. Academic CV of CAS principal investigator including max. 5 relevant publications in last five years (1 page)
6. 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*.
7. Concurrence of Project partner to submit the project as per **Annexure III**

Project proposal submission

- Project proposals is to be submitted:
 - On the Indian side by the CSIR institutes through 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 27 April 2026**
 - On the Czech side by the CAS institutes (<https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/login>.)
- The 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 the [International Cooperation Management System \(ICMS\)](#) Portal
- You are requested to register in the ICMS Portal using the link and fill in a project proposal and upload all necessary documents as mentioned in the online application form.
- Please note that project proposals submitted on the ICMS Portal only will be considered.

- 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 Czech side: Project proposal submission shall be guided by the Czech side as detailed at (<https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/login>.)

Evaluation and Selection of project

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.

Monitoring and Completion Report

- The progress of the project shall be evaluated periodically at the lab level and at the HQs level. The funding for the second year will be granted based on the evaluation result.
- The project results and outputs shall be evaluated through the final report.

Schedule

April 2026	Announcement of the call for project proposals
30 June 2026	Deadline for submission of project proposals
September/October 2026	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2026	Completion of the joint assessment at international level
November/December 2026	Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2026	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.

Contact persons

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Annexure I

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:	2027–2028		
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.
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1. Abstract

English (*max. 1100 characters incl. spaces*):

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

2. 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

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)

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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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4. 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

5. Evaluators with potential conflict of interest

6. Planned Travel

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

* n.n. if person is not identified yet

Annexure II

Description of project budget

For Indian Partners

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

PROJECT COSTS	2027	2028	Total (in INR)
Mobility costs (in INR)			
Research costs (in INR)			
Total (in INR)			

Total mobility costs	
<i>(Upto Rs. 8,00000)</i>	
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**	
<i>(Rs. 4,00000)</i>	
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 will be met by CSIR HQrs through ISTAD

** 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	2027	2028	Total (in CZK)
Mobility costs (in CZK)			
Research costs (in CZK)			
Total (in CZK)			

Total mobility costs	
<i>(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:	



Annexure III

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 formulated the Mobility Plus Project Proposal for support under the Mobility plus Project support programme under CSIR-CAS Collaboration MoU.

The proposal is submitted for consideration to CSIR and the CAS. In the event of our proposal being accepted by both sides, 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)

Enclosures

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Undertaking:

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