

Announcement of competition 'GET Your First Grant' at UCT Prague in 2025

Call Documents for 'GET Your First Grant'

The aim of the announced internal competition is to facilitate the beginning of a career of junior scientists and researchers and motivate them to apply for their first externally funded grant. The motivational support is covered from institutional support resources for the long-term conceptual development of research organization. All persons complying with Art. 2 of this Call Document can apply. Only applications complying with all requirements set out in this Call Document will be accepted to the 'GET Your First Grant' competition.

1. Number of supported applications and the amount of extraordinary support from Rector for junior researchers at UCT Prague in 'GET Your First Grant' competition

In the 'GET Your First Grant' competition for extraordinary support from Rector for junior researchers at UCT Prague (hereinafter referred to as '**GET**'), 50 applications, or less, if the financial resources allocated to this competition in the given academic year have been exhausted, can receive support in 2025.

Applications are divided into two categories:

- **category 1** includes applications where the applicant has submitted a project with a total budget for UCT Prague within the range of **CZK 1–20m**.
- **category 2** includes applications with a total budget for UCT Prague **exceeding CZK 20m**.

The amount of one-off support in the form of personnel costs:

- **in category 1** **CZK 36,000**
- **in category 2** **CZK 72,000**

2. Eligible applicants

An employee who works 50% FTE or more at UCT Prague at the time of the submission of the application and complies with the condition that no more than 5 years have elapsed since they have been awarded their PhD can apply for the extraordinary support 'GET'; this period does not include the time they spent on maternity or parent leave or they were long-term incapacitated for work. This period of 5 years shall be extended by the period they spent on a study stay abroad, but by no more than 3 years. The extraordinary support applies exclusively to grant applications submitted **to an external provider**. Each applicant can **receive the support only once in the given calendar year**.

3. Competition and evaluation period

3.1 This is a continuous call

3.2 The competition period begins on 1 February 2025 and ends on 30 November 2025 at 2pm

3.3 The evaluation will take place continuously after each call is closed by the provider; the evaluation period ends on 10 December 2025

UCT Prague can extend the deadline for evaluation for serious reasons; if UCT Prague decides to do so, it will immediately publish this information in the public section of the UCT Prague website.

Schedule for 2025

- a) the decision for which grant (eg GAČR, TAČR, ERC, Horizon or other where the grant for UCT is \geq CZK 1m) the UCT Prague employee will apply in 2025, and the submission of application to the GET competition
- b) preparation and processing of the grant proposal, in which the applicant is the main researcher or co-researcher on behalf of UCT Prague
- c) submission of the project to the provider and sending the confirmation of submission to the UCT Prague Project Centre
- d) payment of the one-off support according to the rules of the GET competition
- e) sending of information about approval/rejection of the project, including its evaluation

4. Requirements for submission and particulars of the application

4.1. Form and submission of application

- The application must be submitted on the required form for GET (the sample form is in the Annex to the Rector's Decree and can be downloaded from the public section of the [UCT Prague website](#)).
- The form must be signed by the applicant and approved by the head of department (by signing it or by e-mail).
- By signing the application the applicant confirms that they have acquainted themselves with the GET documents and undertake to comply with the conditions set forth thereof.

4.2. Sending the application

- The applicant will send the complete application (a PDF with all required signatures) electronically to: GET@vscht.cz.
- After the grant proposal has been finalized and submitted in the system of the provider (eg GAČR, TAČR, MEYS, EU) and a confirmation of submission of the project has been received, the applicant will send this confirmation to the abovementioned email address.

4.3. Assessment and payment of support

- After the call of the given provider has been closed, the Project Centre will pass on all applications with the confirmation of submission of the project to the Vice-Rector for Research and Development for assessment.

- Provided all conditions set out in the competition are fulfilled, the extraordinary support can be paid.

4.4. Information about the result of the grant competition

- After the grant competition is closed, the applicant will send information by email (to GET@vscht.cz) regarding whether their grant proposal has been supported.
- In case the application has been rejected, they will attach the evaluation report (for statistical purposes only).

4.5. Violation of conditions of competition

- If an applicant violates the conditions set forth in this call document, they will be excluded from the competition.

5. Financial resources in GET

5.1 The financial resources in GET will **be paid ex-post**, ie after the **grant proposal is duly submitted** for evaluation to the given provider in the given call.

5.2 Financial resources in the form of personnel costs are provided in two categories:

- **Category 1:** the amount of support is CZK 36,000. The extraordinary support 'GET' will be provided for the preparation and submission of a project where the total grant for UCT Prague is within the range of CZK 1–20m and where the applicant is the main researcher or co-researcher on behalf of UCT Prague.
- **Category 2:** the amount of support is CZK 72,000. The extraordinary support 'GET' will be provided for the preparation and submission of a project where the total grant for UCT Prague is greater than 20m and where the applicant is the main researcher or co-researcher on behalf of UCT Prague.

When paying the approved amount of personnel costs, UCT pledges to pay the ensuing health and social insurance, which is not included in the total amount of support.

6. Evaluation of submission of project application

6.1 Only applications that have attached to them the confirmation by the relevant provider that the grant application has been delivered will be evaluated. The resources allocated for 2025 will allow the support of up to 50 applications. The unused allocated resources can be used to support other applications. The Vice-Rector for Research and Development of UCT Prague will decide on the grant of the extraordinary support 'GET' based on the presented documents.

6.2 The Project Centre will subsequently inform the applicants about the results of the evaluation. If a project has been selected for support, the Project Centre will ensure that the payment of the financial resources is made on the nearest payday.

7. Common and final provisions

7.1 The competition is coordinated by the Vice-Rector for Research and Development and administered by the Project Centre of UCT Prague.

- 7.2** This call document comes into effect on the day the Rector's Decree on 'GET Your First Grant' at UCT Prague for 2025 comes into force.