

The Czech Science Foundation (GACR) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Czech-German Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the complementary expertise of the project partners, the project parts should be closely integrated and there should be relevant scientific input from both sides.

Bilateral project proposals should meet all criteria required by DFG and GACR. Proposals for bilateral projects have to be based on mutually complementary scientific approaches. The projects should have one Czech and one German principle investigator. The project proposals are to be evaluated based on bilateral agreement principle.

It means that project proposals are submitted to both agencies concurrently **within the given deadline**. On the German side, DFG is ready to receive project applications continuously throughout the year. Collected proposals are considered in assessment panels, which also meet continuously throughout the year. To ensure a preferably parallel processing of the joint projects and reaching the final decision on both sides preferably at the same time, DFG recommends that the German cooperation partners may apply for funding at DFG within GACR's given deadline.

Submission Deadline to GACR: **17 February – 31 March, 2015**

(German applicants are recommended to submit their project proposal to DFG within the same time period)

Project Duration: **2–3 years**

Expected end of Evaluation: **25 November 2015**

Expected start of Awarded projects: **1 January 2016**

The evaluation is carried out independently by both partner organizations according to their own evaluation systems and national laws. In case of GACR, the evaluation of project proposals is based on a bottom-up peer review system (panel system and foreign reviewers).

Partner agencies exchange the results of their evaluation at the end of the evaluation process.

Only project proposals that are recommended for financing by both partner organizations (DFG and GACR) are awarded. DFG won't offer any special funds for this call.

All areas of basic (frontier) research are eligible. Within GACR the scientific areas are divided into five scientific fields:

- Technical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Medical and Biological Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Agricultural and Biological-Environmental Sciences

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