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Postdoctoral research Seminar 12.09.2024

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Agenda of the seminar

12.09.2024.



- **11.05 - 11.15** Opening of the seminar
- **Elita Zondaka, Deputy Director of the Latvian Council of Science, Director of the Department of International Cooperation Program Projects**



11.15-11.45 Main conditions of the 1st selection round of the Activity 1.1.1.9 "Postdoctoral research": submission, evaluation, implementation
Baiba Kajaka-Kargane, Head of the Department of Postdoctoral Programs of the Latvian Council of Science



11.45-12.00 The most important aspects about RIS3 and interdisciplinarity in research
Head of the RIS3 unit of the Ministry of Education and Science
Edward Francis Cooke



12.00 - 12.15 Questions and answers



12.15-13.00 Preparation and completion of the research application for PostDoc IS



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2021. – 2027.
planning period Activity
1.1.1.9. "Postdoctoral Research"

Regulates: 09.01.2024. Rules of the MC No. 35

Project implementation: 17.06.2024-31.12.2029.

**Program funding
for research applications: EUR 39 million.**

**ERDF – EUR 33.187 million.
State budget co-financing – EUR 4.286 million.
private co-financing – EUR 1.527 million.**





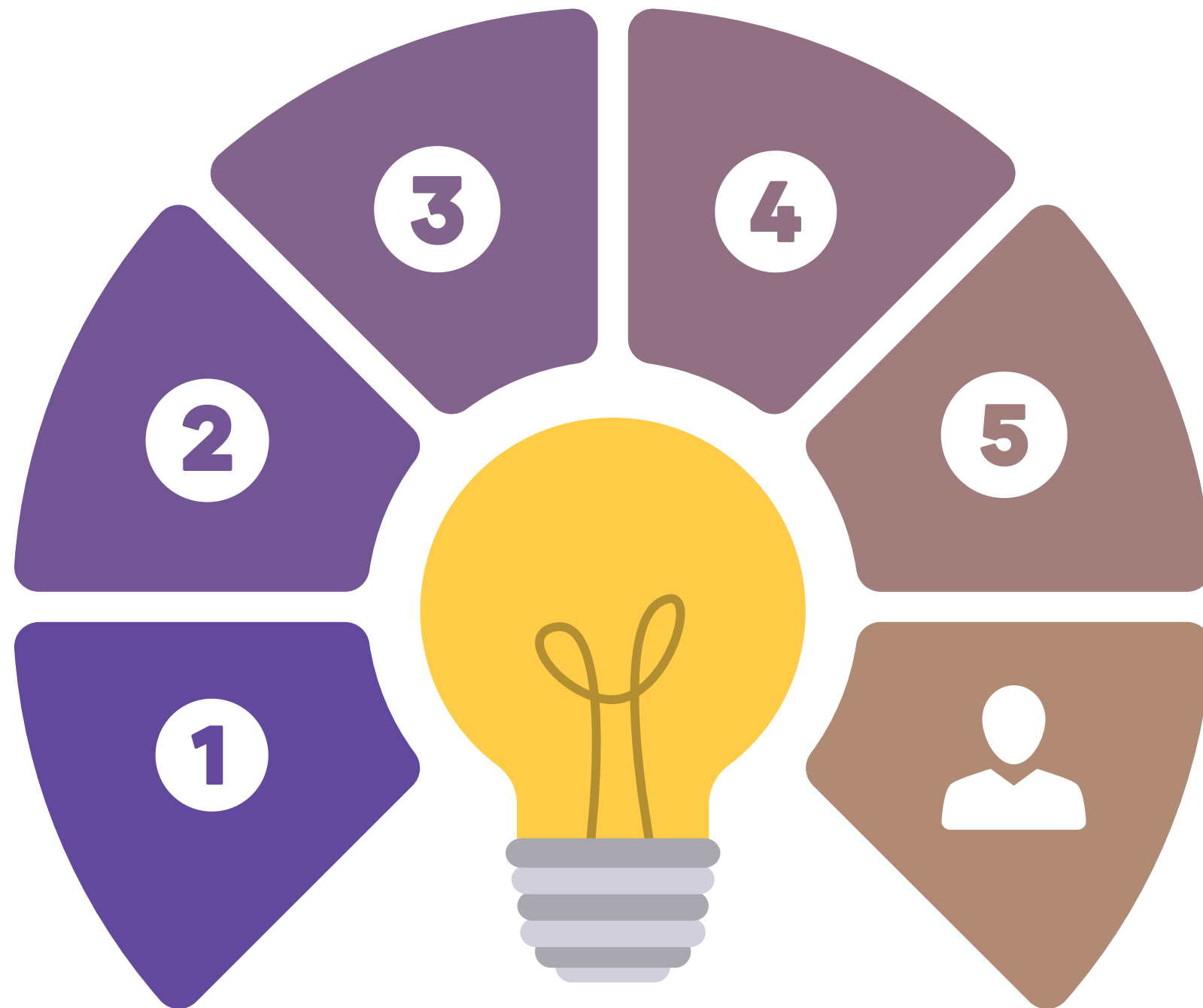
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Purpose of the Activity 1.1.1.9.

