
Post-Doc Researchers (JUNIOR FUND)

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- **Important UPDATE!**

CUNI rules for issuing the ITIC card: "A card with an ITIC license can be issued to a maximum of one employee for a given period." If you are accepted as a post-doc - researcher (according to the project Assessment of Student Teachers at the End of Undergraduate Teacher Training) you are **not eligible for this type of a card since you are not an academic staff**. You therefore managed as a **scientific - non-academic worker**, due to the fact that you did not pass the selection procedure according to the Rules of the VŘ UK, post-docs **cannot vote in the academic senate, or are not entitled to the ITIC card**. Already issued rules and measures seen e.g., from the Rector since September 1, 2021 to define the term postdoc, which implies that postdoc can be both academic and non-academic staff (eg accepted for a project): Introduction and definition of the term "postdoctoral student" at Charles University <https://cuni.cz/UK-11154.html> <https://cuni.cz/UK-3887.html>

- **Newly created web for post-doc applicants and info related to post-doc agenda is:** <https://cuni.cz/uk-11118.html>
- **New web for incoming students** <https://www.studycharles.cz/>, more useful links (see the bottom of the page)
- **offers of** [postdoc support](#)

This year's call will be announced approximately in June 2025.

Open calls for 2025



Post-Doctoral Fellowships <http://www.cuni.cz/UKEN-178.html>

Postdoctoral positions are open at Charles University from January 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2026.

The candidates have to respect the deadlines given in the propositions of the research centre/institute. **Faculty of Education deadline: 15. 7. 2024 23:59:59 GMT+1**

The applicant should provide the following documents:

- [Application for Junior Grant at Charles University \(.docx\)](#) (only scan .pdfs with your signature can be accepted)
- [Letter of Reference \(.docx\)](#)
- **Detailed CV**
- **List of publications** (a list of up to 5 major publications, including a brief description of the applicant's research contribution to each publication)
- **Copy of university diploma (PhD.)** *note that applicants must submit the sueprlegalised/verified/apostle copy of PhD diploma before the faculty deadline!

Schedule for JUNIOR FUND (post-doc researchers)

13.6.2024 - Projects 2024 for research period 1. 1. 2025 - 31. 12. 2026 are announced on the website: [List of post-doc positions at Charles University](#) .

faculty deadline 15.7.2024 - Deadline for submitting application documents to the faculty coordinators/supervisors of projects. The exact date is specified for each project. The candidates must respect the deadlines given in the propositions of the faculty in the list of post-doc positions.

September 2024 - The definitive allocation of funds (results of the University committee's session) is approved by the Rector. Faculties are informed about the final results of the committee selection and inform their candidate

Research Topics for 2025

[1] Title of the research project:

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| | EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY |
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The Department of Psychology at our institution is dedicated to understanding the mechanisms of school learning and the underlying processes relevant to educational and school psychology.

Our research encompasses various groups, including students, teachers, parents, and school psychologists, and covers topics such as cognition, communication, identity, and development.

We invite proposals for postdoctoral research projects that align with our department's focus and complement our existing research activities (for further information please see kps.pedf.cuni.cz). We encourage proposals that explore the needs of different groups of actors, identify critical areas, analyze changes, compare Czech and other national data, and/or test the effectiveness of learning, teaching, counseling, or diagnostic practices.

Possible areas of research include, but are not limited to:

What do we offer?

- Learning and metacognition
- Psychological factors in school success and failure
- Social climate in groups
- Parental regulation of risky behaviors, such as overuse of digital technologies
- Teacher professional development and self-reflection enhancement
- Psychological factors in the development of reading, writing, or mathematical skills
- Student well-being, belonging, and social identity
- Gender identity and sexual orientation
- Neurodiversity in education

We look forward to receiving innovative proposals that will advance our understanding and support the improvement of educational practices. We prefer proposals with a direct connection to current research projects running in the Department of Psychology.

Workplace: Department of Psychology, Faculty of Education, Charles University

Supervisor: doc. PhDr. Irena Smetáčková, Ph.D.

Position Available From: January 1, 2025

Deadline date: July 15, 2024

Applicants should submit required documents to: eliska.smerdova@pedf.cuni.cz (faculty coordinator of the Junior Fund).

[2] Title of the research project:

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| | PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION |
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The aim of the research is to provide rich and structured insights into children's (aged 5-10) understanding of society. The identification of these beliefs is crucial to the design and implementation of interventions in preschool and primary school curricula in the areas of learning about past and present society. These areas are part of the pre-school and primary school curriculum. However, little is known about contemporary children's preconceptions about society and how the curriculum must, therefore, be conveyed to them for effective learning to occur. A better understanding of this area may lead to interventions that will improve pupils' future education and develop their conceptual understanding of society more effectively.

We anticipate that the postdoctoral fellow will design research to investigate children's epistemic beliefs about fundamental aspects of society and conduct the study in the Czech Republic (in cooperation with the supervisor and other department members) and in another selected country. The postdoc is expected to build on the work of K. C. Barton, L. S. Levstik, A. L. Halvorsen, J. Brophy, J. Aleman, J. Hauver, C. N. Cassaithe and others.

