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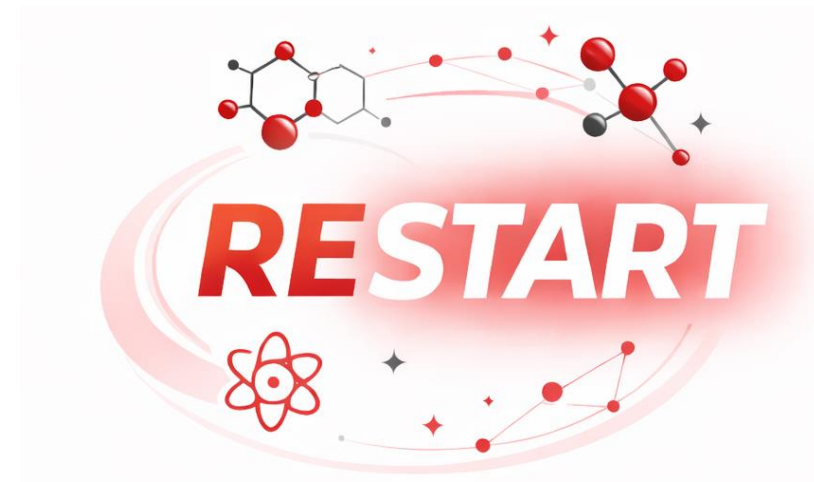


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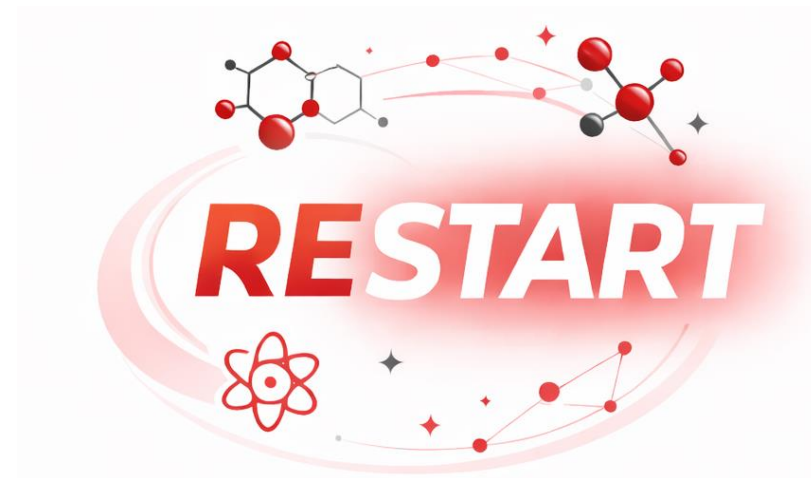


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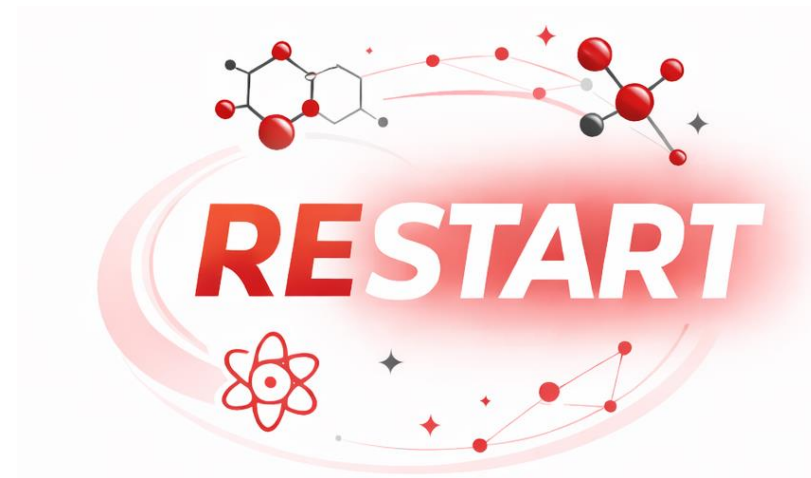
Introduction



The Restart project targets researchers returning after a career break due to maternity or parental leave, long-term illness, or caregiving.



