

15th Call for Proposals for the Implementation of Researcher Groups Projects for 2027–2030

The Research Council of Lithuania announces 15th thematically open call for proposals to implement researcher groups projects.

Call funding	~21 € million	
Proposal submission address	https://junkis.lmt.lt	
Proposal submission deadline	until 25 th of May, 2026, 16 p.m.	
Project implementation	the beginning	04/01/2027-01/02/2027
	the duration	up to 36 months
Project budget	up to 200 thousand €	
	the budget should be planned for the entire project period and for each calendar year	
Competitions	I. Projects in areas of humanities and social sciences led by experienced scientists. COMPETITION PROVISIONS: Lithuanian language English language	
	II. Projects led and implemented by early-staged scientists in areas of humanities and social sciences. COMPETITION PROVISIONS: Lithuanian language English language	
	III. Projects in areas of natural sciences, technology, medical and health sciences and agricultural sciences led by experienced scientists. COMPETITION PROVISIONS: Lithuanian language English language	
	IV. Projects led and implemented by early-staged scientists in areas of natural sciences, technology, medical and health sciences and agricultural sciences. COMPETITION PROVISIONS: Lithuanian language English language	
Who is eligible to submit the proposal (general requirements for all competitions)	one person may submit only one proposal for this call as a principal investigator or other primary project implementer (the principal investigator is considered as the primary project implementer)	
	From the start of the project implementation indicated in the submitted proposal until the end of its implementation, the primary project implementer indicated in the proposal may be the primary implementer of no more than two projects funded by the Research	

	<p>Council of Lithuania (RCL) under its measures and/or programmes, and may be the principal investigator of only one of them.</p> <p>These measures and programmes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the competitive priority research programme “Strengthening Societal Resilience and Crisis Management in the Context of Contemporary Geopolitical Events”; • The Programme for Implementing the Priority of Lithuanian Studies for 2025–2030; • impact-driven programme “Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society”; • researcher groups projects; • technology development projects; • competitively funded research and experimental development projects related to Lithuania’s membership in the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN); • postdoctoral fellowship projects (applicable to the fellow who, in accordance with the General Rules of the Research Council of Lithuania for the Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects, is considered the principal investigator of the project under this measure). <p>the implementing institution must be a Lithuanian research and education institution registered within the Register of Education and Research Institutions, an academy of science(s) mentioned in the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania, a national or state library, a state archive, a national museum or a university hospital</p>
<p>Requirements for the work scope</p>	<p>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</p> <p>the work scope of each secondary project implementer planned to be employed in any of the researcher positions must not exceed 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months; work duration of other secondary project implementers is not restricted</p>
<p>Stages of the Call</p>	<p>The deadline for submitting applications – May 25th, 2026 till 16:00 p.m.</p> <p>Administrative check of proposals – 26th of May – 15th of June, 2026.</p> <p>Expert evaluations – 1st of September – 10th of November, 2026.</p> <p>Preparation and signing of financing agreements – 1st of December – 15th of December, 2026.</p>

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. Proposals for competitions in areas of humanities and social sciences and in areas of natural sciences, technology, medical and health sciences and agricultural sciences shall be evaluated separately. Taking into account the number of proposals received, several proposal groups may be formed for the expert evaluation.
3. Based on proposal groups, the proposals shall be evaluated by Lithuanian and/or foreign expert commissions set up pursuant to the [General Rules of the Research Council of Lithuania for the Experts](#).

Additional information

4. Funds will be divided between competitions and proposal groups after evaluating the amount of funds provided for the call, the number of proposals received, the number of projects recognized by expert commissions as eligible for funding, etc.
5. No interim scientific report will be required.