



GAMU – Research Support Programme
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Objective of support

The main aim of MUNI Award in Science and Humanities (hereinafter referred to as “MASH”) is to bring **excellent and successful external researchers** to Masaryk University and to offer them such conditions that they are motivated to stay, work for Masaryk University and to attain **exceptionally high-quality research results** on the long-term basis. Top research teams shall become a stable part of MU thanks to the employment of persons with transformation potential. MASH aim is also to create conditions for the early achievement of autonomy in research for exceptionally promising researchers shortly after Ph.D., accelerating the career progression of talented scientists.

A MASH holder shall be **employed full-time at Masaryk University and the primary place of work performance shall be Brno**. The holder of this prestigious grant shall be expected to represent Masaryk University and proactively contribute to the future direction of research conducted at MU for the entire duration of the grant holder’s engagement at MU.

The call is open to applicants from all fields of Social Sciences, Humanities, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and Life Sciences.

The support may be provided in two categories:

- **MASH**
- **MASH StG/CoG**

MASH candidate profile

MASH is intended for applicants who were not employed by MU in their main employment for the period of 5 years preceding the deadline of the call.

- An applicant is an ERC grant holder or a leading researcher in the R4 career stage:
 - Has an international reputation based on research excellence in his field.
 - Demonstrates critical judgment in the identification and execution of research activities.

- Makes a substantial contribution (breakthroughs) to their research field or spanning multiple areas.
- Develops a strategic vision on the future of the research field.
- Recognizes the broader implications and applications of their research.
- Publishes and presents influential papers and books, serves on workshop and conference organizing committees and delivers invited talks.

MASH StG/CoG candidate profile

MASH StG/CoG is open to external applicants provided that the applicant's employment relationship with MU has not exceeded 12 of the last 36 months (considering career breaks) at the closing date of the call. The candidate is a researcher who completed a Ph.D. degree or its equivalent no more than 12 years at the time of Call deadline; maternity and/or parental leave do not count towards this period.

Submission of a proposal

The proposal form in pdf format including all attachments must be uploaded to PMIS **no later than the closing date of the Call**. The uploaded files will be submitted for evaluation. In the case of a non-MU applicant, the main contact person at MU for the application (e.g., head of department, project support manager etc.) is entered as the proposer. The proposal is successfully submitted after approval of the cover sheet in Project Management Information System (PMIS).

Documents (machine readable pdf files):

- The **form for categories MASH, MASH StG/CoG** containing (available in the [folder](#) on the Document Server of MU Information System):
 - Current professional CV of the applicant
 - Description of the research plan
 - Motivation letter
 - Early achievements track-record (only MASH StG/CoG)
- **Declaration of the ECU** of its readiness to hire the applicant and create conditions for independent research on the prescribed form* (available in the [folder](#) on the Document Server of MU Information System)
- Optional annex: Decision on the award of the ERC or another prestigious individual grant / Evaluation Summary Report, or an evaluation of another individual grant project

** The ECU's declaration shall be part of the approval process at the main ECU in the PMIS – entered as an annex of the proposal for the cover sheet approval (by approving the cover sheet, the head of the ECU declares its readiness to hire the applicant and create conditions for independent research).*

The application shall not contain the budget – the applicant shall obtain a predetermined amount in this competition.

The applicant shall submit all the documents in English.

Additional information and documents may be requested during the evaluation procedure (e.g., the ERC application form, detailed specification of the applicant's key requirements etc.).

Evaluation process

The submitted application shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

Category	Criterion	Weighting in %
MASH	Professional profile of the applicant based on the submitted CV (an ERC application is taken into account)	60
	Research plan and its coherence with MU research	20
	Potential asset for Masaryk University based on the submitted motivation letter	20
MASH StG/CoG	Credibility of the career plan of the applicant and significance of MASH JUNIOR award for the career plan (based on Motivation Letter)	30
	Coherence and credibility of the research plan presented by the applicant (based on Research Plan)	30
	Applicant's potential for research growth at Masaryk University (potential for obtaining an ERC grant) (based on CV and track-record)	40

Formal inspection shall be made by the RMU Research Office under the supervision of the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies. In this stage, the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies after consultation with selected experts from the university shall have the right to exclude applications that fail to meet the requirements for MASH, MASH StG/CoG applicants.

