



CALL FOR PROJECTS AND APPLICATION

PROGRAMME FINANCED BY ČSOB JSC TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIETAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE FIELD OF FISHERIES AND WATER PROTECTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

I. OBJECTIVE AND SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME

This programme provides specific support for student and post-doctoral projects of societal importance for the Czech Republic and Central Europe, focusing on the following themes: support for biodiversity, landscape design, water protection, support for sustainable fisheries, fish processing, marketing and consumption of fish products, promotion of the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters of the University of South Bohemia (FFPW USB) and support for student's education in FFPW USB. **Emphasis will be placed on activities that lead to tangible and societally beneficial results and outputs.** Up to 4 projects will be supported per year. Individual projects will be prepared for individual calls on the form specified in point IV of this document.

All materials and information about this programme are available on the FFPW USB website in the section Study/ČSOB Programme. Applications for individual projects must be fully processed, signed by the principal investigator (or the principal investigator's supervisor/advisor - see explanation below) and sent in PDF format by e-mail to the Dean's assistant (Andrea Kašparová; email: kasparova@frov.jcu.cz).

Submitted project proposals will be evaluated and selected for funding by a committee appointed for this purpose by the Dean of the FFPW USB, consisting of the following members (without titles) Pavel Tichý (ČSOB JSC), Jaromíra Vondrášková, Tomáš Polícar, Antonín Kouba and Václav Nebeský (all from the FFPW USB).

The first call for proposals will be published at the end of January 2025, with the deadline for submitting individual project applications set for 28th February 2025. Project proposals will be evaluated by the Committee and the results of this call will be announced by 17th March 2025 at the latest. Subsequently, a contract with the principal investigators (or supervisors / consultants of the principal investigators - see explanation below) of the selected projects will be concluded by 27th March for funding, with the solution starting from 1st April 2025.

Two further project calls will be announced repeatedly in 2025 and 2026, with the following approximate dates:

Call announcement: **3rd November 2025 and 2026**

Deadline for submission of project proposals: **8th December 2025 and 2026**

Announcement of the results of the 2nd and 3rd calls: **6th January 2026 and 2027**

If ČSOB JSC reduces the funding for this programme in the FFPW USB, the planned calls may be cancelled in time. There is no legal right to project funding.



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II. FUNDING OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Each project will be supported with a maximum budget of CZK 250,000 including VAT, with a maximum project duration of 18 months. It is recommended to divide this total project duration into 16 months for the actual project solving and 2 months for processing the obtained materials, finalising the final report and creating individual promotional outputs from the project. Within 1.5 years, the project must be fully implemented, the final report including the resulting promotional outputs and a complete financial statement must be submitted according to the established rules of the FFPW USB and the rules listed below. Any unspent financial support from the projects will be returned to the Dean's Reserve Fund created specifically for this purpose and will be used in subsequent calls for this programme. In the case of savings (less financially demanding projects with a lower budget requirement) or in the case of the release of funds from the Dean's Reserve Fund, the Evaluation Committee may support more projects each year than planned in the section I. Each project, including the Dean's Reserve Fund, will be evaluated on its own merits. Each project, including the Dean's Reserve Fund, will have its own accounting department set up at the FFPW USB for transparent reporting on the use of the funds provided.

The principal investigators of the projects may be PhD students or postdoctoral fellows of the FFPW USB (maximum of 3 years after obtaining the doctoral degree at the time of the submitting the project application). In addition to the principal investigator, each project must have at least 2 co-investigators belonging to the following categories of students:

- 1 PhD student from abroad or 1 student from an English Master's degree programme
- 1 Master or Bachelor student studying in the Czech programme or 1 student from a secondary school (preferred secondary schools are SRŠ VOŠ VHE Vodňany, Gymnázium Vodňany and SŠRV Třeboň).

The principal investigator of the project is responsible for the activities of his/her co-investigators, their mutual cooperation and its development for the benefit of the addressed societal issues, as well as for the positive visibility of the FFPW USB and ČSOB JSC primarily in the Czech Republic. Therefore, it is recommended to give preference to students or post-doctoral fellows who can communicate easily in Czech or Slovak language as principal investigators of the projects.

The recommended financial limits for the budget of the prepared project application are as follows:



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1) Scholarship (for students of FFPW USB):

- the maximum amount for the principal investigator for the entire duration of the project is CZK 45,000;
- the maximum amount for each co-investigator for the entire duration of the project is CZK 20,000.

2) Personal expenses (for postdoctoral fellows and students outside FFPW USB):

- the maximum amount of personal expenses for the principal investigator for the entire duration of the project is CZK 45,000, paid in the form of extra reward;
- the maximum amount for each co-investigator (student outside the FFPW USB) for the entire duration of the project is CZK 20,000, paid in the form of a small contract.

This means that for a three-member project team, a maximum of CZK 85,000 is expected to be spent on scholarships and personal expenses. For a project with four project researchers (the maximum possible number of members in the project team), this amount can be increased by a maximum of CZK 20,000, with a total support of CZK 105,000.

