



Call for Mobility Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Romania
Partner organisation:	Romanian Academy
Programme:	Mobility
Implementation period	1.1.2026 – 31.12.2027
Maximum project duration	2 years, i.e., 24 months Extension beyond this period is not permitted.

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.

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](#);

In case an applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent mobility projects implemented by the same research team 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 the outcomes of the running project. This must be stated in the project proposal form in the part “Short description of the project and methodology”.

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 SAS 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 RA 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 2 (two) two-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

SAS funding regulations:

- Financial contribution shall be provided by the SAS to the Slovak research team.
- The maximum financial contribution shall be **EUR 2,000** 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, and small equipment.
- Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment, and 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.

RA funding regulations:

- 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 SAS 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 3 June 2025.**
- Proposals submitted in any other way may be rejected on formal grounds.



By submitting a project proposal, the applicant:

- Agrees to the 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 RA 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

It 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 organisations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking, and approve the proposals selected for funding. The total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals:

- **Scientific and formal quality:**
 - Quality of project implementation (concept, approach, methodology, schedule, outcomes)
 - state-of-the-art
 - innovation potential and perspective to broaden knowledge
 - expected mutual benefits for both research teams
 - potential of project results and its possible outreach
- **Quality of research teams:**
 - justification of collaboration needs
 - competences and qualifications of research team members
 - level of involvement of junior researchers and PhD students
 - research teams' complementarity



Schedule

4 April 2025

Announcement of the call for project proposals

3 June 2025

Deadline for submission of project proposals

October 2025

Completion of the assessment at the national level

November 2025

Comparison and approval of results by both partner organisations

December 2025

Announcement of results

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