Develop the skills of young scientists and increase scientific capacity, providing opportunities for young scientists to start their careers in scientific institutions and with entrepreneurs, as well as improving research competencies, renewing human resources and increasing the number of qualified specialists.

First round of selection

08.08.2024. - 07.10.2024 at 17.00



1

Research applications not related to economic activity

In the first round of selection, only research applications not related to economic activity can be supported.

2

The available total eligible financing is EUR 17,000,000

For the implementation of industrial and fundamental research applications.

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EUR 3,400,000 for fundamental research

Funding available for the implementation of fundamental research applications is 20% of the total funding of the first round of selection.

4

Submitter - Scientific institution

A research application can be submitted by a scientific institution registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions of the Republic of Latvia, which complies with Commission Regulation no. 651/2014 for the definition of research and knowledge dissemination organization set out in Article 2, paragraph 83.

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Start of implementation January - June 2025

Implementation of applications must be started within 6 months from the moment of receiving the approval.

First round of selection



**Preparation and submission
of research applications
08.08.2024 - 07.10.2024 at
17.00**



**Evaluation of research
applications 08.10.2024-
07.01.2025.
Conclusion of contracts
with the applicants**



Who can submit and implement a research application?



Scientific institutions

Submitted by: a scientific institution registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions of the Republic of Latvia, which meets the definition of a research organization and plans to implement applications not related to economic activity.



A post-doctoral researcher is employed at the scientific institution

Implemented by: a Latvian or foreign scientist who obtained a doctorate no more than 10 years before the deadline for submitting the research application and, while implementing the research application, is employed full-time at the scientific institution.

Conditions for research applications



RIS3 + interdisciplinary research

The study must comply with RIS3:
1. Knowledge-intensive bioeconomy;
2. Biomedicine, medical technologies,
biopharmaceutics and biotechnology;
3. Smart materials, technologies and
engineering systems;
4. Smart energy and mobility;
5. Information and communication
technologies.



Available financing EUR 191,700

The maximum allowable
total eligible funding for one
research application is EUR
191,700.



Implementation period 36 months

The maximum
implementation period is 36
months, but no longer than
until June 30, 2029



ERDF funding 85%

For research applications, the
maximum eligible ERDF funding is
85%.

Co-financing of 15% is provided by:
- from the state budget funding - no
more than 10%;
- the rest of the other funds at the
possession of the research
organization.

Research application cost items

The costs of the research application include the following eligible cost items of the research application:



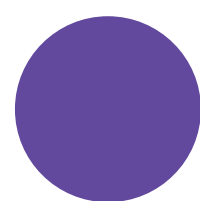
Post-doctoral researcher remuneration costs EUR 3860

Compensation costs per year do not exceed EUR 46,320, incl. mandatory state social insurance contributions and other social guarantees. Compensation for full time.



The cost of one research unit is 1000 EUR

Research costs include the costs of purchasing materials necessary for research, protection of technology rights and outsourcing. Also includes: publication costs, training costs, costs of networking events (business trips, conference participation fees and costs of involvement in informative events).