First evaluation round

Based on the [standardized keywords](#) specified in the proposal, the domain guarantor shall select from the internal database at least 3 evaluators for each application. Based on the evaluation reports, the domain guarantors prepare the ranking list in each domain (Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities, Physical Sciences and Engineering). If there are ambiguities (e.g., an extremely high or low evaluation by one evaluator), the guarantors shall ask for additional information from the evaluator concerned.

The domain guarantors in a meeting with the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies shall select candidates with the best evaluation, who shall be invited to the second evaluation round.

Second evaluation round

Invited candidates shall be interviewed by the evaluation board, whose members are: Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies, domain guarantors and invited experts. The candidates present their research plan proposal and emphasize the mutual benefits of obtaining a position at MU. The board suggests candidate for MASH based on evaluation reports of the previous rounds and the interview to award.

The Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies shall inform the MU management of the competition results.

The MU Rector decides **based on** the recommendation of the evaluation committee to award the grant.

Funding rules

For the period of the project implementation, a MASH holder shall be **employed full-time at Masaryk University and the primary place of work performance shall be Brno**. GAMU financial support shall be used toward the settlement of **costs immediately related to the MASH holder's research plan**.

Category	Implementation period	Year allocation ¹
MASH	5 years	5 mil. CZK
MASH StG/CoG	4 years	3 mil. CZK

Eligible costs

- Personnel costs (wages, bonuses, agreements to complete a job (DPP) and agreements to perform work (DPČ) of persons directly involved in the research activities necessary for the research plan investigation including mandatory payments)
- Scholarships
- Consumables
- Investment
- Low-value tangible and intangible assets
- Services
- Local and international travel
- Publication and application costs

GAMU projects are **exempt** from calculating deductions. Projects **may** include a share of the common operating costs corresponding to the SPN coefficient for the economic centre in a given year according to the MU Guidelines for the application of overheads to projects, as amended from time to time)

¹ In the case of starting/ending during the year, the amount will be reduced proportionally

Ineligible costs

- Costs not eligible for institutional support toward Long-term conceptual development, e.g. refreshments)

The drawdown of funds must comply with the rules for the drawdown of funds of institutional support. The grant shall be provided as non-investment funds. Each economic unit shall arrange an exchange for investment individually. Purchase of investment and necessary transfers among the respective items of the eligible costs are possible after the consultation with the relevant finance office of the economic unit.

The unspent amount for a given year of settlement may be transferred to the Special Purpose Fund (SPF) up to a maximum of **10% of the amount awarded for that year**, as is stated in the [Act no. 111/1998 on Higher Education Institutions](#) and internal rules ([Directive 1/2017](#)). For the SPF, if the funds are not used in the following year, the beneficiary is obliged to repay the unused funds. **It is not possible to create a SPF in the last year of the implementation.**

The approved financial support shall be allocated to a specific economic unit in the form of an adjusted schedule of institutional support in accordance with the Budget Implementation Schedule submitted by the investigator.

The economic and administrative resources of the projects shall be identical to the economic and administrative resources of the units where the researcher and his/her teamwork (now or in the future), and these units shall also bear common operating costs of the project. Both the **professional and administrative coordination** of the project shall be the responsibility of the MASH grantee.

Project implementation, interim and final report

The investigator shall submit the **Budget Implementation Schedule** before the start of the project (for download in the [folder](#) on the Document Server of MU Information System).

Category	1. stage	2. stage	Documents
MASH	1. – 36. month	37. – 60. month	Interim report / Final report
MASH StG/CoG	1. – 24. month	25. – 48. month	Interim report / Final report

The interim report / final report including an approved cover sheet must be uploaded in the PMIS always within **60 days after the end of the relevant stage**.

The interim / final report (in Czech or English) contains a list and a brief description of the achieved results. Results – publication are as pdf document attached to the report. The interim report is evaluated by the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies and the GAMU guarantor for the domain concerned. Interim and final report forms are accessible in the [folder](#) on the Document Server of MU Information System.

In case of serious shortcomings in the performance of the project, as ascertained based on the interim report, the project funding may be terminated by a decision of the Rector of MU.

A MASH StG/CoG holder shall submit an ERC grant application to the European Commission or commence implementation of an ERC grant at MU within 3 years after the MASH StG/CoG project starts.

The project completion shall include a final public lecture in which the grantee shall summarize the main results of his/her engagement at MU so far and outline the idea of a further career at the university on the [Annual GAMU Conference](#).

Download links and documents

[GAMU Guidelines](#)

[GAMU website](#)

[PMIS Project proposal editor](#)

[PMIS Accepted project editor](#)

[Forms](#) (each category has a folder)

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