

Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals

Identification

Partner country:	Argentina
Partner organisation:	National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET)
Programme:	Mobility Plus Projects
CAS Implementation period:	1.1.2026 – 31.12.2027 The implementation period of the partner organisation does not affect the CAS research team's implementation period.
Maximum project duration:	2 years, i.e. 24 months Extension beyond this period is not permitted.

The call is open from **14 July to 15 September 2025 (23:59)**.

Legal framework

The call is based on the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2020 between the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “CAS”) and the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (hereinafter referred to as “CONICET”), 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 the two countries
- Stimulation of involvement of early career 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 countries

Eligibility criteria

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the CAS side** by the [CAS Institutes](#)

If an applicant submits more than one project proposal in the same call (i.e., with the same partner organisation), only one of them may be funded.

Only **two consecutive mobility projects** carried out by the same research team may be funded. Repeated participation in a call with the same partner organisation will be evaluated by the corresponding evaluator.

Applicants submitting a project proposal with the same research team with which they already had a project within the previous call must **justify the need to continue the joint work** and describe the results of the previous project. This information must be included in the "Project Description" section of the application form.

Research team

Each research team is composed 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 obtaining PhD at the time of project proposal submission)
- Junior researchers – postdoctoral researchers (less than 8 years after obtaining PhD at the time of project proposal submission)
- PhD students
- Others (e.g., undergraduate students, engineers, technicians)

All members of the research team must be employees of the CAS Institutes. At least **one-third of the team should be junior researchers or PhD students**.

Research experience does not include:

- Maternity or paternity leave
- Disability for more than 90 days
- Mandatory military service
- Time spent caring for people considered dependent on another person's assistance, as established in the Social Services Law

Financial provisions

The financial contribution must be calculated and provided in accordance with current national legislation and the internal regulations of the partner organisations. Each partner organisation must cover all costs of its research team and provide travel insurance for research team members.

Up to three (3) two-year mobility projects may be selected for funding under this call.

Funding regulations

- The CAS will only cover the costs of the Czech research team. The maximum financial contribution will be **CZK 300,000** per mobility project per year (12 months). The financial contribution cannot be carried over to the following year of the project implementation.
- Eligible costs (non-investment expenses) of the CAS research team:
 - **Mobility costs (all costs related to international mobility and stay abroad):**
 - **Travel expenses**
 - **Living expenses**

Mobility costs also include **registration fees for conferences** held in the partner country. Mobility costs (travel, living, registration fees) in another (third) country will also be eligible if duly justified (e.g., active participation directly related to the project).

- **Research costs (all other expenses within the following categories):**
 - Consumables
 - Services (incl. travel expenses within the Czech Republic if project-related and duly justified; accommodation expenses in the Czech Republic are not included)
 - Small equipment (up to CZK 80,000)
 - Networking (e.g., expenses related to organising a conference or workshop in the Czech Republic, or registration fees for conferences held in the Czech Republic)
- **At least 50% of the requested financial contribution must be used to cover mobility costs during each year of project implementation.**
- **Non-eligible costs** are personnel, large equipment (over CZK 80,000), overheads, or investment costs of any kind.
- **The eligibility of all costs will be assessed based on the specific justification in the project proposal.**
- Progress in project implementation will be monitored through **annual and final reports**, which should include the use of funds, justification of expenditures, and possible reallocations between budget categories.
- The grant is awarded to a CAS Institute based on a **Grant Application** submitted by a CAS Institute within the relevant **Call for Grant Applications**, in accordance with the Guideline of the Academy Council of the CAS on Grants Provided by the CAS. The relevant Call for Grant Applications is published on the CAS website (www.avcr.cz/cs/veda-a-vyzkum/podpora-vyzkumu/aktualni-vyzvy-av-cr), no later than early spring.

Project proposal submission

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations, in accordance with their respective instructions. Only those proposals deemed eligible by both partner organisations will be evaluated.

Complete project proposals in Czech or English must be submitted in the KIS application and simultaneously via the CAS data mailbox within the deadline.

Only project proposals submitted simultaneously in the KIS application and via the CAS data mailbox by the deadline of the call will be considered as submitted and will be evaluated.

Project proposals submitted in any other way will be rejected for formal reasons.

The procedure for submitting a project proposal is as follows:

- 1) The applicant (PI) must register with an "applicant" account in the KIS application at <https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/register> and complete a project proposal.
- 2) After completing the project proposal, the applicant (PI) must submit the complete project proposal via their 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 the project proposal and submit it to the OMS KAV ČR (Division of International Cooperation, Head Office of the CAS) via their KIS account and simultaneously send the proposal as a PDF file to the CAS data mailbox (CAS ID fr6adt5) by the deadline.

By submitting a project proposal, the Director of the CAS Institute and the applicant (PI):

- Confirms that she/he has read and understood the CAS Privacy Policy (<https://www.avcr.cz/en/academic-public/international-affairs/bilateral-cooperation/practical-information-and-links/>). Confirms that the partner Principal Investigator and the members of both research teams are also familiar with the CAS 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 CAS, as subsequently amended in Guideline No. 17/2021.
- Declares that the information she/he has provided is accurate, true and complete and that she/he is aware that failure to do so may have legal consequences.
- Declares that, if accepted, she/he will comply with the following during the implementation:
 - [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

The evaluation of project proposals is carried out in two stages:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates the submitted project proposals according to its internal rules and evaluation criteria and establishes a ranking list.
- At the international level, the partner organisations agree on a list of submitted project proposals, exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve project proposals selected for funding. The total number of mobility projects approved for funding depends on the financial possibilities of both partner organisations.

Once the evaluation process is completed and the results are approved by the CAS Academic Council, an official letter notifying the results will be sent to the Director of the CAS Institute via the data mailbox by the end of 2025 (no later than January 2026). The results will also be published on the CAS website (<https://www.avcr.cz/en/academic-public/international-affairs/bilateral-cooperation/running-projects/>).

Criteria for the evaluation of project proposals

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - Quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, timeline, expected results)
 - State-of-the-art
 - Innovative potential and prospects for advancing knowledge
 - Expected benefits for both research teams
 - Potential of project results and their possible impact
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Justification for the need for collaboration
 - Competence and qualification of research team members
 - Level of participation of junior researchers and PhD students
 - Complementarity between research teams
 - Prior cooperation
- **Adequate project budget**

Evaluation of the final report

The results and outputs of the project will be evaluated. For the definition of results, see [Methodology for Evaluating Research Organisations and R&D&I Purpose-tied Aid Programmes \(2017+\)](#).

Schedule

14 July 2025	Announcement of call for project proposals
15 September 2025 23:59	Deadline for submission of project proposals (both KIS and data mailbox)
Sept./Oct. 2025	Evaluation of results at national level
November 2025	Evaluation of results at international level
Nov./Dec.2025	Approval of results by both partner organisations
Dec. 2025/Jan. 2026	Announcement of results

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