

Fund for the Support of Strategic Partnerships

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026/2027

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

AUSTRALIA	Macquarie University (Sydney)
SWITZERLAND	Universität Zürich
GREAT BRITAIN	University of St Andrews
TAIWAN	National Taiwan University (NTU)
TAIWAN	National Chengchi University (NCCU)

Charles University's new internationalization strategy emphasizes the development and strengthening of a network of strategic partnerships as one of the key tools for international cooperation. The call therefore supports both the continuation and expansion of cooperation with Charles University's existing strategic partners—the University of Zurich, Macquarie University in Sydney, and the University of St Andrews—as well as the establishment and development of cooperation with partner institutions in Taiwan, which represents a major center of science, research, and higher education with a strong international focus.

Activities with strategic partners may take the following forms:

- ✓ Preparation of international project submission;
- ✓ Implementation of follow-up joint research projects and publication activities;
- ✓ Development of joint study programs and shared courses at the master's and doctoral levels;
- ✓ Development of research initiatives and networking leading to long-term scientific collaboration;
- ✓ Support for academic mobility (research stays, visiting lectures, doctoral internships);
- ✓ Preparatory and coordination activities, particularly workshops, working meetings, and online activities aimed at formulating joint objectives;
- ✓ Organization of conferences, workshops, and other activities strengthening institutional cooperation;
- ✓ Preparation of new joint project proposals for international grant competitions.

When evaluating applications, particular emphasis will be placed on **the partner's demonstrable interest and on the activity's potential to serve as the foundation for a long-term institutional relationship.**

TERMS OF FINANCING

The limit per a project/activity: max. 150 000 Kč

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).

Allowable costs include:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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);
- 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.

Non-allowable costs include:

- overhead costs;
- capital expenditures;
- catering costs;
- remuneration of CU employees of any kind;

- v) student scholarships of any kind;
- vi) costs of materials, in particular publications, scholarly articles, and conference proceedings;
- vii) proofreading and language revision costs;
- viii) costs related to economic (profit-making) activities;
- ix) costs of alcoholic beverages;
- x) licensing fees.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

Applicants must be academic staff members employed by Charles University with a minimum workload of 0.5 FTE. The proposal must be approved and signed by the head of the department or division.

Proposal attachments:

- **brief professional CV of the activity supervisor**
- **a letter of acceptance from the host university** (invitation or confirmation from the host)
- 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.**

The Project proposal form available for download on the CU Intranet: [Project proposal - download](#).

The Project proposal forms please send to: csp@ruk.cuni.cz

ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSALS

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

K1	Quality of proposal (concept, methodological approach, clear output)	max. profit 30 points
K2	Academic benefit (need and relevance of the project)	max. profit 25 points
K3	Applicant's ability to implement the project (professional qualifications of researcher, team)	max. profit 25 points
K4	Budget economy (financial resources are justified)	max. profit 20 points

Final reports:

Please submit the Final report **within 30 days of the completion of each project**.

The Final report available for download on the CU Intranet: [Final report - download](#)

TERMS

Opening the Call for Proposals	14 May 2026
Deadline for submitting a proposal at the faculty level	depends on each Faculty
Deadline for submitting a proposal at RUK	3 August 2026
Notification of successful researchers	31 August 2026
Implementation of activities	1 September 2026 – 31 August 2027