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The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, on the basis of point VII of the Methodology for the Allocation of S-ZRD-O Funds, which is part of the Rules on Stable Financing of the SAZU Research Centre (No P-2022-2 and P-2023-1), hereby announces the following

**ZRC SAZU Call for applications:**

**Short-Term Visiting Researcher (Scheme 4, Call MP\_2025-2)**

**1. Subject of the internal call**

The subject of the call is a one-month fellowship by foreign researchers to ZRC SAZU. Its purpose is to establish new collaborations with early-career researchers who intend to apply for an MSCA project with ZRC SAZU and to collaborate with established researchers and their institutions, which can lead to research results and long-term institutional partnerships.

The call is open to all researchers with a PhD, regardless of their field or career stage.

**2. Mandatory activity deliverables**

Under the MSCA sub-scheme: submission of a MSCA project proposal under the Framework Programme, where ZRC SAZU acts as the host institution;

Under the Established researcher sub-scheme: new (potentially long-term) institutional collaboration and one lecture for an internal audience during the stay.

**3. Conditions**

The visiting researcher must submit the application and find a host at ZRC SAZU. The host must be employed at ZRC SAZU for at least 50% of full-time working hours on the date of the call's publication. For a host who will also act as a mentor in the MSCA application, at least four years must have passed since the completion of their PhD.

The content must be related to the research programme under which the host operates.

**4. Funding**

A total of EUR 1,500 is available to cover transportation costs (supported by invoices) and daily allowances. Accommodation is provided at the Dom podiplomcev residence (if a studio apartment is not available, the funds are increased by an additional EUR 1,500).

**5. Criteria**

For the MSCA sub-scheme:

- The potential of the proposed application and collaboration with the proposed mentor to produce a high quality and competitive application to the MSCA call.

For the Established researcher sub-scheme:

- The relevance of the fellowship for establishing collaboration with the research institution from which the visiting researcher originates as well as for creating long-term international research connections.

For both sub-schemes:

- the research excellence of the visiting researcher,

- the relevance of the proposed activities for the research group hosting the researcher.

**6. Method of selection and evaluation of applications**

All applications will be reviewed by the Research Office for completeness, eligibility and the planned achievement of results.

The selection process will be carried out by the working group for Competent and Effective Employees Pillar (DS UUZ).

**7. Selection decision**

The DS UUZ will prepare a proposal to be forwarded to the Director, who will take the final decision on funding.

**8. Period and start of funding**

The selected activities will be funded in the calendar year 2025.

At the end of the funding period (or at the latest at the end of the calendar year), project leaders must prepare a short substantive report on the activities carried out.

**9. Tender documentation**

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**10. Application Submission - method, format and deadline**

The deadline for submission of applications is 15 March 2025. Applicants will be notified of the outcome no later than 31 March 2025. Applications should be submitted electronically to RSF\_razpisi@zrc-sazu.si. The application must be accompanied by a form in .pdf format. The form may be signed electronically or manually**.** Please include the following subject line in the email: 'APPLICATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BREAKTHROUGH SCHEME 4, MP\_2025-2CALL'.

**11. Additional information**

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