Administrative costs of one unit 255 EUR

The applicant's administrative and infrastructure costs include: stationery, office supplies, room rental, utility payments, infrastructure equipment, internet costs, laboratory equipment, information technology maintenance, support and management personnel compensation costs (Article 62.3 of the MK).



Mobility and family allowance costs

If the duration of the mobility is at least six continuous months or more, the following shall be granted:

- 600 euros per month for a postdoctoral researcher;
- 660 euros per month family allowance.

Relocation allowance - a one-time allowance

A one-time allowance of EUR 600 can be paid to cover the expenses of the postdoctoral researcher moving to Latvia and an additional one-time family allowance of EUR 660.

Results of research applications



A research workplace has been created in the supported structures

A position of a new researcher or leading researcher has been created for the post-doctoral researcher in the structural unit. 1 year sustainability must be ensured.



Number of scientific articles

Articles published in Web of Science or Scopus databases. Articles accepted for publication are also counted. At least 1 scientific article must be prepared.



Number of new products and technologies that are commercializable

New product (goods or services that are completely new or have improved functional characteristics or changed intended use) and technology. Patent, prototype, technology description.



Private investments supplementing public support

Submit documents certifying that the percentage co-financing part of the economic activity specified in the contract has been credited to the research application account



Number of companies cooperating with research organizations

A cooperation partner agreement is concluded between the scientific institution and the entrepreneur, if the research application is implemented in partnership with the entrepreneur or uses its infrastructure.



Research organizations participating in joint research projects

A cooperation agreement is concluded between two research organizations if the research application is implemented in partnership or uses the organization's infrastructure.

Mobility



Is mobility a must?

Yes, two months of mobility is mandatory - it is possible to divide it into several stages in different destinations.



Long mobility 6 months. and more by choice - cannot be divided into stages, with one mobility partner, it is additionally possible to receive funding to cover mobility costs and a family allowance.

Publicity

Are publicity measures mandatory?

Mandatory measures:



- Information must be published on the website at least once every 6 months;
- There must be a poster about the implementation of the research application in a publicly accessible place;
- When disseminating the results, a reference to the research application (application number, title) should be given.

Activities not supported in the research application:

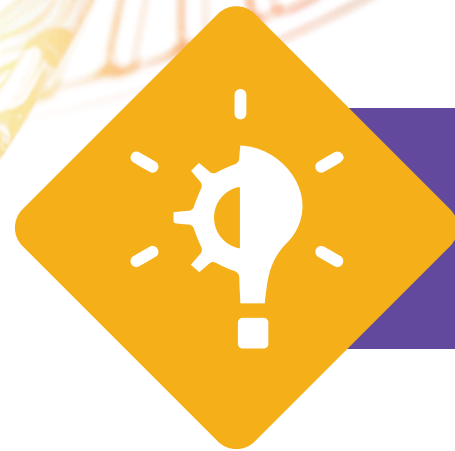


- development of study courses and teaching materials, lectures,
- development of a separate website intended only for the research application,
- development of new, separate IT systems or databases that are not related to or based on research.

Can I work elsewhere?

A post-doctoral researcher can work elsewhere in parallel with the work at the institution, observing the requirements of the DL regarding the employee's workload and remuneration - in the same institution, if he works more than 1 full time - overtime must be paid. If you work at another institution, then we invite you to work no more than 0.2 hours, so that the quality of the postdoctoral research does not suffer and all the work assignments are completed on time.

Submitting a research application



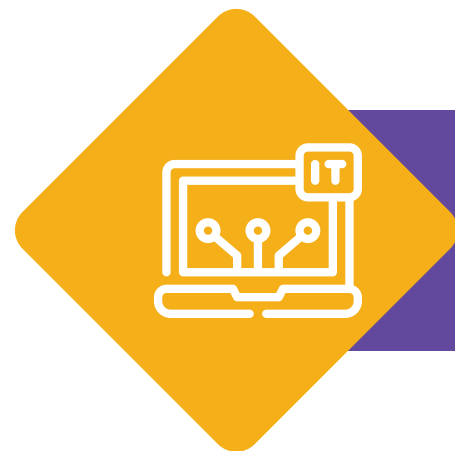
The documentation is available at lzp.gov.lv

The regulations for the first round of selection of research applications with attachments are available on the LZP website in the section Postdoctoral program - Competitions 1.1.1.9.