- 3) **Materials and small tangible assets:** project costs can be used for consumables and small tangible assets up to a maximum of CZK 150,000.
- 4) **Services:** the cost of routine minor services can be claimed up to a maximum of CZK 80,000.
- 5) **A scholarship intended for domestic travel of students of the FFPW USB:** can be recognized as up to a maximum of CZK 20,000.
- 6) **Travel expenses for domestic trips of students outside the FFPW USB** and postdoctoral fellows up to a maximum of CZK 20,000.
- 7) **Overhead costs** cannot be claimed and applied within projects.

The budget is subject to the rules established by the FFPW USB. The evaluation committee reserves the right to adjust the budget structure. In such a case, the applicant has the right to withdraw from the project at the beginning.

In the case of a PhD student acting as principal investigator in the project, the project budget and its use must be guaranteed and supervised by his/her supervisor, who is employed at the FFPW USB, or by a consultant (if the student's supervisor is not employed at the FFPW USB). In this case, the supervisor or consultant will also sign the project application and the contract for the selected project to be funded.

III. FINAL REPORT AND BINDING RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS



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The final report will be prepared on a special form which will be available at least six months before the end of the first call for projects of this programme. This report must be completed and submitted no later than 18 months after the signing of the contract confirming the binding start of the project solution. The final report for the given project will be prepared by the researcher and co-researchers in a professional popular form, describing the project solution and the achieved results with emphasis on their societal relevance. The report must include high quality photographs (at least 10) and ideally a short, appealing video. It is highly desirable that the project solution is continuously popularised at the request of the Dean of the FFPW USB (usually at the end of June / September and December of each year) on social networks, on the website of the FFPW USB, in the media (television, radio), in the form of leaflets, brochures or articles in popular or professional magazines. This commitment must be stated in the project application and will have a significant impact on its evaluation (see project application FORM B, expected results). All promotional and popularisation materials produced during the project must be approved in advance by the Dean's Assistant for Commercialisation and Societal Relevance and a representative of ČSOB JSC before being published or presented to the public (this process will be ensured by the aforementioned Dean's Assistant). ČSOB JSC reserves the right to use these project results for its annual reports, letters to clients and shareholders and for other promotional purposes.



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IV. APPLICATION

FORM A

Project name:

Project area*: Fishing / Water protection/Fish processing / Landscape design / other

Principal investigator (name, surname):

E-mail:

Phone:

Workplace:

Position*: Ph.D. student postdoctoral

Supervisors/consultants (name, surname) **:

E-mail:

Phone:

Workplace:

1. Co-investigator (name, surname):

E-mail:

Phone:

Workplace:

Position*: Ph.D. student MSc. student

2. Co-investigator (name, surname):

E-mail:

Phone:

Workplace:

Position*: MSc. student BSc. student high school students

3. Co-investigator (name, surname):

E-mail:

Phone:

Workplace:

Position*: Ph.D. student /MSc. student /BSc. student / high school student



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FORM B

Project name:

Principal investigator:

An introduction to the subject matter (max. 1 A4, Times New Roman 12, spacing 1):

Description of your own project solution including the methods used (max. 2 A4, Times New Roman 12, spacing 1):

Project solution schedule (max. 1 A4 Times New Roman 12, spacing 1):

Expected results (max. 1 A4, Times New Roman 12, spacing 1):

Tangible practical results achieved (e.g. modification of natural sites, introduction of a certain number of animals or plants, number of rescue breedings / transfers, creation / testing of production or manufacturing technology, analysis of a certain number of samples, elimination of a certain number of non-native species, etc.).

Promotional materials and results (e.g. photographs, popularisation articles, videos, appearances on TV, radio, etc.)

Results of social importance and their detailed description (e.g. support of biodiversity and natural sites, landscape design, sustainable fishing, processing of fish and fish products, support of fish consumption in the Czech Republic, etc.).



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FORM C

1. Personal expenses:

| Budget financial item (required selection) | CZK |
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| Scholarship – principal investigator , FFPW USB Ph.D. student (max. CZK 45,000) | |
| Scholarship – co-investigator/s , FFPW USB Ph.D./MSc./BSc. student (max. 3x CZK 20,000) | |
| Remuneration – principal investigator , FFPW USB postdoctoral (max. CZK 45,000) | |
| Small contract – co-investigator/s , high school students outside FFPW USB (max. 1x CZK 20,000) | |
| TOTAL PERSONAL EXPENSES | |

2. Other operating costs:

| Budget financial item (required selection) | CZK |
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| Materials and minor equipment | |
| Services | |
| Scholarship for travel within the country (FFPW USB students) | |
| Travel expenses (FFPW USB postdoctoral and high school students) | |
| TOTAL OPERATING COSTS | |

Brief verbal justification of the budget requested (max. 1 A4 Times New Roman 12, 1 line spacing):

Total amount requested (in CZK)

Signature of Principal Investigator or supervisor/advisor from FFPW USB:

Principal investigator (name, surname and signature):

Supervisor / consultant from the FFPW USB (name, surname and signature):