
Partners

A key goal of the Charleston programme is to provide fellows with direct, hands-on experience across sectors. This will be achieved through a **mandatory secondment in the non-academic sector, lasting between 3 and 6 months, which will be integrated into their research project**. The secondment can be split into up to two parts and scheduled at any point during the project. Each part of the secondment must last a minimum of six weeks. The secondment must take place at a single non-academic host institution.

A diverse range of partnerships with **13 non-academic institutions** has been established to offer attractive hosting opportunities for these secondments. These partnerships include private companies, hospitals, public institutions, and non-governmental organizations, all committed to hosting fellows, collaborating on research projects, and providing experienced mentors from the non-academic sector.

If a suitable host institution is not found within the existing network, the postdoc can propose an alternative non-academic institution.

List of partners:

Antikomplex

Antikomplex is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization dedicated to critically reflection on the history of the Czech lands. It actively promotes and develops a broad societal discussion on coming to terms with the traumas caused by the tragic events of the 20th century, particularly those related to the Second World War. Our shared goal is to identify all the questions our past has left us, name them, and face them.

The primary mission of Antikomplex is to open discussions about our shared history and its traumas, to conduct research and disseminate information on these topics, and to engage in their critical reflection. This mission is carried out through educational programs for pupils, students, educators, professionals, and the general public, by publishing popular-academic texts, and by organizing conferences, workshops, discussion events, cultural activities, and the presentation of traveling exhibitions on various topics.

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Czech National Bank

The Czech National Bank consistently ranks among top 3 research institutions in Economics with special expertise in macroeconomics, monetary economics and financial stability research: <https://ideas.repec.org/top/top.czech.html>. The CNB researchers are especially skilled in quantitative modelling, both empirical and structural, as the bank uses such models routinely for policy analysis and forecasts. The CNB researchers also often publish in leading scientific journals.

The coordination and implementation of research is carried out by the Research Division, which is part of the Research and Statistics Department. The division consists of two units – the Financial Research Unit and the Economic Research Unit. Access to broad sources of data (including individual level data and high-frequency financial data) on financial sector and the macroeconomy is possible for research purposes. Wide range of specialized software and high-performance computing are available. Broad knowledge base in economic modelling is another asset, as are the regular internal and external research seminars. The CNB maintains frequent contact with international research institutions and other central banks and supports conference travel of its researchers.

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ELLA-CS

ELLA-CS is a leading manufacturer of medical devices, specializing in research and development. Its long-term vision is to expand the use of biodegradable stents beyond gastrointestinal applications to include airway and other organ treatments, solidifying its position as a global expert in biodegradable stent technology. Each year, its unique products improve the lives of thousands of patients and are recognized worldwide for their innovation and effectiveness.

With more than 90% of its production exported to over 70 countries, ELLA-CS continues to strengthen its global presence. The company holds multiple Czech and international patents and has earned the respect of industry peers for its groundbreaking biodegradable reinforcement, which enhances the functionality of the digestive tract. This innovation is now widely cited in medical literature across Europe and the United States.

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European Valuation Institute

The European Valuation Institute (EVI) is a premium analytical boutique specialising in complex financial advisory services, in-depth research, and professional education. With extensive experience in valuation, litigation support, economic consulting, and financial modelling, EVI provides expert insights tailored to real-world challenges faced by practitioners.

EVI continuously enhances its expertise through applied research and active participation in international organisations and academic research projects. It has recently completed a study on equity risk premiums based on European company data, with regular updates on its website (www.evalin.org), and is currently advancing research on estimating individual discount rate parameters for valuation purposes.

EVI also organises conferences and training courses for professionals in the financial sector.

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Forum 2000

The Forum 2000 was founded in 1996 as a joint initiative of the late Czech President Václav Havel, Japanese philanthropist Yohei Sasakawa, and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel. It pursues the legacy of Václav Havel by supporting the values of democracy and respect for human rights, assisting the development of civil society, and encouraging religious, cultural and ethnic tolerance.

