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Introduction to the national funding opportunities



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Czech Republic

Czech Science Foundation (GAČR)

Founded in **1993!**

- Provides financial support in research and development for research projects in **basic research** with a high potential for achieving world class results.
- Allocates funds for the best basic research projects for more than **30 years** – stable source of funding for science in the Czech Republic
- In January 2025 474 new scientific projects, GAČR allocates around **€188 million** for these projects for the next 5 years





Czech Science Foundation (GAČR)

7 types of grant projects:

- Standard grant projects
- JUNIOR STAR
- POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP – INCOMING
- POSTDOC INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP – OUTGOING
- Lead Agency grant projects
- Bilateral Grant projects
- EXPRO projects



More info at <https://gacr.cz/en/>

Czech Science Foundation (GAČR): Facts & Figures



Scientific projects funded by the Czech Science Foundation are usually three- or five-year projects. If necessary, they are extended, for example due to parental and maternity leave.

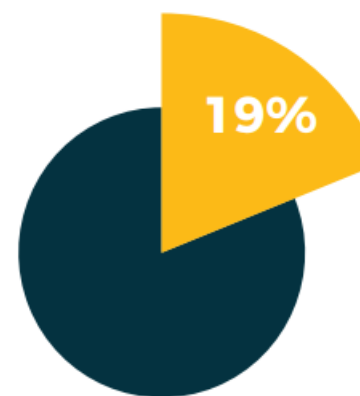


**the amount
of funds for
international
cooperation**

The Czech Science Foundation is significantly expanding its international cooperation - publishing joint calls for proposals with grant agencies from 4 continents, including US agency NSF. The Czech Science Foundation will also expand European cooperation through Weave by 2025. Compared to 2018, funding for international collaboration has tripled.



Through an evaluation process inspired by the European Research Council (ERC) process, only the best projects are selected. Each project proposal is evaluated by at least four scientists. In the second phase, the project is assessed by additional independent international experts in the field. The EXPRO and JUNIOR STAR excellence competitions are judged exclusively by scientists abroad.



**project proposals
receive funding**

In tenders for projects launched in 2022, the Czech Science Foundation funded approx. one in six project proposals received - making sure that we fund the best of Czech science.

Your experience, opinion, best/bad practice, anything to share





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