

Call for proposals for the implementation of the impact-driven programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society" for the period 2026-2028

The Lithuanian Science Council announces the second call for proposals for projects under the impact-driven programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and Knowledge Society".

The programme aims to create an ecosystem of R&D competences in emerging and/or rapidly developing themes of information technology and quantum computing science, which will have a significant impact on science, the Lithuanian and global economy and society in the near future.

The objectives of the programme are:

1. to promote research in emerging and/or rapidly developing areas of information technology, the new solutions/results of which can have a significant impact on the creation of advanced, transformative innovations, while promoting the application of research results and acquired competences through the development of institutional links between research and study institutions, public and private sectors, and the development of science and knowledge society by strengthening communication between institutions, promoting scientific activity and its achievements and results in the scientific community and in the public;
2. to promote research in which quantum computing and/or results can be practically applied in a wide range of research fields, while encouraging the application of the results and competences acquired in this research.

Call funding	~ EUR 5.1 million	
Source of funds	State budget funds	
Proposal submission address	https://junkis.lmt.lt	
Proposal submission deadline	27 February 2026, 16:00	
Project implementation	beginning	1 September–1 October 2026
	duration	Up to 24 months
Project budget	Up to 300 thousand EUR	
Scope of the call	1.The call is open for project proposals under both objectives of the programme. 2. Proposals may be submitted with a project to be implemented under one of the tasks of the Programme, one of the activities of the selected task and one or more of the topics of the selected activity	
Who is eligible to submit the Proposal	1.The implementing institution must be a Lithuanian research and education institution registered within the Register of Education and Research Institutions. 2.The principal investigator must be a scientist.	

	3. One person may submit only one proposal for this call as a principal investigator or other primary project implementer. 4. One person may not carry out more than two projects in these activities and may be the principal investigator of only one of them: - competition-based priority research programmes, - impact-driven programmes, - research projects of the programme for Lithuanian Studies as a National Priority (2025-2030), - researcher groups projects, - technological development projects, - competitive R&D projects supporting Lithuania's membership in the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), - postdoctoral fellowship projects (applicable only to the fellow, who, according to the provisions of the Rules, is considered the principal investigator/scientific supervisor of this measure) as the primary project implementer.
General requirements for project implementers and budget planning	1. The work scope of each primary project implementer (including the principal investigator) within the project must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months. 2. The primary project implementer group must include at least one scientist whose workload on the project is no less than 960 hours. 3. There is no limit on the work scope of secondary project implementers, except for positions where students are to be recruited. 4. The employment of foreign scientists in the project primary implementer group within Lithuanian Research and Higher Education Institutions is encouraged; this is considered one of the advantages of the project. 5. Requirements for the involvement of students and the scope of their work: - for proposals under Task 1 of the Programme, the project must include at least 5 students of any level of study (I-III) or integrated studies as primary or secondary project implementers, each with the workload is no less than 960 hours; - for proposals under Task 2 of the Programme, there is no requirement to include students as project implementers, but if students (at any level of studies or integrated studies) are nevertheless included (either as primary or secondary implementers), their workload in the project must be no less than 960 hours; - a person is considered to be a student if he/she has the status of any level of study (I-III) or integrated studies student on the date of his/her recruitment for the project; - when planning the work of a student as a project implementer, it is recommended that the student's transition from one level of study to another, or his/her future position in the project after the end of his/her studies, be taken into account in order to keep the same person throughout the project (if his/her tasks in the project are long-term and last longer than his/her studies at one of the levels of study).

	6. The budget should be planned for the entire project period and for each calendar year. 7. Costs for publishing and open access to publications are considered eligible for funding only if the project commits to publishing the articles by the end of the project. 8. The results planned in the project, which will be published and/or made openly available in scientific journals, research publications, research data sets, or other forms of dissemination, must comply with the provisions of the Procedure for Open Access to the Results of Research and Experimental Development.
Compliance of the Project with the Programme Implementation Indicators	1.The project must propose at least one innovative solution in any field of application of information or quantum technologies, with a minimum Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 3. 2.It is recommended that the project results be published in at least one article in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, with the student project implementers listed as co-authors.
Application procedure	1.The proposal must be submitted in English. 2.The proposal must be accompanied by: - curriculum vitae (CV) of the principal investigator and of each of the other primary project implementers with a research degree; - curriculum vitae (CV) of the other main primary implementers who do not hold a degree, together with a list of publications, if any; - a letter from the Implementing institution, drawn up in accordance with the current format and signed by the Implementing institution, providing information to ensure that the Institution is committed to the implementation of the project applied for.

Procedure for evaluating proposals

- Proposals that meet the requirements of the administrative check shall be submitted for the expert evaluation which is carried out pursuant to the [Description of the Procedure of the Expert Evaluation of the Projects and their Reports](#).
- Depending on the number of proposals received and the subject matter of the proposals, several groups of proposals may be set up for the peer review.
- The proposals will be evaluated by panels of foreign experts established in accordance with the [General Rules on the Lithuanian Research Council's Experts and their Activities](#).
- The evaluation of student involvement will take into account the expected intensity of student involvement, whether there are opportunities for learning in the activities, the coherence of the research with the theses to be prepared, etc.
- Competitions of proposals under Tasks 1 and 2 will be carried out separately.

Project requirements and implementation procedures

6. The general requirements applicable to projects, their implementers, partners and costs are set out in the General Rules for the Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects of the Lithuanian Research Council and other documents published on the [Programme's website \(EN\)](#).
7. The implementation of the Programme projects shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the description of [the Procedure for the preparation and implementation of the impact-driven programmes of the Lithuanian Research Council](#).
8. Projects under the Programme may be eligible for additional funding (up to a maximum of 10 % of the project budget specified in the project funding agreement) to meet emerging needs for the conduct of applied research or the dissemination of its results which could not be foreseen at the time of proposal and which are identified in the 'Description of the procedure for the provision of additional funding for projects under the impact-driven Programme "Information Technologies for the Development of Science and the Knowledge Society"', which is available on the [Programme's website](#).

Additional information

9. Following the announcement of the results of the call, the principal investigators of the projects included in the list of projects to be funded will be required to submit an identical proposal in Lithuanian in the electronic system <http://junkis.lmt.lt>, before signing the project financing agreement. If it is found that the content of the English proposal is not identical to the content of the Lithuanian proposal, the information in the Lithuanian proposal will be used.
10. The funds will be divided between competitions (proposal groups) after evaluating the amount of funds available for the call, the number of proposals received, the number of projects found eligible by the panel(s), etc.
11. No interim scientific report will be required.

More detailed information is provided by

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