Registration in PostDoc IS

The institution must conclude a contract with LZP for the use of PostDoc IS and obtain access to the system.



Submission of applications <https://postdoc.lzp.gov.lv/>

Applications are submitted using PostDoc IS. Information is provided in Latvian.



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Evaluation of research applications

1. Administrative evaluation of non-replenishable criteria compliance:

- Submitted until 07.10.2024. at 17.00
- The submitter is a scientific institution
- An application not related to economic activity has been submitted;
- Added CV and "Research project proposal" in English
- Mobility of at least 2 months is planned

2. Evaluation of scientific quality

2 foreign experts involved.

3. Administrative evaluation of additional criteria

Make adjustments a maximum of two times.

Decision making
Contract conclusion



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Evaluation of the scientific quality of research applications

Evaluators: 2 experts in the relevant research field (representing various foreign scientific institutions);

- remote and anonymous evaluation;
- for interdisciplinary research, experts are chosen who have experience in such interdisciplinary research or each of them represents their own branch of science;

Criteria: Excellence, impact and implementation

1-5

1-5

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Weight: **35% 20% 15%**

Threshold rating:

1) In all three criteria, the rating is at least 3 or more;

2) The total number of points after recalculating the coefficients is at least 2.4

Additional Points:

- 1. New product or technology that is commercializable - 1 (15%)**
- 2. Research workplace established in the supported structure - 1 (15%)**

An example of ranking research applications

Application	Excellence	Impact	Implementation	Workplace	Technology	Together	Place in the ranking
Application No. 1	5 (1,75)	5 (1)	5 (0,75)	-	1 (0,15)	3,65	1
Application No. 2	3 (1,05)	5 (1)	4 (0,6)	1 (0,15)	-	2,8	3
Application No. 3	3 (1,05)	3 (0,6)	3 (0,45)	1 (0,15)	1 (0,15)	2,4	4
Application No. 4	4 (1,4)	4 (0,8)	3 (0,45)	-	1 (0,15)	2,8	2

If several applications received the same number of points, those who received a higher number of points in the criterion "Excellence", then "Impact" should be supported as a priority.



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Thank you for your attention!

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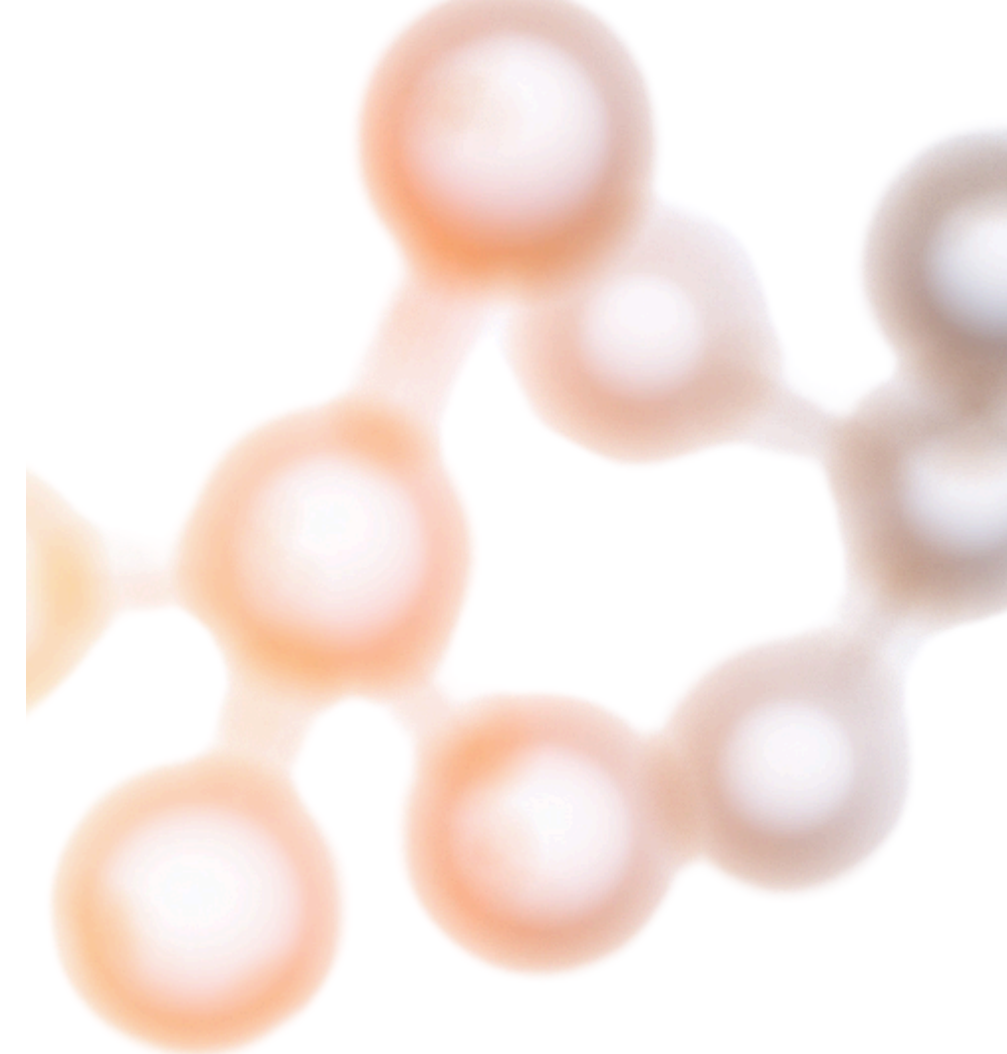


