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MIT-Czech Republic Seed Fund - opening of the call for joint project proposals and online information session

Dear Rector,

Following the cooperation between the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) within the framework of the *MIT-Czech Republic Seed Fund*, I would like to inform you about the opening of a call for joint project proposals under this programme from 13 September to 13 December 2022. The call is open to all scientific disciplines.

To provide more information, an online information session on the *MIT-Czech Republic Seed Fund* is planned for 28 September 2022 at 16:00 CET (10:00 EDT). The session will be hosted by MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) and is intended for those interested in cooperation from MIT, CAS research institutes and all universities in the Czech Republic.

The programme was established in collaboration between MIT, the CAS, the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry of the CAS, and its subsidiary IOCB TECH. Now it is funded by the IOCB TECH Endowment Fund, which will contribute 200.000 USD over the next two years. The funds will be distributed among three to five new collaborations and can cover travel and accommodation costs associated with working meetings and research internships. Successful applicants will be chosen by April 2023 and the first trips will be possible in June 2023.

For further information, please visit the [MIT](#) website or the [CAS](#) website.

Thank you in advance for distributing this information within your university.

Yours sincerely,

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