



Call for Mobility Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Romania
Partner organisation:	Romanian Academy
Programme:	Mobility
Period:	2024 – 2025

Legal framework

The call is based on the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2021 between the Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as SAS) and the Romanian Academy (hereinafter referred to as RA).

Basic definitions

Objectives

- Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;
- Stimulation of involvement of young researchers and PhD students;
- Supporting 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** are accepted.

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

Project proposals can be submitted:

- **On the Slovak side** by a [SAS institute or centre](#)
- **On the Partner side** by a [RA institute or centre](#);

The principal investigator and the participating team members can be only involved in one proposal in this call, regardless of whether they participate as a principal investigator or as team members.

Research team

Each research team consists of:

- One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher);
- One or more co-investigators.

Research team members are divided into four categories:

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

On the Slovak side:

- All members must be employees of the SAS institutes/centres.
- Out of the whole team, at least 1/3 must be junior researchers or PhD students.



On the Romanian side:

- All members must be employees of the RA 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.

Up to 3 (three) two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

On the Slovak side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the SAS towards the costs of the Slovak research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 1,500** per mobility project per year.
- **Eligible costs:** mobility costs and research costs (consumables, services, small equipment).
- Max. 30% of the approved financial contribution can be used to cover research costs: consumables, services, small equipment.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding **EUR 1,500**), overheads.
- There are no eligible indirect costs.
- The course of project implementation will be monitored through annual and final reports including the use of financial means and justification of costs.

On the Romanian side:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the RA towards the mobility costs of the Romanian research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 1,500** per mobility project per year.
- Conditions are available on the website: https://acad.ro/institutia/acorduri_apeluri.html

Project proposal submission

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

On the Slovak side:

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted within the stated deadline exclusively via the Intranet online application.
- To submit a project proposal, log in to the SAS Intranet. Select Intranet Rights, Standard Rights, Bilateral Mobility Call and fill in a project proposal. After finishing your proposal, you shall forward it through your Intranet account to the Director of your SAS Institute for its approval. The Director shall approve your proposal. Once the project proposal is approved by the Director, it will be automatically sent to OMS Úrad SAV (Department of International Cooperation, Office of the SAS) via his/her Intranet account. **All project proposals must be submitted by the SAS Institute Directors by 20 September 2023.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.

By submitting a project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to processing of personal data within the meaning of the Act No. 18/2018 Coll., On Personal Data Protection, as amended;
- 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 SAS Code of Ethics;
- [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#) (Slovak translation available [here](#)).

On the Romanian side:

- Project proposals in English must be completed and submitted by email to florin.balotescu@acad.ro, and also in hardcopy to the address below within the stated deadline;
- Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available on the website: https://acad.ro/institutia/acorduri_apeluri.html

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 - all the RA internal regulations and procedures concerning the ethics of research;
 - [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#)

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of a of 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 organisations 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 relevance (concept, innovative character in relation to the state-of-the-art, quality of objectives);
 - Methodology, work plan of activities and outputs;
 - Impact of project results, their dissemination and exploitation.
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - Composition and expertise of research teams;
 - Complementarity, methodology and equipment; previous cooperation and outputs;
 - Justification of collaboration needs.
- **Active involvement of junior researchers and PhD students.**
- **Added value and broader impact of bilateral cooperation.**

Schedule

20 June 2023	Announcement of the call for project proposals
20 September 2023	Deadline for submission of project proposals
October 2023	Completion of the assessment at national level
November 2023	Completion of the joint assessment at international level, approval of the final results by both partner organisations
December 2023	Announcement of results



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