

THE CHARLESTON PROGRAMME: Eligibility and Conditions

APPLICANT

- A postdoc (not the faculty) is applying;
- The postdoc must not be an employee of CU at the call closing date and must not have resided in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months in the last 36 months;
- The postdoc holds a PhD degree no older than 8 years (with exceptions such as parental leave periods, etc.);
- Postdocs may contact CU faculties to enquire about the possibility of implementing the grant there.

PROJECT

- For 24 months plus 3-6 months compulsory secondment in a non-academic institution (more info below);
- Can be implemented at any faculty or university institute of CU;
- Must contribute to [the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) through its research theme.
- The research topic should be primarily designed by the postdoc in collaboration with the CU faculty/institute and the partner non-academic institution.

WHAT THE CHARLESTON GRANT WILL COVER

- A salary of €3068 per month (gross salary);
- Mobility allowance of €293 per month (paid as part of the salary);
- Family allowance of €147 per month for postdocs who have a child or children (paid as part of the salary);
- Research cost contribution of €600 per month;
- Training costs coverage up to €200 per month;
- Allowance to cover the costs of a traineeship in a non-academic institution (travel costs);

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, PROJECT APPLICATION, EVALUATION

- The first call for applications will be launched in March 2025, open for three months;
- The project application will follow the format of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships. It will have three parts: Excellence, Impact, Implementation, max. 15 pages;
- Applications will be evaluated by independent international evaluators (e.g., MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship evaluators).

SECONDMENT IN A NON-ACADEMIC INSTITUTION

- Compulsory for a period of 3-6 months;
- Fourteen non-academic institution partners are pre-arranged and willing to host the postdoc for the duration of his/her secondment;
- These institutions are: Motol University Hospital, Forum 2000, European Valuation Institute, Post Bellum, OG Research, Czech National Bank, Ella CS, Mama AI, Rossum, Ikea Czech Republic, Anticomplex, Ministry of Health, Parliamentary Institute, Ministry of Industry and Trade;
- The postdoc may also propose another non-academic institution for the secondment in the project application, and if the project is supported, CU will enter into a secondment agreement with this institution;
- The postdoc will remain an employee of CU for the entire duration of the secondment and the non-academic institution will not incur salary costs in connection with the postdoc's secondment.