



RCL

Research Council of Lithuania

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About the Research Council of Lithuania

The Research Council of Lithuania (RCL) is a science and studies policy implementing institution that performs an expert and advisory function to the Seimas and the Government of Lithuania in matters of research, studies, and experimental development.

RCL's mission is to actively participate in the formulation of research, experimental development and innovation policy — striving to make Lithuania's R&D&I system effective and aligned with the expectations of Lithuanian society and global challenges, through competitive funding of scientific research.

Main Responsibilities

1. → Research funder: executes competitive R&D funding from state budget, EU instruments, and cooperation programmes
2. → International R&D connector: promotes integration into the ERA and supports participation in EU and international R&D initiatives
3. → Science policy adviser: provides expert advice to the Parliament and the Government of Lithuania on R&D policy
4. → R&D quality assurer: performs evaluation of R&D activities and PhD studies in research institutes and universities
5. → Research performance evaluator: carries out assessments of Lithuanian research and higher education institutions



Funding Landscape

~40 financial measures

Top-down research: 4 long-term state programmes

Bottom-up research: projects initiated by researchers

Support for researcher career, mobility, and dissemination activities

Support for transnational and international R&D cooperation

~50 calls for proposals per year

Calls covering all career stages: students, PhD, post-docs, early-career and established researchers

International calls under bilateral programmes

Participation in European Co-funded partnerships

Special call to fund Ukrainian researchers in Lithuanian institutions

State budget | Horizon Europe | Priority research programmes | Impact-driven programmes

RCL: Key Facts 2025

49

Calls

32

32 countries with joint
research partnerships

91

Bilateral / trilateral
cooperation
programmes

463

Doctoral students
supported
(targeted measures)

1 723

R&D projects
funded

2 224

Projects funded
in total

574

Students supported
(targeted measures)*

91

Organisations
funded

Competitive Funding

1.

→ State Programmes: long-term priority R&D programmes funded from the state budget

2.

→ Researcher Group Projects: bottom-up competitive grants initiated by research teams

3.

→ International Collaborations: bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes (8 partner countries)

4.

→ Horizon Europe & EU Initiatives: participation in European partnerships, COST, and NordForsk

5.

→ Career Development & Mobility: grants for students, PhD, post-docs, and established researchers



International Collaboration

European frameworks

Participation in COST
(European Cooperation
in Science and
Technology)

Co-funded
partnerships
under Horizon 2020
and Horizon Europe

Cooperation with
NordForsk under the
Nordic Council of
Ministers

Baltic Research
Programme (EEA and
Norway Grants)

Bilateral programmes (international joint projects under MoUs)

RCL–JSPS (Japan):
0.22 M EUR
RCL–NCN (Poland):
2.0 M EUR

RCL–NTSC (Taiwan):
2.0 M EUR
Lithuanian–French
“Gilibert”: 0.05 M
EUR

Lithuanian–Latvian–
Taiwanese: 0.225 M
EUR
Lithuanian–
Ukrainian:
1.5 M EUR

Ongoing
consultations
on potential
cooperation
with Canada
and Germany

Horizon Europe: Lithuania–Canada Collaboration 2021–2025

13

joint Horizon Europe
projects

445.8M

EUR total
EC funding

6.22M

EUR Lithuanian
share

197

participants at 1st
Canada–Baltics event

Joint participation

Canadian partners include:
York University
National Research Council Canada
Canadian Institutes of Health
Research
Polytechnique Montréal
George Brown College | INRS

Milestones

May 2025: First Canada–Baltics
Horizon Europe Networking Event
Organised by Canadian & Baltic
embassies and NCPs — resulted
in active consortium building
3 more events planned for 2026

Featured project

“Breakthrough in Educational
Research” (2025–2029)

Prof. Jan Jagodzinski
(University of Alberta)
Dr. Birutė Galdikas
(Simon Fraser University)



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