

Slovakia – Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)

→ Who can apply?

Only Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding (up to 100%) by SAS. **Principal investigator (PI)** of the SAS research team in a project consortium must be a senior researcher having a full-time employment contract with SAS at the time of application lasting until the end of the project or beyond. Slovak partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with SAS, lasting until the end of the project or beyond.

Applicants from other Slovak R&D centres (universities and/or other organisations) may participate in the Call providing they cover the project costs from their own resources (a Letter of Commitment to confirm availability of the funds is required by SAS to process such application). In addition to this, the teams outside of SAS can be consortium members but not the coordinator of the consortium.

→ What types of funding are eligible for Slovak researchers?

Funding available for Slovak researchers is up to 120 000 EUR per project in accordance with the Resolutions of SAS Presidium No. 574. Standard Letter of Commitment should be provided by the applicant's institute to SAS Department of International Cooperation at the time of application (template available at National Contact Point).

1. Eligible direct costs

1.1. Personnel costs

- must accurately reflect work on the project
- may be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) of agreements on work performed outside employment relationship
- a maximum of 20 % of all direct costs or, if the SAS partner is the project coordinator, 30% of all direct costs approved by the Presidium of SAS.

1.2. Material costs and expenditures

- Consumables: minor equipment and instruments, small-scale office and laboratory material (no basic equipment of the workplace; essential computer equipment is an exception)
- Costs and expenditures for services directly related to the project: contracts, consultations, publication of project results, conference fees
- Travel costs and living expenses: limits for travel costs and daily allowance for project-related trips vary depending on destination country (pursuant to Slovak Act. 283/2002 Col. Of Laws on travel reimbursement)
- Capital expenditures: to a maximum of 40% of all direct costs (regular and capital expenditures together)

2. Eligible indirect costs (overheads)

- administration, energy and infrastructure
- a maximum of 20% of all direct costs

Funding of projects is regulated by the *SAS Financial Rules for awarding grants for research projects (Financne pravidla na udelovanie grantov SAV na medzinarodne vyskumne projekty)* approved by the SAS Presidium on 1 July 2018. The *Financial rules* include

detailed information on eligible costs and applicants are strongly advised to request this document from their institute or their National Contact Point.

→ Is additional/parallel application requested to the funding organisation?

Yes. Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required once the international evaluation has taken place and the ranking list has been drawn up by the Funding Organisations Forum. Slovak project partner will be informed about recommendation for funding by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the national proposal form (Formular MVTs). Final decision about funding of selected project(s) lies with the Presidium of SAS.

Further guidance

- https://www.sav.sk/?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source_no=25
- Resolutions of SAS Presidium No. 574
- SAS Financial Rules for awarding grants for research projects (*Financne pravidla na udelovanie grantov SAV na medzinarodne vyskumne projekty*)
- Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation (*Zasady pridelovania financnych prostriedkov v SAV na podporu projektov medzinarodnej vedeckej spoluprace (MVTs) na rok 2019*)

Before submitting the proposal Slovak applicants must contact EIG CONCERT-Japan National Contact Point:

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