

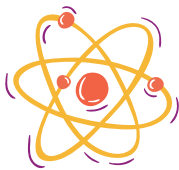
The IMPULZ Programme is the flagship grant scheme of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS), designed to enable outstanding researchers to establish research teams and pursue excellent research at the highest international level. The Programme supports individual projects while fostering a new generation of scientific leaders to strengthen the SAS and its integration into the European Research Area.

THE TASK

of this new generation of leading scientists will be to create their own research groups that will work on new research directions and current topics in line with world trends.



THE SCHEME



will provide outstanding researchers with the resources, supportive conditions, and institutional support required to establish and lead their own research teams, pursue innovative research directions, and produce results of international significance. The IMPULZ scheme also aims to enhance the excellence, internationalisation, and competitiveness of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

IMPULZ 2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Date of the call announcement:

1STJUNE 2026



Deadline for the submission of applications:

**1STSEPTEMBER 2026 09:00
CEST (07:00UTC/GMT)**

Estimated deadline for the applications evaluation results:

MARCH 2026



Estimated beginning of the projects implementation:

JUNE 2026

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicants and applications must meet the eligibility criteria as stipulated in the Statute of the IMPULZ Programme. In short:

The applicant must hold a PhD or equivalent at the time of application.



In the case of early-career researchers, the applicant must demonstrate scientific independence from their dissertation supervisor

The applicant must demonstrate relevant international research experience and scientific productivity and international recognition within their specific field.



The applicant must demonstrate the ability to lead the proposed research team and to secure competitive funding on a long-term basis.

THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

include personnel costs, travel costs, material costs, research infrastructure, publishing costs including Open Access, and services.



A selected project could ask for funding ranging from

60,000 TO 160,000 EUR PER YEAR.



Information about the IMPULZ Programme and templates for application can be found at: <http://impulz.sav.sk/en>

THE SELECTED APPLICANTS

will be employed by a SAS research institute, which will provide funding for the indirect project costs.



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