The Forum 2000 conferences and other events organized by the Forum 2000 Foundation are held in Prague, Czech Republic. Since 1997, Forum 2000 organizes an annual conference which has attracted a number of prominent thought leaders, Nobel laureates, former and acting politicians, business leaders and other individuals, whose common denominative is experience with bearing responsibility.

In addition, the Foundation is working on a number of projects such as the Democratic Solidarity Latin America Project, Democratic Solidarity Africa and the International Coalition for Democratic Renewal.

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IKEA Czech Republic

IKEA is a leading retail company that designs and sells ready-to-assemble furniture. Renowned for its distinctive approach to design, the company is widely acknowledged as a trailblazer in environmentally friendly business practices.

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Mama AI

MAMA AI is a young, dynamic, and innovative European technology group that focuses on providing artificial intelligence solutions and products in many areas. The MAMA AI team has historical roots in the IBM Watson AI research and development laboratory – and as such, they have significantly contributed to the development of key global technologies enabling the construction of artificial intelligence products over the past decades. These include voice and text conversational assistants for customers from all continents. Currently MAMA AI research and apply conversational AI, search AI, personalised AI, voice AI, reasoning AI, and biochem AI in practical applications and products.

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Ministry of Industry and Trade

The Ministry of Industry and Trade is the central body of the government administration involved in:

- the National Industry Policy, the Energy Policy, the Trade Policy in the context of the European Common Market, the Export Promotion Policy, the Integrated Raw Materials Policy and the Use of Mineral Resources;
- Business and Investment Promotion in the areas of Manufacturing Industry and of Industrial Research and Development including the use of European funds;
- Internal trade and Consumer protection in the context of the European Consumer Policy;
- Promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Companies with the exception of regional business support and trading matters;
- Technical standardization, metrology and state quality control;

- Industrial research, engineering and technology development;
- Electronic communication and postal services.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade

- Co—ordinates the preparation of the legislation and the Implementation of the European Law within the Ministry's authority;
- Co—ordinates the foreign trade policy of the Czech Republic in relation to individual states;
- Concludes bilateral and multilateral business and economic contracts including commodity contracts;
- Executes commercial and economic cooperation with EC, EFTA, OECD, WTO and other international organisations and integration groups;
- Controls and administers activities associated with license regime application within the sphere of economic relations abroad, investigates the dumping of double use of imported products and takes measures to protect against the import of such products.
- Supervises the execution of inspection in the field of consumer protection and energy industries, the hall marking and the precious metals, weapons and ammunition testing.

Possible topics:

Department of Brownfields and Innovation Business Development (Odbor brownfields a rozvoj inovačního podnikání)

- Topic: Application of regional and selected sectoral state aid rules for strategic projects in industry
- Description: The Ministry of Industry and Trade implements public support for large investors and municipalities that want to be ready for the arrival of a new investor. Support is generally provided under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) or the Temporary Crisis and Transformation Framework, and the Net Zero Industry Act is now in force. Individual public aid notifications under the TFEU associated with the Chip Act are also consulted. In terms of Czech national regulations, these include state aid under the Investment Incentives Act and subsidies granted under the Act on budgetary rules. The aim of the internship would be to get acquainted with the individual legal acts issued within the framework of the above-mentioned legislation, to check the appropriateness of the references used, possibly to make a comparison with the latest amendments to the above-mentioned legislation, and also to prepare the drafting of new legal acts for the new Strategic Investments for a Climate Neutral Economy programme and for new strategic projects under the new EU regulations)

Department of Digital Economy and Smart Specialization (Odbor digitální ekonomiky a chytré specializace)

- EU policy-making in the digital area, Participation in negotiating European legal acts, Regulating the digital and data economy, Implementation of EU law in the Czech Republic

Department of Trade Licensing and Consumer Legislation (Odbor živností a spotřebitelské legislativy)

- Consumer protection (Processing of analysis of consumer law)
- Assessment of the integrity of an entrepreneur in the sense of trade law (or) Trade law and ICT (Specification: Processing of the analysis of regulations within the EU on the integrity of a trade entrepreneur and proposal of a legislative solution also from the point of view of the case law / Legal aspects related to the use of ICT in the field of trade business – involvement of AI in administrative processes)
- Advertising Regulation Specifications (Analysis of the Advertising Regulation Act – Possibilities for Editing (new topics influencers, AI, etc.)

