



**The Rector of Palacký University Olomouc announces
the 5th UP Young Researcher Grant Competition**

The Young Researcher Grant Competition aims to support outstanding early-career academics or scientists with international experience in setting up new research teams and laboratories, and in developing an independent research programme aimed at preparing high-quality international projects (under HORIZON EUROPE or the upcoming 10th Framework Programme). The applicant must meet the requirements defined by the applicable university policy, does not have to be an UP employee on the date of submission of the project proposal, but the person submitting the proposal must be identical to the principal researcher.

The principal investigator is an academician, scientist or researcher aged up to 37 years, who received a doctorate degree not more than 8 years ago, has excellent results, participates in international projects, and has completed a foreign internship of a minimum of 3 months. Other members of the research team may also include other academic or scientific staff of UP, students of UP and other staff of UP. The duration of the project is 36 months.

By submitting a project proposal, the proposer is obliged to submit a project application no later than in the third year of the project within the framework of HORIZON EUROPE, which runs until the end of 2027, or the upcoming the 10th Framework Programme as the EU's successor programme for research and innovation which will start in 2028.

The grant proposal can be submitted in the following scientific fields:

- a) natural sciences, mathematics, and information science,
- b) medical sciences and biomedicine,
- c) humanities and social sciences.

Project funding limits:

- minimum CZK 1 000 000
- maximum CZK 4 000 000

The rules of the competition are set out in Palacký University Policy R-B-22/10-ÚZ04.

Each applicant may submit **only 1 grant proposal** to the competition.

The competition is not open to applications for investment funds.

Competition schedule:

Call opening	21 May 2025
Submission period	21 May through 22 July 2025 till 12:00 a.m.
Evaluation period	23 July through 25 November 2025
Announcement of results	26 November 2025
Project start	1 January 2026
Interim report submission deadline	till 15 January 2027 and till 15 January 2028
Final report submission deadline	31 January 2029

The project proposal is submitted only in electronic form via the web application available at: granty.upol.cz. Login data to the application is the same as to the UP portal. In case the applicant does not have an ID and password for the UP Portal, he/she should contact the contact person of the call for proposals to create access to the application.

Proposals must be submitted by **22 July 2025 till 12:00 a.m.**

Proposals must be **in English language only**.

Each grant proposal must include

1) Grant Title;

2) data on the principal researcher in the following scope:

- personal information (name, surname, date of birth, address of department/centre, telephone and e-mail),
- resume,
- identification of up to five major publications related to the project of which he/she is the author or co-author,
- WoS/Scopus scientometric data (publication and citation count, H-index), not required but encouraged in case of humanities and social sciences,
- the total list of publications and/or other scientific outputs,
- details of the foreign internship he/she has completed;

3) details of other members of the research team or a description of vacant positions if the specific names are not known at the time of the proposal submission;

4) a short summary of the grant (maximum 1,000 characters);

5) a description of the grant, justification and definition of the funds requested for each year of the grant (up to 5 pages, including relevant citations and figures). This document constitutes a separate annex to the proposal.

6) grant objectives;

7) an analysis of the proposed approach, including the timetable for achieving the grant objectives, including compatibility with the research focus and infrastructure of the faculty/institute where the project is to be implemented. This document constitutes a separate annex to the proposal.

8) consent to the grant implementation from the department (organisational unit) within which the grant will be implemented. The consent constitutes a separate annex to the proposal.

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