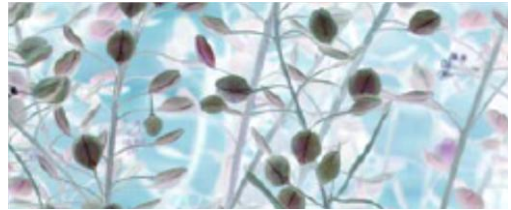




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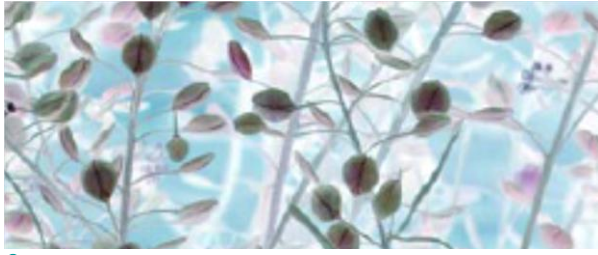


Call for Proposals
“Installation Research Projects”

(Call identifier: UIP-11-2013)

Grant for scientists establishing
independent research careers

This Call is based upon the General Acts of the Croatian Science Foundation. By applying to the Call you accept its terms and obligations. The terms in the masculine gender used in this Call for Proposals are neutral and refer to persons of either gender.



About the programme

Croatian Science Foundation announced the *Installation Research Projects* programme for the first time in 2007 under the name *Installation Grants*. The programme was developed to ensure the acceleration of establishment of independent research careers, where the most successfully evaluated scientists got the opportunity to establish research groups that deal with internationally competitive issues at Croatian universities and public research institutes.

The programme ensures the scientists to establish their own laboratory and/or a research group during a 3-year funding. At the same time, the institution must support the work of the emerging research group, and demonstrate its support to the young researcher's group even after the completion of the project funded by the Croatian Science Foundation ensuring the transfer of specialized knowledge and the successful development of professionals in the internationally competitive issues.

Total budget for the "Installation Research Projects" programme for the year 2013 is 15.000.000,00 kn. Maximum funding per project within this programme is 1.000.000,00 kn for a 3-year research in the field of natural sciences, technical sciences, biotechnical sciences, biomedicine and health, and 600.000,00 kn for research in social sciences and humanities.

The Call in brief:

Call release date: 1 October 2013.

Application deadline (short and full project proposal): 5 November 2013 until 13:00 (CET)

Research area: all areas of natural sciences, biomedicine and health, technical sciences, biotechnical sciences, humanities and social sciences

Principal Investigator : a scientist who obtained his doctorate degree at least 2 and no more than 7 years prior to the deadline of the Installation Research Projects Call

Total programme budget : 15.000.000,00 kn

Maximum funding amount per project : up to 1.000.000,00 kn for projects from all scientific areas, except for social sciences and humanities for which the maximum amount of funding is 600.000,00 kn

Project funding duration : 3 years

Estimated beginning of the project: spring 2014



Goals

- Identifying and encouraging a new generation of researchers.
- Establishing an independent research career of the Principal Investigator and his/her research group.
- Modernisation of Croatian higher education and research system.
- Increasing the competitiveness of Croatian researchers in the European Research Area.
- Development of new knowledge that strengthens the Croatian economy and the welfare of society.



Who?

Principal Investigator:

- Scientist who obtained his PhD at least 2, and no more than 7¹ years before the application deadline for "Installation Research Projects".
 - At the time of applying is employed as an assistant professor or higher at a Croatian university, or is a research fellow or higher at a public scientific institute where the research will be conducted.
 - A scientist who is an active researcher and demonstrates the capacity to establish an independent research career.
 - At the time of applying is not the Principal Investigator of a project funded by the "Unity Through Knowledge" Fund (UKF) and was never a user of HRZZ Installation grant.
 - One scientist can apply only as a principal investigator or a team member on one call for proposals.
- **Team members can be in the status of:**
- researcher;
 - postdoctoral student;
 - doctoral student.

¹ HRZZ will consider applications from candidates with more than 7 years of postdoctoral experience they deliver a confirmation on maternity leave or maternity leaves, military service, or illness and those years will be deducted from the time elapsed from the date of obtaining doctorate degree. For motherhood, the time elapsed since obtaining the first doctorate degree will be reduced for 16 months for each child born **before or after** obtaining doctorate degree. For paternity, the real period of time used for parental leave for each child born before or after obtaining doctorate will be deducted from the time elapsed since obtaining the first doctorate degree. For long-term diseases, clinical treatment or military service, time elapsed since the obtaining the first doctorate degree will be reduced by the length of leave used for each of the events that occurred **after** the obtaining of doctorate degree. In none of these cases, the time elapsed since obtaining the first doctorate degree cannot exceed 11 years.

Institutional support

Creating young and propulsive research group is impossible without a strong support of the institution where the project will be implemented. An institutional support that is of high-quality, real and described in detail is a prerequisite for the realization of an independent research career and goals of this Call. Therefore, the institutional support (space, infrastructure, equipment, personnel, etc.) will be one of the important criteria for assessing projects submitted to this Call.

*Detailed information on who can apply to the Call can be found in the **Guidelines for Applicants for the "Installation Research Projects" Call for proposals (deadline: November 2013).***



What?