Energy Section (Sekce energetiky)

- Energy sector decarbonisation strategy in the context of coal exit with special focus on the development of renewable energy sources
- Coordination of the EU energy policy and negotiation within the EU legislative procedure
- Energy in public forums, media and social media
- EU electricity market
- Gas decarbonisation package implementation
- Decarbonisation of building sector
- Digitisation in energy with special regard to energy performance of buildings and state authorisation of energy production sources
- Preparation of secondary legislation acts under the energy law recasts known as Lex RES III and Lex Gas
- Czech energy efficiency legislation

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Motol University Hospital

Motol University Hospital is the largest hospital in the Czech Republic. Apart from providing comprehensive medical care, it is also an established research organisation that conducts research in diverse areas of medical sciences. Its research activities are mostly of an applied research nature. Clinical and translational research is carried out in close cooperation with the Second Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, with which it shares its campus. Furthermore, Motol University Hospital actively collaborates with other medical faculties and with the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and other national and international research organisations. Motol University Hospital is managed by the Director of the hospital and his deputies, with scientific activities managed, and coordinated and controlled by the Deputy Director for Science and Research and the hospital Scientific Council.

The infrastructure for scientific work is very well catered for and is consistent with the scope and focus of individual research projects. The scope is ample and covers fully clinically oriented projects as well as projects with and overlap in basic science. The clinical and laboratory departments have modern facilities with Next Generation Sequencing capacities, high-end cytometry (including mass cytometry) facilities. Priority research directions include research projects in paediatrics, in oncology again with a focus on paediatric oncology, in neurology, microbiology and infection, in immunology, pathology, genetics and other scientific directions across the hospital.

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OG Research

OGResearch (OGR) is a macroeconomic consultancy that provides advice on monetary and fiscal policy issues and the development of financial markets, particularly in the context of emerging and frontier market economies. They also specialize in advanced and innovative solutions for macroeconomic modeling, forecasting, macroprudential analysis, and financial instrument pricing. Their expertise extends to financial stability, risk management, as well as the development and maintenance of forecasting software and its web-based applications.

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Parliamentary Institute

The Parliamentary Institute performs the tasks of a scientific, information and training centre for the Chamber of Deputies, the Senate, their bodies, Deputies, Senators and the Office. PI is one of the parliamentary research and information services, the mission of which, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, is to provide independent information to Members of Parliament so that they can exercise their mandate effectively and to provide Members of Parliament with the necessary plurality of information. Through its activities, it promotes evidence-based decision making.

The Parliamentary Institute is a unit of the Office of the Chamber of Deputies that provides administrative and technical support for Deputies (Members of Parliament). The Office and its tasks are stipulated by law.

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Post Bellum

Post Bellum is a Czech NGO that has been searching for and recording the memories of witnesses of key moments of the 20th and 21st centuries since 2001. All testimonies collected are published at the oral-history archive of Memory of Nations, www.memoryofnations.eu, which is one of the biggest collection of personal testimonies about totalitarian regimes not only in former Czechoslovakia, but also in Cuba, Ukraine or Vietnam, just to mention a couple of focus countries.

Post Bellum's principal activity consists in the implementation of projects documenting historical phenomena. The documented material is the very primary source for further creative use in education and popularization of history to the wide public, throughout publishing, conference and exhibition activities. Also, Post Bellum is active in direct help to their witnesses, doing so not only in times of crisis. In summary, Post Bellum 1) documents, 2) narrates, 3) educates and 4) provides support and help?

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Rossum

Rossum specializes in intelligent document processing for B2B communication. Advanced AI extracts information, including complicated layouts, from business documents with reliability and customizability far higher than generic LLMs can offer. The company automates various enterprise processes such as accounting, order management, or customs clearance.

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