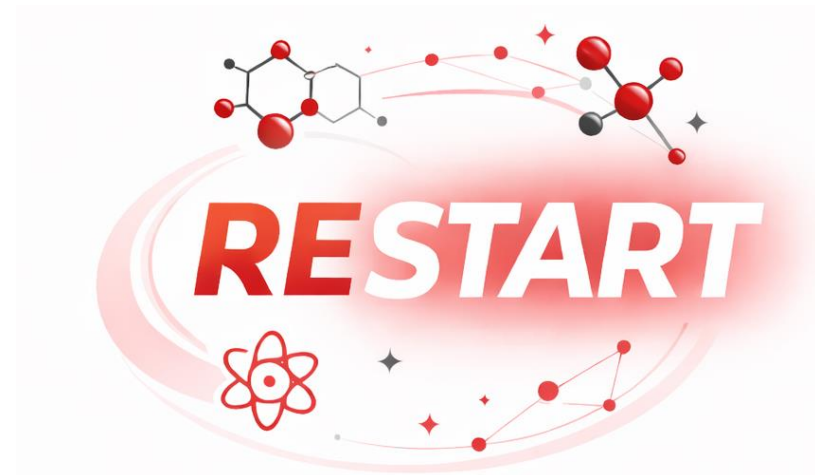
Introduction



- ✓ Project within the OP JAK operational program
- ✓ Internal grant scheme – testing
- ✓ Creation and strengthening of own research group



First Call for Proposals from NG



- ✓ <https://www.vscht.cz/uredni-deska/interni-granty/navratove-granty>
- [Vyhlášení soutěže o návratový grant projektu RESTART](#) (Announcement of the Call for Applications for the RESTART Project Return Grant)
- ✓ [Application for the project funded from project RESTART at UCT Prague](#)
- [Pravidla projektu RESTART a zásady soutěže o návratové granty na VŠCHT Praha](#) (RESTART Project Rules and Guidelines for the Return Grant Competition at the University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague)
- ✓ [Affidavit](#)



Project proposal acceptance requirements

30 April 2026 – deadline for submission of project applications

Project application submitted using the prescribed template and including all annexes:

- electronically with the required signatures (including the Head of the Institute), or
- in hard copy – VaTT Department

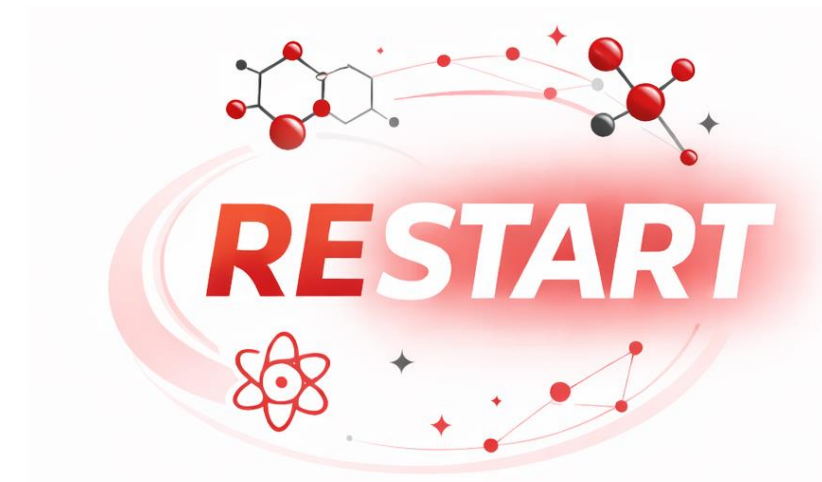
Contact: PhDr. Alena Tříšková



Project proposal acceptance requirements

Mandatory attachments for the return grant application:

- ✓ Grant application calculator
- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Statement from the department head where the grant will be implemented
- ✓ CV and motivation letter of the applicant
- ✓ Declaration of the applicant for a return grant that the topic of the return grant is not identical to the topic of their doctoral thesis.
- ✓ Declaration that the applicant is not simultaneously the principal investigator of another project under calls aimed at supporting R&D after a career break.
- ✓ Documents proving career break



Budget



1) Return grant application calculator (OP JAK template):

[Activity 3 return grant application calculator 4.1](#)

2) Return grant budget (UCT calculator):

[Budget RG_calculator UCT 1.0.xlsx](#)



