

PROTOCOL
to the Agreement on Scientific Co-operation between
the HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES and
the POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
for the period 2024-2026

In compliance with Article 2 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on 14.12.2020 and the Polish Academy of Sciences on 30.12.2020 the Parties agree upon the following provisions.

Field of cooperation

Present protocol sets the selection and evaluation procedures and financial guidelines of the support for mobility costs of joint research projects and individual visits under the above agreement for the period of 2024-2026.

Co-operative actions are based upon the principle of reciprocity for the mutual benefit of both Parties.

I. Joint research projects

Definition

Joint research projects are performed with the participation of the research teams of both Parties and have a duration of 3 years.

Selection criteria

- the selection of joint research projects is based upon joint project proposals submitted to both Parties with the approval of both host institutes;
- each Party is responsible for the scientific evaluation of joint projects that should be based on scientific excellence;
- decision on launching the projects is made upon the availability of funds for bilateral cooperation;
- open call for new project proposals can be launched annually on the basis of mutual consent of the Parties.

Special eligibility provisions by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- Financial contribution for joint research projects can only be granted to research units certified as “MTA centre of excellence”.
- Principal investigators from the side of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences are required to be employed by a research unit certified as “MTA centre of excellence”.

Special eligibility provisions by the Polish Academy of Sciences:

- In Poland, for the participation in the call for joint mobility projects scientists employed in research units of the Polish Academy of Sciences are eligible. In exceptional cases scientists from other research institutions in Poland may be considered;

- Principal investigators from the side of the Polish Academy of Sciences must be employed in the structures of the Academy.

Ex-post evaluation of joint research projects

Following the end of the duration of projects principal investigators are required to submit a project report describing the results of the project.

List of joint research projects

The list of mutually approved joint mobility projects is enclosed to this Protocol as Annex 1.

II. Individual visits

Definition

Individual visits are intended to promote the preparation of joint initiatives, active participation (i.e. lectures) at international conferences, joint seminars or other joint scientific events.

Selection criteria

- Individual visitors are nominated by the Sending Party and upon availability of funding are accepted by the Receiving Party.
- The annual exchange quota for individual visits is 10% of the exchange quota reserved for joint research projects.

Special eligibility provisions by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

- researchers nominated by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall be:
 - o members of the public association of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and
 - o their nomination must be approved by the respective scientific section of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- nominations should include all information to reveal the objective of the visit and be accompanied by invitation letter issued by the Hungarian host.
 - o nominations can be accepted if the respective Scientific Section of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences approves the planned visit.

Special eligibility provisions by the Polish Academy of Sciences:

- researchers nominated by the Polish Academy of Sciences should in principle be employed in the network of the Academy;
- nominations made by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences can only be accepted if the invitation letter from a Polish research unit is attached to it.

III. Procedures for exchange visits

Joint research projects

- no nomination letters are required from the Sending Party or no invitation letters are required from the Receiving Party;
- announcement of visits should be made by the principal investigator to the contact person at his own Academy preferably 2 months prior to the commencement of each visit and should include all information for necessary arrangements (i.e. access to research infrastructure, transfer, accommodation);

Contact information for visits to Hungary:

- It is the responsibility of the principal investigators / project leaders to make the necessary arrangements to receive visiting scientists from partner institutions and inform the Secretariat of International Relations of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on the visits.

Contact information for visits to Poland:

- The responsibility for making arrangements to receive visiting scientists from Hungary rests on the host institution which notifies the International Cooperation Department of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Individual visits:

The Sending Party is responsible for nominating scientists to the Receiving Party;

- Nomination letters must be sent 2 months before the commencement of the visit. Nominations should include all information to reveal the objective of the visit including invitation letters from institutions or scientists of the Receiving Party or documents related to scientific events, conferences, etc.
- The Receiving Party should inform the Sending Party of the acceptance of the visit no later than 1 month after receiving the nomination;
- Travel information for each visitor shall be provided directly to the hosting institution no later than 7 days before the commencement of the visit.

Contact information at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Department of International Relations

Contact information at the Polish Academy of Sciences:

Polish Academy of Sciences, International Cooperation Department

IV. Financial guidelines and conditions

The Sending Party shall cover the international travel costs of its visiting researchers to the place of destination and return.

The Receiving Party shall provide visiting scientists and scholars with allowance to cover meals, local transport and other incidental expenses. At the time this Protocol is signed, the rate of subsistence allowance shall amount to:

in Hungary:

- 7000 HUF/ day
- accommodation provided by HAS

in Poland:

- o 90 PLN/day
- o accommodation provided by the hosting institute up to 180 PLN /day

If the cost of living changes significantly both Parties will, in accordance with the legal regulations in their respective countries, seek for means to adjust the allowances.

Visitors should have a valid health insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in Poland rests with the Sending Party (HAS) and in

Hungary with the delegating institutes or delegated scientists personally. The Receiving Party shall provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

The Receiving Party will not cover conference or symposia fees for visitors.

V. Validity

This Protocol has been in force since 1 January 2024 and shall remain valid until 31 December 2026, unless revoked in writing by either Party with at least six months' notice. If, due to administrative reasons, the signing of a new Protocol is delayed, the validity of this Protocol shall be extended by common consent, but no longer than for one year.

The terms of the present Protocol may be modified on the basis of mutual understanding of the Parties and shall be enclosed in further Annex.

This Protocol has been signed in Budapest on 28. February 2024 and in Warsaw on 15 February 2024, with a legally binding force from 1 January 2024, and was prepared in two identical copies in English.

for the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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Joint Research Projects
Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Polish Academy of Sciences
2024 - 2026

No	Hungarian Leader		Polish Leader		Project Title
	Name of the Project Leader (Last name, First name)	Institution	Name of the Project Leader	Institution	
1	Czagány Zsuzsa	Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute for Musicology	Dominika Grabiec	PAS Institute of Art.	Musical and liturgical traditions in medieval Poland and Hungary
2	Fertő Imre	Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Economics	Katarzyna Zawalska	PAS Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development	Local food systems: A Polish-Hungarian comparison
3	Fodor József	Centre for Agricultural Research, Plant Protection Institute	Magdalena Rys	PAS Institute of Plant Physiology	The role of silicon in the resistance of winter oilseed rape against pathogens during deacclimation
4	Kállay Csilla	University of Debrecen, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Chemistry	Wojciech Bal	PAS Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics	Intracellular toxicity of divalent copper: innovative drugs, molecular targets, mechanisms
5	Makó András Szaboles	Centre for Agricultural Research, Institute for Soil Sciences	Agata Sochan	PAS Institute of Agrophysics	Laser diffraction method for measuring soil texture with extreme properties.
6	Mitrovits Miklós	Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History	Marta Piłber-Zbieranowska	PAS Institut of History	Entangled history. Transnationalist phenomena in Polish and Hungarian society.