

J. E. PURKYNĚ VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAMME:

Advancing Global
Academic
Collaboration

2026 Call

The J. E. Purkyně Scholarship Programme is an initiative designed to foster international academic collaboration, enrich educational and research output, and elevate the profile of J. E. Purkyně University on the global stage. Named after the renowned Czech physiologist and anatomist, Jan Evangelista Purkyně, this programme is a testament to the university's commitment to innovation, cross-border knowledge exchange, and academic excellence.



AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The primary aim of the J. E. Purkyně Visiting Scholar Programme is to facilitate meaningful academic exchanges between scholars worldwide and our university. This is achieved by fostering collaborative projects, creating academic networks that support professional growth, and encouraging interdisciplinary approaches to address pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges in transitioning regions. The programme provides funding of up to 2,000 Euros for an individual scholar to cover travel and living costs related to short-term academic stays of one week, plus travel days.

The programme is open to scholars at different stages of their academic careers, including:

- **Early Career Scholars** (up to 5 years after receiving PhD): to explore new educational and research avenues and build partnerships.
- **Mid-Career Scholars** (6–12 years after receiving PhD): to expand their academic collaborations and develop joint projects.
- **Senior Scholars** (more than 12 years after receiving PhD): to mentor young scholars, and contribute to educational and research initiatives.



TARGET GROUP



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the J. E. Purkyně Visiting Scholar Programme, applicants must:

- Be affiliated with an accredited institution of higher education or a recognized research organization outside the host university's country.
- Demonstrate a proven track record of teaching and research in a relevant field, supported by significant academic work.
- Submit a well-defined plan or collaboration proposal that aligns with the university's strategic focus areas. Consultation with the hosting department is strongly recommended.

The selection process is competitive and transparent, consisting of:

- **Application Submission:** Interested candidates submit an application, stating motivation, goals of the stay, hosting department, and expected outputs in a prescribed form.
- **Initial Screening and Evaluation:** A university committee reviews applications for completeness and eligibility, and assesses proposals based on criteria of academic merit, potential for impactful collaboration, and alignment with the university's strategic focus areas. The committee may request virtual interviews with shortlisted candidates.
- **Final Decision:** Successful applicants will be notified and invited to participate in the programme, with details of their funding and visit itinerary. Successful applicants are reimbursed based on an innominate contract (subcontract for mentoring) upon completing the stay and submitting a final report to the host department.



SELECTION PROCEDURE



DEADLINES AND QUERIES

2026 Call: All stays must be completed and reimbursed by the end of 2026.

Rolling applications close on 31st August 2026.

Applications should be sent to: lenka.satrapova@ujep.cz

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