

TARGETED CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LITHUANIAN STUDIES PRIORITY FOR 2025–2030

The Research Council of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as RCL), implementing Objective 1 "To strengthen the country's R&D potential" of the programme "Development of the National Research and Higher Education System" provided for in the Strategic Action Plan of the Research Council of Lithuania for 2026–2028, announces a targeted call for research project proposals under the Programme for the Implementation of the Lithuanian Studies Priority for 2025–2030 (hereinafter referred to as the Programme) to conduct interdisciplinary complex research on the Cathedral Basilica of St. Stanislaus and St. Ladislaus of Vilnius (hereinafter referred to as the Cathedral).

The goal of the [Programme](#) is to bring together scientists and other researchers to conduct research of Lithuanian studies by promoting internationality and interdisciplinarity of research, aiming to generate new and competitive knowledge, increase the visibility and recognition of Lithuanian scientists and other researchers worldwide, and contribute to the strengthening of the safe and critically thinking society through research results.

The purpose of the call is, through the cooperation of Lithuanian and/or foreign research and higher education institutions, to comprehensively investigate the Cathedral complex, its historical, architectural, heritage-preservation, archaeological, and art-historical dimensions, to formulate conservation modalities and methods for their presentation to the public, to reveal the significance of the Cathedral in the context of world heritage over a broad chronological period, to foster the younger generation of researchers, and to present the research results to the Lithuanian and foreign public.

Scope of the Call	Proposals shall be submitted under the objective indicated in sub-paragraph 5.1. of the Programme “to bring together researchers to conduct research of high significance in Lithuanian studies”: 1. To carry out research in Lithuanian studies, including interdisciplinary research and experimental development; 2. To create and develop digital datasets covering Lithuanian studies topics; 3. To promote citizen science with the aim of involving society in the processes of research of Lithuanian studies (only in combination with other measures under this objective)
Call funding	~ 1,5 € million
Call stages	Deadline for submitting proposals: 12 August 2026, by 16:00 Administrative check of proposals: 13–21 August 2026 Expert evaluations: 1 September – 5 October 2026 Preparation and signing of financing agreements: From 15 October 2026
Requirements for Proposal	Project start: no earlier than 3 November 2026, and no later than 1 December 2026 The duration – up to 48 months Submission date of the interim scientific report – at the mid-point of the project implementation period Project budget – up to 1,5 € million The budget of the project should be planned for the entire project period and for each calendar year The implementing institution must be a Lithuanian research and education institution registered within the Register of Education and Research Institutions

	The Principal Investigator must be a researcher.
	The proposal shall be submitted in English through the electronic system at https://junkis.lmt.lt
	An individual may be designated as the Principal Investigator in only one proposal under this Call and cannot be a primary implementer of another project submitted to the Call.
	An individual may be designated as a primary project implementer (excluding the Principal Investigator) in a maximum of two projects submitted for this Call.
	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 Council of Lithuania (RCL) under its measures and/or programmes, and may be the principal investigator of only one of them. These measures and programmes are as follows: • 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 programmes “Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society” and “Personalised medicine for longer life expectancy and better quality of life”; • 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).
	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.
	Work duration of secondary project implementers is not restricted.
	Ineligible costs: the acquisition of non-current assets.
	Indirect costs shall not exceed 10% of the direct costs allocated to the project.
Alignment with the Quantitative Indicators of the Programme	Activities planned in the project shall align with at least three quantitative indicators specified for the research project in sub-paragraph 9.2 of the Programme: Required • Students (of all cycles), first stage and/or established researchers taking the role of project implementers Optional: • Publications in Lithuanian and international peer-reviewed scientific journals • Non-periodical scientific publications

	• Presentations at international scientific conferences • International researchers (whose primary workplace is a foreign institution) • Project partners • Events, publications, broadcasts, or other initiatives aimed at popularizing research results to the public
Mandatory annexes of proposal	A letter prepared in accordance with the approved template and signed by the implementing institution, whereby it undertakes to ensure the implementation of the project that wins the competition (in Lithuanian) Curricula Vitae (CVs) of the Principal Investigator and other key project implementers (it is recommended to use the CV template approved by the RCL in English) If the project is to be implemented with partners, a preliminary agreement or a letter of intent to jointly implement the project, signed by the partner, shall be submitted – free-format in English
Evaluation of proposals	Only proposals that meet the administrative check requirements shall be submitted for expert evaluation; the expert evaluation of proposals shall be carried out in accordance with the Description of the Procedure for the Expert Evaluation of Projects and Their Reports Proposals will be evaluated by an international panel of experts, established in accordance with the General Rules for Experts of the Research Council of Lithuania and Their Activities
Additional Information	The proposal must provide information on: 1) ethical aspects related to the activities of the project to be implemented and the envisaged ways to address them (a statement that an proposal will be made to an institutional or professional ethics committee is not sufficient); 2) the management of data to be accumulated (collected and/or generated and/or reused) during the implementation of the project; 3) the planned documentation of the project's progress using visual material, as well as methods for storing, publishing, and utilizing research data; 4) the modalities for the restoration, preservation, and public presentation of the Cathedral; 5) the planned involvement and development of the younger generation of researchers (including students). Following the publication of the Call results, the Principal Investigators included in the list of funded projects will be required to submit the proposal with identical content in Lithuanian through the electronic system at lmt.lt before signing the project funding agreement. http://junkis.lmt.lt The Principal Investigator shall be responsible for ensuring that the information provided in the proposal is sufficient for the evaluation of the project.

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