

Call for Joint Research Projects with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences: NAS RA – BAS 2026–2027

Purpose of the Call

The NAS RA – BAS Call for Joint Research Projects for the period 2026–2027 aims to strengthen scientific collaboration between the **National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (NAS RA)** and the **Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)** through the implementation of joint research projects with duration of two years (1 January 2026 – 31 December 2027).

The objectives of the call are to:

- Foster institutional partnerships between NAS RA and BAS units;
- Promote the involvement of early-career researchers and PhD students in the projects;
- Support research teams preparing for future international cooperation.

Eligibility

- Only research teams from the **institutes of NAS RA and units of BAS** are eligible to apply.
- Proposals from all research fields are welcome.

Funding

Financial support under this call will cover **only short-term visits of researchers to partner institutions** for joint research activities. Funding does not cover full project implementation, personnel costs, or equipment purchases.

Documents to be submitted

For Bulgarian team:

1. Official letter from the Director of the BAS unit
2. Form A – for joint research projects (in Bulgarian)
3. Preliminary financial plan
4. CV in English for each team member of the Bulgarian team
5. Declaration of consent on personal data processing

For Armenian team:

1. Official Letter from the Director of NAS RA Institution
2. CV in English for each team member of the Armenian team
3. Project annotation in Armenian, describing the purpose and objectives of the proposal
4. Declaration of consent on personal data processing

Joint Document (Both Teams Together):

Form B1 for joint research projects in English (signed by both parties)

Templates for Armenian research teams

1. [Form B1 for joint research projects](#)
2. [Declaration of consent on personal data processing](#)

Templates for Bulgarian research teams

All document templates for Bulgarian research teams, including BAS Internal Rules can be found [here](#)

Application Submission:

Full applications, including all required documents, must be submitted via email to **both** of the following addresses:

fordep@sci.am and tchouprenska@cu.bas.bg

Schedule

16.06.2025	Announcement of the call for project proposals
15.10.2025	Deadline for submission of project proposals
October-November 2025	Completion of the assessment at national level
1-20 December 2025	Completion of the joint assessment at international level Approval of the final results by both partner organisations
20 December 2025	Announcement of results
1 January 2026	Start of the approved projects
31 December 2027	End of the approved projects

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals

1. Scientific excellence

- 1.1. Relevance of the research and adoption of new solutions or new methodological approaches
- 1.2. Justification and feasibility of the goals and objectives

2. Capacity

- 2.1. Scientific experience of the research teams – scientific publications, citations, projects (in the last 5 years)
- 2.2. Competency of the project coordinator – scientific publications, citations, projects (in the last 5 years)
- 2.3. Suitability of the participants' competences with regard to the project proposal
- 2.4. Participation of young scientists, doctoral students and post-doctoral students

3. Implementation

- 3.1. Adequacy of the action plan and potential for further research after the project conclusion
- 3.2. Contribution of the partner organisation to the project implementation

4. Impact

- 4.1. Dissemination/ commercialisation of scientific results

Evaluation and Selection

Consists of two-step process:

- At the national level, each partner organisation evaluates submitted proposals based on its internal rules and prepares a ranking list.
- At the international level, both partner organisations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. A maximum of **3 joint research projects** will be approved for funding.

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