



**PROTOCOL
TO THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2022**

Preamble

The Czech Academy of Sciences (Akademie věd České republiky), hereinafter referred to as “CAS”, established by Act No. 283/1992 Coll. with its registered seat at Národní 1009/3, 117 20 Prague, Czech Republic, represented by President of the Council for International Affairs of the CAS

and

the University of Memphis, hereinafter referred to as UoM, established in 1912 as a State of Tennessee public research university, represented by its President

in compliance with Articles I.4 and II.3 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed on 25 October 2018, agree upon the following Protocol to the Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Protocol.

Article I

Objectives and forms of cooperation

1. The Protocol has been signed in order to specify the terms of the implementation of the Agreement between the Parties for cooperation activities performed in the period 2019-2022.
2. The cooperation activities shall be carried out in the form of joint mobility projects.

Article II

Joint Mobility projects

1. The aims of the joint mobility projects are:
 - Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;

- Stimulation of involvement of young researchers and PhD students;
 - Support of research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future;
 - Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure and equipment for the mutual benefit of both institutions.
2. The Parties agree that up to 2 (two) three-year joint mobility projects shall be approved within each call. Approved joint mobility projects shall be listed in an Annex or Addendum, which shall become an integral part of the Protocol.
 3. Eligible for joint mobility project proposal submission are:
 - on the Czech side, employees of the CAS institutes;
 - on the UoM side, tenure or tenure track faculty of the University of Memphis
 4. The call for proposals, schedule and other details of implementation shall be agreed upon by both Parties.
 5. Evaluation and selection:
 - Joint mobility project proposals shall be submitted to both Parties. Only joint mobility project proposals considered as eligible by both Parties will be evaluated.
 - Each Party will evaluate submitted proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
 - At the international level, both Parties shall mutually approve a list of submitted proposals, exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. The total number of mobility projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both Parties.
 6. Implementation of approved joint mobility projects:
 - Joint mobility projects shall be realised according to the internal procedures of both Parties.
 - Annual and final reports shall be submitted to both Parties in accordance with their internal rules.

Article III

Financial Provisions

1. Financial contributions shall be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the Parties.
2. CAS funding regulations:
 - The maximum financial contribution for Czech researchers is 300,000 CZK per joint mobility project per year.
 - Eligible costs are:
 - Mobility costs (min. 50%): travel, living expenses;
 - Research costs (min. 30%): consumables, services, small equipment, and networking.
 - Non-eligible costs are: personnel, large equipment (exceeding 40,000 CZK), overheads.
 - There are no eligible indirect costs.
 - The ratio between mobility and research costs shall be maintained on the project level as well as yearly. Transferring financial contributions between these two categories is allowed if the minimal ratio for both categories is maintained.

- The course of mobility project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports, including use of financial means and justification of costs and transfers between categories.
3. UoM funding regulations:
- The maximum financial contribution for UoM researcher teams is \$12,500 USD per joint mobility project per year.
 - Eligible costs are:
 - Mobility costs (maximum 50% per year): travel, living expenses;
 - Research costs (minimum 40% per year): consumables, services, small equipment, software, international communication & data exchange (e.g. phone, cloud storage, virtual meeting, and postage, etc.).
 - Non-eligible costs are: personnel, capital equipment (exceeding \$5,000 USD), overheads or indirect costs.

Article IV
Final provisions

1. The Protocol shall come into force upon the signature of both Parties and shall remain valid until 31 December 2022. The implementation of the Protocol shall not be affected by the termination of the Agreement.
2. The Protocol shall be subject to the terms of Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed on 25 October 2018.
3. The Protocol can be amended based on the mutual written consent of the Parties.
4. The Protocol is signed in two identical copies in English with the same validity and each Party shall obtain one copy.

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In Memphis on 25 October 2018.

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