

## **Eligibility Romania, UEFISCDI**

### **1 Eligibility**

Each project must comprise at least three eligible applicants: one applicant from Romania, one from Switzerland and at least one applicant from at least one different participating country (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary or Poland).

No project partners are allowed to be included in the consortium from the Romanian side.

#### **1.1 Personal requirements for the submission of proposals (Romanian applicants)**

- a) The RO applicant has a doctorate. Additionally, the RO applicant :
  - has obtained the PhD at least 4 years prior to the submission deadline;
  - is a scientifically independent researcher being able to lead the project team;
  - must have a position at an eligible Romanian host institution for an indefinite or specified period, which covers at least the period of the funding contract, or has the employment agreement, from the host institution, at least for the period of the funding contract, having access to the relevant research infrastructure;
- b) A given person can submit, as a RO applicant, only one application per call and only one team per country can be funded within one consortium;
- c) It is forbidden to submit project proposals which relate to already financed activities or are funded by other sources, national or international;
- d) RO applicant can submit a proposal to the MJRP call even if he/she holds another UEFISCDI grant or have applied for one;
- e) In case of personal constrains and the impossibility to continue the JRP implementation, the RO Principal Investigator jointly with the host institution will do all the diligences for assuring the proper continuity of the JRP (finding a new PI who must also fulfill the eligibility criteria for the PIs, making all the contractual arrangements etc). For this replacement, a written permission shall be obtained from the UEFISCDI.

## 1.2. Institutional requirements for the submission of proposals (Romanian host institution)

- a) The project is implemented in a Romanian research organization (public or private), respectively university, research institutes/centers, and also non-profit research institutions, hereinafter referred to as the RO host institution. The RO host institution cannot be an enterprise, in the sense of state aid legislation;
- b) The RO host institution is not declared, according to the law, to be in a state of payment default; it does not have accounts blocked following a court order; it has not made inaccurate declarations concerning the information required by UEFISCDI for the selection of contractors; it has not broken the terms of another funding contract signed previously with a Contracting Authority;
- c) The RO host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary infrastructures, to support the implementation of the JRP in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian JRP team, while observing all legal provisions in force, if the JRP is selected for funding.

## 2 Funding Modalities

A maximum amount of CHF 350.000 is allocated per project for the Romanian team (85% of the grant is covered by funds of the second Swiss Contribution and 15% from national co-financing). For the budget of national co-financing, the RO PI will sign a contractual agreement with UEFISCDI. The budget of 85% grant will be managed according to the SNSF rules.

### Eligible costs

- **Personnel / Staff costs** for the RO Principal Investigator, staff assigned to the project (researchers, master and PhD students, technicians and other research supporting staff directly involved in the project), comprising salaries plus social security charges and other statutory costs included in the remuneration, provided that this corresponds to the RO host institution usual policy on remuneration. The research team members will be paid according to the provisions of the Governmental Decision no.1188/2022 (upper ceiling) with subsequent changes and additions.
- **Equipment and consumable costs** necessary for the JRP, including: equipment, consumables & materials used in the framework of the JRP and for research activities, costs for access to the research infrastructure of third parties; *the maximum percentage for equipment within a JRP should not exceed 30% of the total RO project budget;*
- **Cost for subcontractors:** the costs for specific services from subcontractors that are necessary for the project *does not exceed a maximum of 20% of the total RO project budget;*
- **Travel costs** (including travel and accommodation costs, subsistence allowances, conferences fees, medical insurances, visa fees) corresponding to international travel of the Romanian team members, for documentation periods (visit each other), participation in high level scientific conferences thematically linked to the JRP, workshops and communications in the field of the JRP;
- **Other direct costs** – costs for organizing of seminars and conferences, dissemination of results, publication, information / bibliography expenses, provided that they are directly linked to the JRP implementation; costs for ORD (Open Research Data) must be taken into account at the time of submission of application;
- **Costs for Open Access publications** will be possible to request separately via the OA platform of the SNSF (it will be possible to fund OA publications even in cases in which the Swiss PI is not involved);

- **Overhead (indirect costs)** are calculated as a percentage of direct expenses: personal&staff costs, equipment and consumable costs, travel costs and other direct costs (*excluding subcontracting*). As a rule, indirect expenses will not exceed 5% (flat rate) of the RO project budget.

Possible savings in one of the budget categories may be transferred to cover higher costs in another category (except indirect costs). Such transfers shall, however, not exceed 15% of the total allocation. For transfers above this limit, written permission shall be obtained from the SNSF and the UEFISCDI.

### 3 Main Obligations of the Romanian Principal Investigator (RO PI) and the Host Institution

- a) are both responsible for the implementation of the JRP;
- b) RO PI compiles and sends to the Swiss PI the scientific and financial reports during the course of the JRP, and a final report, at the time and in the format requested by SNSF; for national co-financing budget, the RO PI will report to UEFISCDI;
- c) RO PI communicates about the ongoing activities and publishes open positions in the project (including on the website [www.euraxess.ro](http://www.euraxess.ro));
- d) RO PI ensures that the staff involved in the project have created and updated their scientific profile in the BrainMap software platform (<https://brainmap.ro>);
- e) The RO PI is obliged to publish research results achieved through the JRP in appropriate form and according to SNSF's standards (requirements will be set out in the Grant Agreement); publishes up to date information on the project activities (at least a summary and the list of publications supported by the project) on the JRP webpage, in English;
- f) The RO PI shall consult and agree with the Swiss PI and other PIs from participating EU-13 countries on the ownership of any intellectual property and/or the terms of commercial exploitation;
- g) The RO PI shall duly inform UEFISCDI (during and after a JRP) of any agreements concluded and/or measures taken in view of protecting and/or exploiting the JRP discoveries and/or inventions;
- h) The RO PI shall inform UEFISCDI (during and after a JRP) about patents that result from the JRP;
- i) The RO PI shall be exclusively liable for the conduct of its auxiliary personnel and subcontractors (if the case).

### 4 Submission

The RO PI must submit in the UEFISCDI online submission platform/dedicated section to the call: [UDiManager by UEFISCDI \(uefiscdi-direct.ro\)](http://UDiManager.by.UEFISCDI.uefiscdi-direct.ro) the same application submitted by Swiss PI via SNSF's electronic submission system mySNF ([www.mysnf.ch](http://www.mysnf.ch)), together with specific documents necessary in the process of eligibility verification (D1 – Declaration of non-financing from other sources, certification of legality and accuracy of the information submitted; D2 – Declaration by the host institution that it meets the definition of a research organization; D3 – Declaration of financial eligibility of the host institution; D4 – Declaration of the host institution certifying the acceptance of the project implementation in the institution; D5 - VAT Declaration) and his/her CV (in a format provided by SNSF).

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