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# First Call of the CHARLESTON Programme Has Closed

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**As of 31 May, we have closed the first call of the CHARLESTON programme (MSCA COFUND), which supports research projects focused on sustainable development and societal impact. The programme emphasises researchers' career development and offers valuable experience outside academia through secondments.**

**A total of 48 postdoctoral researchers applied, planning to carry out their projects across 14 faculties and institutes of Charles University.** The high number of applications confirms that topics related to sustainability and societal impact are highly attractive to early-career researchers, as well as supporting their career development and gaining valuable experience beyond academia through secondments in non-academic institutions.

In this first call, we will support 10 projects selected through a multi-stage evaluation process. The second call is scheduled to open in spring 2026.

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