- Project proposals that demonstrate the potential to create new knowledge and products and the establishment of competitive research group.
- Basic and applied research in the field of natural sciences, technical sciences, biomedicine and health, biotechnical sciences, social sciences and humanities.
- Research activities and methodologies that respect fundamental ethical principles and are consistent with the applicable laws of the Republic of Croatia.
- Research that has strong institutional support.
- Research that contributes to the training of Croatian experts, especially doctoral and postdoctoral students.



Funding

Projects that will last for 3 years are funded within the "Installation Research Projects" programme.

Total budget for "Installation Research Projects" programme for the year 2013 is 15.000.000,00 kn.

Maximum funding amount for 3-year projects is 1.000.000,00 kn per project from all scientific areas, except for the social sciences and humanities for which the maximum funding amount per project is 600.000,00 kn.

Total requested amount of funds should reflect a realistic estimation on research needs and must be completely justified, which will be decided by evaluation experts.

HRZZ will transfer the money to the bank account of the institution that submitted the project.

Eligible research costs ²:

- material costs;
- personnel costs;
- dissemination and cooperation costs;
- equipment costs:
 - new equipment;
 - service maintenance;
 - equipment upgrade;
- indirect costs – a maximum of 5% of the total requested amount of funds and only if there is a good explanation and specifications for their use.



Application

Before submitting the project proposal it is necessary to study Guidelines for Applicants for the "Installation Research Projects" Call for proposals (deadline: November 2013). The guidelines can be found on HRZZ website www.hrzz.hr.

Application deadline: 5 November 2013 until 13:00 sati (CET)

Complete application documentation should be submitted in **English language**.

Exceptionally, with explanation, for project proposals from humanities research area it is possible to submit the project proposal in Croatian language, along with the English version of the application. Both applications must be identical.

² Detailed information on eligible and ineligible costs can be found in Guidelines for Applicants for the "Installation Research Projects" Call for Proposals (deadline: November 2013).

Key application elements:

- Application is submitted by the principal investigator on behalf of the host institution (the applicant is a legal entity), on official forms and in English language.
- Application consists of the **Administrative Form, short project proposal (Form A, Institutional support Form), full project proposal (Form B, Team members Form, Financial plan, Work plan) and supporting documentation.**
- All application documentation is submitted at the same time through the Electronic Application and Assessment System (EPP), available at HRZZ website.
- Application forms, number of pages and characters are strictly defined.
- Project proposal application is regulated by strict rules that need to be studied before submitting the project proposal.

Application content

- 1. Administrative form** – must contain the original signatures of the Principal Investigator and the head of the institution and the institution's official stamp.
 - **Application of the short project proposal must contain:**
 - Form A (1 document with a maximum of 10 pages – research synopsis, Principal Investigator's CV, 5-year *track record* that includes 5 most successful papers where the Principal Investigator is the leading or corresponding author)
 - Institutional support Form (1 document with a maximum of 2 pages – institutional support description, statements, original signatures of the Principal Investigator and the head of the institution and the institution's official stamp)
 - **Application of the full project proposal must contain:**
 - Form B (1 document with a maximum of 15 pages – a detailed description of the planned research in the context of the current situation and the latest developments in the area of research, objectives, methodology, resources, ethical issues and references) ;
 - Team members Form (CVs of all team members, a maximum of 1 page per team member);
 - Financial plan;
 - Work plan;
- 2. Supporting documentation**
 - Certificate of employment as an assistant professor or higher or as a research fellow or higher at an institution where the research will be conducted;
 - PhD degree;
 - Certificates that prove career breaks (if applicable);
 - An explanation for submitting the project proposal in Croatian language (if applicable).

All documentation listed is mandatory. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the stated deadline as well as applications that are not submitted in English language will not be taken into consideration.

Priority

- During his postdoctoral career, the Principal Investigator has spent at least 2 years at a scientific institution abroad;
- Experience in project management or an essential role in a research team in previous research;
- Participation in international projects;
- Prestigious awards obtained;
- Project which involves collaboration with the private sector (in a scientific field in which such cooperation is applicable)



Evaluation

Procedure of evaluation of project proposals will include Croatian and international experts.

Short project proposals will be assessed by the members of evaluation panel according to short project proposal's evaluation criteria within the "Installation Research Projects" Call for proposals.

Peer review of **full project proposals** will be conducted by international experts according to full project proposal's evaluation criteria within the "Installation Research Projects" Call for proposals as well as the members of evaluation panel according to additional evaluation criteria within the "Installation Research Projects" Call for proposals.

Short and full project proposal's evaluation criteria are made available on HRZZ website www.hrzz.hr



Fund user obligations

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- Public presentation upon receiving funds and upon the project completion.
 - Development and maintenance of project web pages.
 - Compliance with the project's Work and Financial Plan.
 - Delivery of the periodic report - descriptive and financial (every 12 months) upon which a decision on further funding is made.
 - Delivery of the final report - descriptive and financial
 - Use of the HRZZ logo in every public presentation and emphasising the HRZZ support in all publications that are the result of the project.
 - Public dissemination of research results.

The HRZZ expects for the principal investigator to devote 70% of his/her working time to the implementation of the project.



Contact

All enquiries related to the Call will be accepted only **via the following e-mail address:**
uspostavni@hrzz.hr

Answers to the enquiries can be found on the HRZZ website in the category "Frequently Asked Questions" ("FAQ").