Workplace: Department of Pre-primary and Primary Education

Supervisor: doc. PhDr. Jana Stará, Ph.D

Position Available From: January 1, 2025

Deadline date: July 15, 2024

Applicants should submit required documents **to:** eliska.smerdova@pedf.cuni.cz (faculty coordinator of the Junior Fund).

Important living costs for applicants

Salary deductibles

Considering your salary to be a full time 1,0 workload for caterory researcher type VP2, that is 33 200 CZK gross salary per calendar month, the deductables are the following:

The social insurance rates for employees are 6.5%, for employers 24.8%, a total of 31.3% of gross wages. The insurance is paid monthly. The employer is obliged to pay health insurance for the employee. The employer's health insurance rates are 9%, the employee pays 4.5%, a total of 13.5% of the gross salary.

For approximate calculation of your nett salary n the Czech Republic you can use [this online calculator](#) .*

Accommodation

All Charles University students can live at [Charles University Dormitories](#) (approx. CZK 80 - 180 per night, CZK 290 per night for high standard rooms). For reservation you can contact directly the [Reservation department](#) at: accommodation@kam.cuni.cz .

Average Living costs per year

Food (2,000 – 3,000 €)

Accommodation (dormitory - 1,770 €)

Books (university libraries for free) (158 €)

Public transportation (135 €)

+ Health insurance

+ Visa, admin fee, student ID card, recognition of secondary education

+ Entertainment, winter clothes etc.

Total (average): 5,100 € per year

Private housing

The prices of accommodation vary considerably according to size, occupancy, quality and location. It is not difficult to find private accommodation in our university cities. For a 2-bedroom flat (two rooms and kitchen) situated in the centre of Prague you can pay about CZK 12,000 – 20,000. It can be half as expensive in Pilsen and Hradec Králové.

However, please take into account that it is not so easy to find short-term rentals. Not all landlords are willing to sign tenancy agreements for less than 12 months, but many agencies are providing living units for a short stay (renting a room - *pronájem pokoje* / renting an apartment - *pronájem bytu*).

[more information regarding admissions/onboarding](#)

Tax returns

Anyone living and working in the Czech Republic, Czech or foreigner, is required to pay income tax. Tax returns (daňové přiznání) must be filed by those with an active trade licence (self-employed), employees with other income in an amount over CZK 6,000 and unemployed persons with capital gain, rent or other income in an amount over CZK 15,000 per year. To be eligible for a yearly tax refund just simply fill in your personal data in the form below and tick the "Personal tax allowance (letter a)" option. 'after filling the form you simply have to submit the signed original to Ms. Průšová of the economy department at daniela.prusova@pedf.cuni.cz , or your officer at the department of Science eliska.smerdova@pedf.cuni.cz

[VIDEO ABOUT INCOME IN CZECH REPUBLIC FOR INCOMING POST-DOCS](#)

[form to submit to the economy department](#)

[advanced instructions](#)

[general information about Czech Republic tax return system](#)

***Students are in Czech Social security system regarded as citizens up to 26 years of age only. Your work/student status as a postdoc can be internationally recognised in other ways than in social security deductible.**

Useful links:

- Welcome to the Czech Republic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyoNrxu0bd0>
- Welcome to Charles University https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn__iHh8dLo
- Study at Prague <https://youtu.be/nifK7hdYzwE>
- IT systems at Charles <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZohnCM6XC4>
- Doctoral Study <https://youtu.be/7ASUyysW2OY>
- Student well-being <https://youtu.be/L12AJBVRUr8>

Postdoctoral package for sucesful applicants:

A. Rectorate's Financial Support

- Onetime relocation Arrival Bonus 25000 Kč for those who come to Praha, Plzeň, Hradec Králové from another place because of the postdoc employment;
- Paid extra activities for the university on top of your everyday postdoc schedule (max. 10 hours a month for max. 5000 Czech Koruna) after the agreement of your superior;
- Monthly financial support including paid courses of your choosing and translation of websites/texts on the faculty that you need as a postdoc.

<https://cuni.cz/UK-11483.html>

<https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1512.html>

B. Other University Opportunities

- News on courses relevant for postdocs on website Postdoctoral Hub <https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1436.html> ;
- Offer of teaching in an already existing course at the university (please check information at your faculty);
- Offer of teaching your own course/individual lecture (please check information at your faculty).

C. Counselling

- Contacts to the postdoc coordinator at your faculty;
- Contact to the rectorate – Department of Science and Research;
- Contacts to Staff Welcome Center/Counselling services at the rectorate.

<https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1147.html>

<https://cuni.cz/UKEN-189.html>

D. Campus Hybernská and Join the Debate platform

- Shared space with Doctoral Platform intended to organize small conferences, workshops, debates, co-work
- <https://phd.cuni.cz/PHDEN-175.html>
- Take part in the „Join the Debate“ platform at Campus Hybernská with successful postdocs and become the main speaker as well