

Fund for the Support of Strategic Partnerships

Call for Proposals 2024

1. STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Strategic partners	
	Universität Zürich
	Macquarie University
	University of St Andrews

Activities with strategic partners may take the following forms:

- Preparation of international project submission;
- Supporting new teams (including the involvement of PhD students) and projects;
- Cooperation between workplaces (departments and institutes) with respect to instruction and research or production of joint publications;
- Preparation of international study programmes;
- Preparation of projects adding value to and increasing the importance of the partnership;
- Visits by academics, lectures, lecture series, conferences, workshops, courses outside the standard system of academic terms, etc;
- Support for the establishment of joint research centres or centres;
- Online activities (lectures, courses, conferences, workshops);
- Support for existing teams and follow-up activities (based on outputs from previous projects and demonstrated research development).

2. TERMS OF FINANCING

The limit per a project/activity is CZK 150,000 for strategic partners

The financial support only goes to those activities that cannot be alternatively funded from:

- external resources (EU programmes, etc.)
- internal resources (Post-doc fund, Mobility fund, etc).

Method of financing

Transfer of resources from the SP fund – CSP transfers the total amount of all approved projects to the faculty in advance. The transfer is supported by a (stamped and signed) Project Summary Statement of the SP fund. The faculties obtain the same table in an Excel file in order to record drawdowns of the funds.

Keeping records of drawdowns – Financial recordkeeping takes place at the faculty level only. The faculty is also responsible in terms of audits. The faculty submits to the Centre for Strategic Partnership only the above-mentioned statement including the actual amounts drawn down. When drawing up the budget, it is necessary to observe the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the funds spent.

Eligible costs:

- i) **Travel costs, subsistence allowance and accommodation costs of CU employees travelling abroad** in the amount of the basic rate of foreign subsistence allowance according to the valid decree;
- ii) **Travel costs, accommodation costs, subsistence allowance and out-of-pocket expenses of foreign partners** - subsistence allowance and out-of-pocket expenses must be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 188 (4) of Act No. 262/2006 Coll., the Labour Code, and implementing decree issued pursuant to Section 189 (1) of the Labour Code;
- iii) **Remuneration** to visiting professors (the honorarium must always be justified in the application; exceptionally, a conference fee may be requested; honorarium for teaching only if teaching is part of the study plan);
- iv) **Support of joint research centres or centres with strategic partners** – if joint research or strategic centres are established, the Fund for the Support of Strategic Partnerships may partially subsidize their activities. In these cases, instead of the final report, we will request submission of an annual balance report providing overview of the team's operation and activities.

Not Eligible costs include:

- (i) Overheads
- (ii) Investment costs
- (iii) Catering
- (iv) Remuneration of CU staff of any kind
- (v) Student scholarships of any kind
- (vi) Materials: publications, scientific articles, conference proceedings, etc.
- (vii) Proofreading and language revision
- (viii) Economic activity
- (ix) Alcoholic beverages
- (x) Licences

3. ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSALS

Proposal - the proposal form can be downloaded at www.csp.cuni.cz

The minimum position of the applicant/supervisor is a PhD student in the employment of the Charles University on the basis of an employment contract valid as of 31 December 2024. The proposal is approved and signed by the head of the department.

Proposal attachments:

- (i) brief professional CV of the activity supervisor
- ii) only in the case of concurrent employment of the researcher at another university or research institution in the Czech Republic, a letter of recommendation from the Vice Dean of the Faculty for International Relations.

Cooperation with strategic partners is open to all disciplines of the Charles University.

Proposals are assessed based on the following criteria (100 points maximum):

K1: Academic benefit (need and relevance of the project) – 30 points (max. profit)

K2: Quality of proposal (concept, methodological approach, and clear output) – 25 points (max. profit)

K3: Budget economy (financial resources are justified) – 20 points (max. profit)

K4: Applicant's ability to implement the project (professional qualifications of researcher, team) – 25 points (max. profit)

The most successful projects will be funded by the FSP.

The structure of the Committee for the Fund for the Support of Strategic Partnerships is provided in the contacts.

Final reports – We ask you to send final reports immediately upon closing/billing of each project, i.e. on a on-going basis.

4. TERMS

Opening the Call for Proposals	December 8, 2023
Deadline for submitting a proposal at the faculty level	depends on each Faculty
Deadline for submitting a proposal at RUK	February 16, 2024
Notification of successful researchers	February 29, 2024
Implementation of activities and accounting	November 30, 2024