

## **GAMU - Research Support Programme**

### **Interdisciplinary research projects - INTERDISCIPLINARY**

### **Call 2023**

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### Aim of support

The support is intended for research teams composed of academics and researchers covering Physical Sciences and Computer Science, Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

The aim is to initiate new interdisciplinary collaboration within MU; to produce preliminary results in order to test the feasibility of ambitious interdisciplinary projects; to prepare the groundwork for external grant applications (ERC Synergy, etc.).

Individuals from departments outside MU may participate in the research without any reimbursement of costs. The research topics must be interdisciplinary, innovative and such that usually cannot be supported from other sources and have not been addressed at MU before.

### Qualification criteria

The support is intended for teams that will start a new interdisciplinary collaboration. The interdisciplinarity will be assessed by GAMU supervisors and expert project evaluators. At the same time, it must be demonstrated that it is a balanced partnership, not a service.

Projects of researchers whose collaboration has been previously funded by the GAMU Interdisciplinary Research Projects sub-programme will be excluded from the evaluation.

### Submission of a proposal

The proposal form in pdf format including all attachments must be **uploaded to ISEP under one reference number - project proposal, affirmation and budget - no later than the closing date of the competition. The** submitted files will be submitted for evaluation. The proposal is submitted after approval of the cover sheet at the respective HS.

**Design documentation** (machine-readable pdf):

- Form prescribed for **INTERDISCIPLINARY** competition
- Affirmation of Principal Investigator on the prescribed form \*
- Budget - pdf generated from ISEP

*\* The affirmation will be part of the approval process at the main ECU in ISEP - inserted as an attachment to the proposal for approval of the proposal guide (**approval of the guide by the investigator is considered as a signature**).*

**Evaluation criteria and evaluation process**

The submitted application will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Weight in %</b>
Originality, innovation and interdisciplinarity of the project	40
Potential for excellence	10
Feasibility	10
Sustainability of the collaboration for continued research funding after the end of the GAMU-funded interdisciplinary project	30
The quality of the existing research and the expertise of the proposers with regard to the proposed project	10

Formal checks will be carried out by the RMU Research Department under the supervision of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Doctoral Studies.

The lead proponent indicates the focus on the proposal form based on [standardized keywords](#). Based on these parameters, at least 3 evaluators will be assigned to each application. The selection of evaluators for each application will be made by the domain guarantors from an internal database.

On the basis of individual assessments of each project proposal, the RMU OC compiles an interim ranking list and forwards it to the domain sponsors.

In case of ambiguity (e.g. a very skewed rating by one evaluator), the guarantors will request additional information from the specific evaluator.

After any corrections, the ranking list for Interdisciplinary Research Projects is submitted to the **attendance meeting of a board consisting of the guarantors and the Vice-Rector for Research and Doctoral Studies**.

The board in attendance:

1. Discuss the ranking of the projects according to the scores received, taking into account the representation of each domain and the current strategic priorities of MU. The committee will justify any changes in the ranking of projects compared to the ranking list in the minutes of the meeting. If necessary, it is entitled to propose a reduction in the project budget.
2. The result is a list of projects recommended for funding, which the Vice-Rector for Research and Doctoral Studies informs the Programme Council and MU management about.

### **MU Rector's decision on funding**

The Rector of MU decides on the basis of receiving a list of projects recommended for funding to award support in the Interdisciplinary Research Projects programme.

The results of the competition are then published on the GAMU website.

## **Funding rules**

The maximum amount of support for **1 project is CZK 6 000 000 for 3 years.**

Annual budget. CZK 2 000 000/calendar year

Duration of funding: 3 years

Allocation of the call 2023: 12 million CZK, 2 projects are expected to be awarded.

### **Eligible costs**

- Personnel costs (wages, salaries, remuneration, performance agreements and employment agreements of persons directly involved in the research activity required to carry out the research project)
- Scholarships
- Consumables
- Small tangible and intangible assets
- Services
- Domestic and foreign travel
- Publication and application costs.
- Additional costs or expenses (projects **may** include a share of the common operating costs corresponding to the SPN coefficient for the economic centre in a given year according to the MU Guidelines for the application of overheads to projects, as amended from time to time)

Ineligible costs

- Investments
- Costs not eligible for institutional support for long-term conceptual development (e.g. refreshments)

The use of the subsidy must comply with the rules for the use of institutional support. The amount of financial support approved for a given calendar year will be allocated to the specific economic centre by way of an adjustment to the institutional support schedule.

Changes in the itemisation of the project budget are allowed after consultation with the relevant economic department of the HS and are justified in the interim and final report.

In the event that the amount to be transferred exceeds 30% of the project budget for a given HS, this change request must be discussed with the RMU Research Department. The final change is decided by the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Doctoral Studies ([application form](#)).

The unspent amount for a given year of settlement may be transferred to the Special Purpose Vehicle Fund (SPVF) up to a maximum of **5% of the amount awarded for that year**. For the SPVF, if the funds are not used in the following year, the beneficiary is obliged to repay the unused funds. **It is not possible to create a SPVF in the last year of the solution.**

The economic and administrative background of the projects will be identical to the economic and administrative background of the sites where the scientist and his/her team are or will be based, and these will also bear the common operating costs of the project. The technical and administrative coordination of the project will be the responsibility of the project investigator.

## **Project implementation, interim and final report**

The project is implemented in two periods/phases (1st-24th and 25th-36th month).

**The interim/final report**, including the approved interim/final report guide, must be entered into ISEP **within 60 days of the end of the relevant phase.**

The interim/final report (in Czech or English) includes a description of the results to date and a commentary on the implementation of the budget.

Both the interim and final reports are assessed by the original evaluators of the project proposal. The Interim Report is approved by the Vice-Rector for Research and Doctoral Studies and the Final Report is approved by the GAMU Programme Board.

As part of the end of the project, a final public lecture summarizing the main results of the project will be held (the final public lecture will be part of the final GAMU conference held in the last quarter of each calendar year).

## Download links and documents

[GAMU website](#)

[IS Document Server](#)

[ISEP](#)

[Guidelines](#)

[Application form](#)

[Affirmation](#)

[Request for change](#)

[Interim report](#)

[Final report](#)

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