

Call for proposals for the implementation of the impact-driven programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society" for the period 2025-2027

The Lithuanian Science Council announces the second call for proposals for projects under the impact-driven programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and Knowledge Society".

The programme aims to create an ecosystem of R&D competences in newly emerging and/or rapidly developing topics of information technology and quantum computing science, which will have a significant impact on science, the Lithuanian and global economy and society in the near future.

The objectives of the programme are:

1. to promote research in emerging and/or rapidly developing areas of information technology, the new solutions/results of which can have a significant impact on the creation of advanced, transformative innovations, while promoting the application of research results and acquired competences through the development of institutional links between research and study institutions, public and private sectors, and the development of science and knowledge society by strengthening communication between institutions, promoting scientific activity and its achievements and results in the scientific community and in the public;
2. to promote research in which quantum computing and/or results can be practically applied in a wide range of research fields, while encouraging the application of the results and competences acquired in this research.

Call funding	~ EUR 4.8 million	
Source of funds	State budget funds	
Proposal submission address	https://junkis.lmt.lt	
Proposal submission deadline	28 February 2025, 16:00	
Project implementation	beginning	1 September–1 October 2025
	duration	Up to 24 months
Project budget	Up to 300 thousand EUR	
	the budget should be planned for the entire project period and for each calendar year	
Scope of the call	the call is open for proposals for projects under both objectives of the Programme	
	proposals may be submitted with a project to be implemented under one of the tasks of the Programme, one of the activities of the selected task and one or more of the topics of the selected activity	
	it is encouraged that the project involves at least two research fields from the same or different scientific areas	
Who is eligible to submit the	the principal investigator must be a scientist	
	one person may submit only one proposal for this call as a principal	

Proposal, and general requirements for project implementers	investigator or other primary project implementer
	One person may not carry out more than two projects in these activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - competitive priority research programmes, - impact-driven programmes, - research projects under the programme for the implementation of the Priority of Lithuanian Studies in the period from 2025 to 2030, - researcher groups projects as the primary project implementer, and may be the principal investigator of only one of them
	the implementing institution must be a Lithuanian research and education institution registered within the Register of Education and Research Institutions
	requirements for the involvement of students and the scope of their work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for proposals under Task 1 of the Programme, the project must include at least 5 students of any level of study (I-III) or integrated studies as primary or secondary project implementers, each with the work scope at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months; - for proposals under Task 2 of the Programme, there is no requirement to include students as project implementers, but if students (at any level of studies or integrated studies) are nevertheless included (either as primary or secondary implementers), their work scope in the project must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months; - a person is considered to be a student if he/she has the status of any level of study (I-III) or integrated studies student on the date of his/her recruitment for the project; - when planning the work of a student as a project implementer, we recommend that the student's transition from one level of study to another, or his/her future position in the project after the end of his/her studies, be taken into account in order to keep the same person throughout the project (if his/her tasks in the project are long-term and last longer than his/her studies at one of the levels of study)
Application procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proposal must be submitted in English; - primary project implementers with a research degree must provide at least one active source of the Internet identification that allows access to publications and other information about the individual that reveals his or her scientific expertise; The proposal must be accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - curriculum vitae (CV) of the principal investigator and of each of the other primary project implementers with a research degree; - curriculum vitae (CV) of the other primary project implementers who do not hold a degree, together with a list of publications, if any; - a letter from the Implementing institution, drawn up in accordance with the current format and signed by the Implementing institution, providing information to ensure that the Institution is committed to the implementation of the project applied for
Requirements for the work scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the work scope of each primary project implementer (including the principal investigator) within the project must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months;

	- there is no limit on the work scope of secondary project implementers, except for positions where students are to be recruited
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Procedure for evaluating proposals

1. Proposals that meet the requirements of the administrative check shall be submitted for the expert evaluation which is carried out pursuant to the [Description of the Procedure of the Expert Evaluation of the Projects and their Reports](#).
2. Depending on the number of proposals received and the subject matter of the proposals, several groups of proposals may be set up for the peer review.
3. The proposals will be evaluated by panels of foreign experts established in accordance with the [General Rules on the Lithuanian Research Council's Experts and their Activities](#).
4. The evaluation of student involvement will take into account the expected intensity of student involvement, whether there are opportunities for learning in the activities, the coherence of the research with the theses to be prepared, etc.
5. Competitions of proposals under Tasks 1 and 2 will be carried out separately.

Project requirements and implementation procedures

6. The general requirements applicable to projects, their implementers, partners and costs are set out in the General Rules for the Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects of the Lithuanian Research Council and other documents published on the [Programme's website](#).
7. The implementation of the Programme projects shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the description of [the Procedure for the preparation and implementation of the impact-driven programmes of the Lithuanian Research Council](#).
8. Projects under the Programme may be eligible for additional funding (up to a maximum of 10 % of the project budget specified in the project funding agreement) to meet emerging needs for the conduct of applied research or the dissemination of its results which could not be foreseen at the time of proposal and which are identified in the 'Description of the procedure for the provision of additional funding for projects under the impact-driven Programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society"', which is available on the [Programme's website](#).

Additional information

9. Following the announcement of the results of the call, the principal investigators of the projects included in the list of projects to be funded will be required to submit an identical proposal in Lithuanian in the electronic system <http://junkis.lmt.lt>, before signing the project financing agreement. If it is found that the content of the English proposal is not identical to the content of the Lithuanian proposal, the information in the Lithuanian proposal will be used.
10. The funds will be divided between competitions (proposal groups) after evaluating the amount of funds available for the call, the number of proposals received, the number of projects found eligible by the panel(s), etc.
11. No interim scientific report will be required.

More detailed information is provided by

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