Budget

1) Activity_3_return-grant-application-calculator_4_1

The total amount allocated to the return grant (RG) will be derived from this table

- ✓ **Simplified cost reporting method – Unit costs**
 - Main unit activity: Principal Investigator
 - Additional unit activities:
 1. Mentor
 2. Supporting expert team
 3. Contribution to childcare or care for a dependent person
 4. Mobility of the Principal Investigator of the return grant (travel)
- ✓ **Productive hours** – the unit for which a unit cost is defined
- ✓ **Minimum personnel costs** – included in the cost per 1 productive hour
 - Defined for unit costs: Principal Investigator, Contribution to childcare or care for a dependent person
 - Minimum amount that must actually be paid out from each unit to cover personnel costs



Budget

2) Return grant budget (UCT calculator):

- Builds on the data from the Grant Application Calculator (*Calculator-Activity-3_application-for-return-grant_4_1.xlsx*)
- This document serves to:
 - ✓ convert the grant budget from the OP JAK template calculator into the format commonly used at UCT Prague
 - ✓ plan the support expert team
 - ✓ plan operating costs
 - ✓ quantify UCT Prague's co-financing
 - ✓ calculate the real personnel costs
- Instructions are provided in the first worksheet of the excel document



Project implementation



Project start

- ✓ Conclusion of the Project Implementation Agreement – Principal Investigator × UCT Prague
- ✓ Employment contract with UCT Prague with a workload of 0.5–1 FTE
- ✓ Duration of the return grant (RG): min. 12, max. 24 months
- ✓ Project budget per year: max. CZK 3,500,000 (determined by the calculator – flat rates based on productive hours)
- ✓ During the implementation of the RG, an application must be submitted to a grant competition



Project implementation



Communication with:

- ✓ Anna Mittnerová – Expert Manager
- ✓ Šárka Kurdiovská – Project Manager, major changes
- ✓ Hana Margutti – Budget and financial matters
- ✓ OA and Data Management Plan (DMP) – Data stewards:
researchdata@vscht.cz
- ✓ RESTART Scientific Committee (see FDP) – provides opinions on proposals, results and changes; evaluates interim and final reports
- ✓ At the institute: direct supervisor, financial officer, Head of Dean



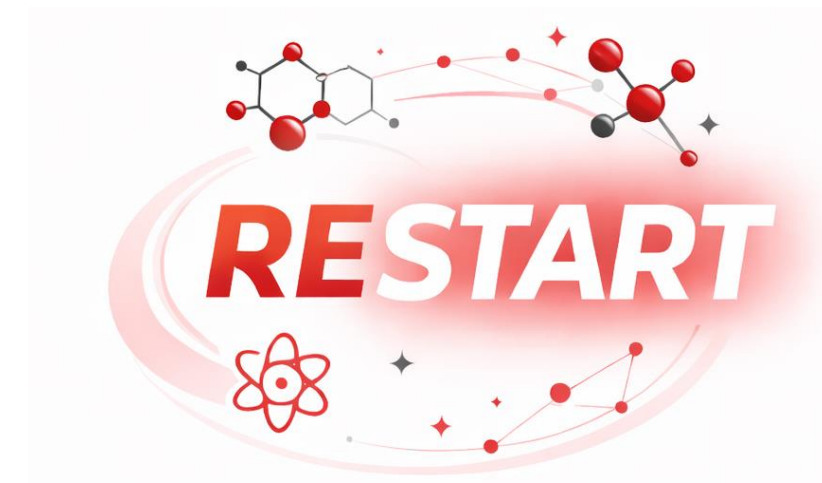
Publicity



- ✓ Include the acknowledgement: “Funded by the OP JAK Return Grants support”
- ✓ Publish results:
 - at an international conference – once per year
 - in a journal indexed in the Web of Science database, preferably in Q1 or Q2, and with an international co-author
- ✓ Open Science (OS) principles, Data Management Plan (DMP)
- ✓ Prepare the DMP within 3 months from the start of the return grant (RG)



Project implementation



Submission of reports:

- ✓ Interim reports every 6 months, to be submitted within 15 days
- ✓ Final report to be submitted within 40 days after the completion of the return grant (RG)
- ✓ Use the prescribed report templates



Thank you for your attention



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