

Announcement of the 1st competition within the project *UHK: Return – Research – Restart*

Project definition

The project focuses on the development of the University of Hradec Králové as a modern scientific and research institution that actively supports talented researchers at various stages of their careers.

The main objective of the project is to introduce a system of return grants for professionals who, after a career break (due to, for example, parental leave, long-term illness or caring for a dependent) want to re-engage in scientific activity.

Thanks to this initiative, the UHK is creating an environment that enables a smooth return to research practice, promotes equal opportunities in the academic environment and contributes to the development of the university's scientific potential.

Projects are governed by the Rules for the UHK Return Grant Competition.

Support from the project “*UHK: Return – Research – Restart*”,

reg. No. CZ.02.01.01/00/24_037/0013855, submitted under the Jan Amos Komenský Operational Programme – Call No. 02_24_037 Returns, is distributed through this competition.

Project schedule

Deadline	Process	People concerned
19 January 2026 from 9 a.m. – 27 February 2026 until 4 p.m.	Submission of project proposals	Principal investigators
2 March 2026 – 6 March 2026	Formal evaluation	IGA manager
9 March 2026 – 20 March 2026	Correction of formal deficiencies	Principal investigators
23 March 2026 – 3 April 2026	Substantive evaluation by evaluators	External evaluators
6 April 2026 – 10 April 2026	Substantive evaluation by the IGA Committee	IGA Committee
13 April 2026 – 17 April 2026	Announcement of results, issuance of decisions	IGA Manager, Rector
1 May 2026 – 30 April 2028/2029	Project implementation	
1 May 2028/2029 – 31 May 2028/2029	Submission of final reports	Principal investigators

Deadline	Process	People concerned
1 June 2028/2029 – 30 June 2028/2029	Evaluation of final reports	IGA Committee

Transitional and final provisions

- 1) This Instruction shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

In Hradec Králové on 16. 1. 2026.

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