



**The Rector of Palacký University Olomouc announces  
the 6<sup>th</sup> UP Young Researcher Grant Competition**

The Young Researcher Grant Competition aims to support selected early-career academics or researchers under the age of 38 with international experience in establishing new research groups and laboratories and in developing an independent research programme aimed at preparing a high-quality international project, particularly within European framework programmes for research and innovation. The applicant must meet the requirements defined by the applicable university policy, does not have to be a 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 researcher is an academic, scientist or researcher younger than 38 years of age, who received a doctorate degree not more than 8 years ago, has excellent results, participates in international collaboration, and has completed an international research stay of a minimum of 3 consecutive 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 European framework programmes for the support of research and innovation.

**Project funding limits:**

- minimum CZK 1 000 000
- maximum CZK 4 000 000
- maximum CZK 5 000 000 for applicants from a university that is a member or associated partner of the Aurora Universities Alliance

**The rules of the competition are set out in Palacký University Policy R-B-26/06.**

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	30 April 2026
Submission period	30 April - 22 June 2026 till 12:00 (CET)
Evaluation period	23 June - 31 October 2026
Announcement of results	1 November 2026
Project start	1 January 2027
Interim report submission deadline	till 15 January 2028 and till 15 January 2029
Final report submission deadline	31 January 2030

The project proposal is submitted only in electronic form via the web application available at: [projekty.upol.cz](http://projekty.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. External applicants are strongly advised to request access to the submission system at least 5 working days before the proposal deadline.

Proposals must be submitted by **22 June 2026 till 12:00 (CET)**

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),
- 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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