



The Grant Programme for  
Postdoctoral Fellows of the  
Slovak Academy of Sciences

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# PostdokGrant

- The Programme is aimed for young researchers at the initial stage of their scientific career
- Its aim is to provide financial support for an independent research project (Consumables, Services, Travel (for conferences and for work on the project itself) and Other (publishing))
- The project duration is 2 years and you can receive a maximum of €12,000 (€6,000 per year)
- The Grants are intended for individual researchers, not for research teams



# Eligibility Criteria

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## **The basic precondition is obtaining a PhD. or an equivalent degree**

Not more than **5 years** must have elapsed from the date of the defence to the application submission deadline being published in the current call. For instance, if the application submission deadline is April 30, 2026, the defence could take place on the April 30, 2021 or later. The period of five years does not include time on maternity, paternity or parental leave

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## **The applicant must be employed in established weekly full-time (i.e. 100% full-time) position in a single organisation of the SAS**

It is assumed that he/she shall have such full-time employment throughout the duration of the project. He/she may carry out a project in another organisation for a maximum of 6 months

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## **Resubmission of an application is possible**

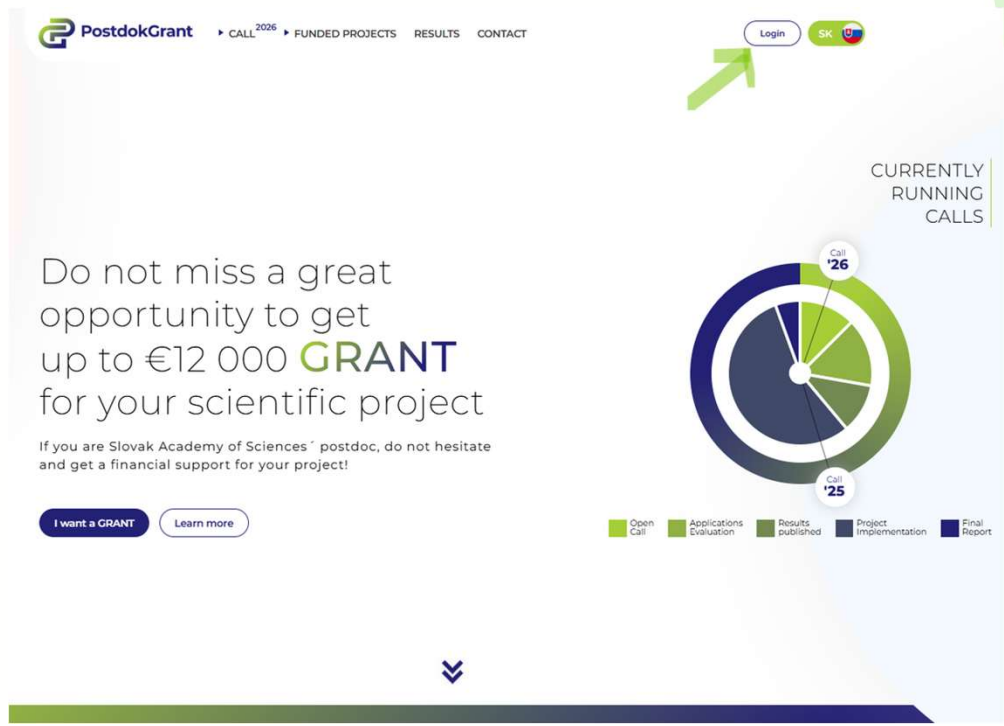
A grant cannot be awarded to an unsuccessful project applicant from a previous call and to a researcher of a project currently in progress



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# How to Submit an Application

The applications shall be filed via the website <https://postdokgrant.sav.sk/> by April 30, 2026



A signed paper version of the application should be submitted to the Department of Education and Doctoral Studies no later than 3 business days after the submission deadline

# Project

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The grant application is structured as follows:

- a) basic data about the investigator
- b) a brief summary of the project (annotation)
- c) a description of the scientific objectives of the project
- d) the current status of the issue with references to relevant literature
- e) project methodology
- f) the financial costs of the project and **their justification** (for conferences, please specify the exact conference)

- the maximum length of the application shall be kept to 5 A4 pages
- The applicant must explicitly state in the proposal that **the project concept is unique** and is not included in any other project
- As a project output, at least 1 publication is expected in a journal listed in the Web of Science Core Collection, Nordic List 1, or an equivalent database, or a monograph

# Financial Conditions

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- Disbursement is possible in accordance with the approved budget breakdown under the categories Consumables, Services, Travel (for conferences and for work on the project itself) and Other (publishing)
- Travel expenses for conferences may represent a maximum of 20 % of the total project budget
- The travel costs may amount to up to 70% of the project budget
- Instruments and equipment costing more than €1,700 and software or valuation rights costing more than €2,400 may not be purchased as Consumables item
- The allocated budget will be paid in two installments, one at the beginning of 2027 and the second at the beginning of 2028. For each year, there is a total expenditure limit of €6,000
- Transfers between items against the approved budget are possible up to a maximum of €1000. A higher transfer must be approved by the project rapporteur

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# Evaluation and Selection

- In the first round, the applicant's eligibility is assessed
- The evaluation of applications in the second round is carried out by the Evaluation Committee
- Each project will be evaluated by two expert evaluators
- Based on the evaluators' assessments, the committee will rank the projects



# Useful Documents

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## PostdokGrant

- **Statute of the Postdoctoral Grant Programme "PostdokGrant"** of the Slovak Academy of Sciences unbridged version as follows from the amendments introduced by Amendment No. 1, and Amendment No. 2 and Amendment No. 3.
- The Evaluation Committee of the PostdokGrant
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- **2026**
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