
Application

1 March 2025

CHARLESTON Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications Open

Charles University (CU) has launched the first call for applicants within the [CHARLESTON programme](#), co-funded by the European Commission's MSCA COFUND initiative (Horizon Europe). This call will support research by 10 early-career researchers, who will spend 24 months at the university and undertake a 3 to 6-month secondment in a non-academic institution. Postdoctoral researchers can submit their applications until 31 May 2025 2 pm Prague time.

The programme is based on three pillars:

- The supported projects will contribute to **sustainable development and societal impact** in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Secondments in non-academic institutions will **strengthen intersectoral collaboration and knowledge transfer**.
- A new **career development programme for early-career researchers** at the university will include specialized courses and mentoring.

[How to Apply](#)

**Applications must be submitted via the [IS Věda](#) portal.
(The postdoc is the applicant, not the supervisor at CU.)**

The call is open from 1 March to 31 May 2025, 2 pm Prague time.

The following documents are required for application submission:

- [Guide for Applicants](#)
- [User Manual for Submitting Online Application Form](#)
- [Part B1 Template – Proposed Project Description](#)
- [Part B2 Template – Ethics Issues Table](#)
- [Letter of Commitment – Non-Academic Institutions](#)
- [Definitions of Terms for Completing Project Description](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

An online webinar for applicants will take place on Thursday, 27 March 2025, at 14:00 (Prague time). Participation is only possible with prior registration. Please register via [this link](#).

Presentation from the webinar is available [here](#).

[Who Can Apply](#)

The CHARLESTON programme supports **projects focused on sustainable development and societal impact** in line with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Applicants **must not be employees of Charles University** at the time of the application deadline and **must not have resided in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months** within the past 36 months (mobility rule).

They must also hold a **Ph.D. degree obtained no more than 8 years ago**. Exceptions apply, such as parental leave.

Charles University is committed to fostering gender equality in research and **encourages women to apply**.

Scientists at risk are encouraged to apply.

Research projects can be carried out at **any faculty or unit of Charles University**.

Applicants must first identify a supervisor at CU and at non-academic institution - [see more in section About Programme](#)

For more details, please visit the [programme's website](#) and refer to the Guide for Applicants.

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The second call of the CHARLESTON programme will be launched in 2026 and will support 10 postdoctoral projects.

<p style="color: rgb(210, 45, 64); font-size: 20px;">Important Links</p>

- [Contact Information](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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