

## Call for the Return Grant Competition 1st Round

The Internal Grant Agency of the Prague University of Economics and Business (VSE) announces an open call for projects as part **of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the return grant competition** to support projects implemented on the basis of the project CZ.02.01.01/00/24\_037/0013841 Restart VSE, the call within No. 02\_24\_037 OP JAK Returns (hereinafter referred to as the "Return Grant Competition") and in accordance with the Rules of the Return Grant Scheme of VSE.

Applicants in the Return Grant Competition may apply for support under a return grant, which will help ensure that an interruption in the continuity of a research career due to a career break does not result in a significant limitation or even termination of the research career of the employee concerned.

The conditions for announcing the grant competition, participation, project duration, the requirements for grant applications, the procedure for evaluating grant applications, the principles of the management of allocated funds, the method of its monitoring management, reporting of activities through interim reports, method of project completion, evaluation of completed projects are specified in the **Rules for Applicants for Projects in the Return Grant Competition**.

**The project implementation period in the 1st round of the Return Grant Competition is a minimum of 12 months and, in accordance with the announcement timeline, a maximum of 32 months.**

The return grant may be interrupted, with the interruption period not counting towards the total duration of the grant, provided that the planned end date of the return grant does not exceed 31 March 2029.

<b>1st Round Schedule</b>	
Application opening date	1 March 2026
Application closing date	30 April 2026, 12 noon
Start date of projects	1 August 2026

Grant applications submitted after the deadline are excluded from the competition.

Prague on 1 March 2026

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