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Completing a research application

Submitting a research application

The research application must be completed and submitted electronically in the PostDoc information system <https://postdoc.lzp.gov.lv/>

Attached attachments:

Annex 1 Statement by the research applicant

Annex 2 Copy of post-doctoral diploma /doctoral degree

Annex 3 Resume of post-doctoral researcher

Annex 4 Research project proposal

Annex 5 Post-doctoral researchers statement of double funding

Annex 6 The financial management and accounting policy of the research application submitter

Annex 7 Statement of post-doctoral researcher mobility

Annex 8 Financial turnover report of the research institution, year - 2021.,2022.,2023.

Annex 9 Agreement/letter of intent between the post-doctoral researcher and the research institution

Annex 10 Power of attorney that certifies the authorization to sign the research application submission

Annex 11 Translated documents

Annex 12 Other





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“Pētniecības un inovāciju kapacitātes stiprināšana un progresīvu tehnoloģiju ieviešana kopējā P&A sistēmā” 1.1.1.9. pasākuma “Pēcdoktorantūras pētījumi” Pētniecības pieteikumu pirmās atlasē kartas nolikums (turpmāk – nolikums);

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2. Nolikuma 1.pielikums “Pētniecības pieteikuma iesnieguma aizpildīšanas metodika” ar pielikumiem:

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- 2.1. metodikas 1.pielikums “Pētniecības pieteikuma iesniedzēja apliecinājums”
- 2.2. metodikas 2. pielikums “Zinātniskais apraksts/Research project proposal” (aizpildāms angļu valodā)
 - metodikas 2.1. pielikums “Zinātniskais apraksts /Research project proposal” aizpildīšanas metodika
- 2.3. metodikas 3.pielikums “Pēcdoktoranta apliecinājums par dubultfinansējumu”
- 2.4. metodikas 4.pielikums “Pēcdoktoranta mobilitātes apliecinājums”
- 2.5. metodikas 5.pielikums “Zinātniskās institūcijas finanšu apgrozījuma pārskats par 2021., 2022. un 2023. gadu”

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3. Nolikuma 2.pielikums “Pētniecības pieteikumu administratīvās, atbilstības un iznākumu rādītāju kvalitātes vērtēšanas metodika”;

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4. Nolikuma 3.pielikums “Pētniecības pieteikuma zinātniskās kvalitātes vērtēšanas vadlīnijas un kritēriji”;

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