

The Croatian Science Foundation was founded by the Croatian Parliament in 2001 under the name National Foundation for Science, High Education and Technological Development of the Republic of Croatia, with the purpose of development and promotion of science and technology. The name was changed with amendments of the Act in 2010 into Croatian Science Foundation.

The work of the Foundation is governed by the Board, whose members are appointed by the Croatian Parliament. The first Board was appointed in 2003, and the first calls were published in 2004.

THE BOARD

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2017 IN NUMBERS

- 183** project proposals evaluated
- 344** international reviewers involved
- 85** projects accepted for financing

- 592** projects monitored
- 482** evaluators (Croatian scientists)

- 309** doctoral students financed
- 82** postdoctoral researchers employed

- 1472** publications from CSF projects
- 11** patents from CSF projects
- 207** publications from doctoral students from 2014 call

- 39** UKF projects funded
- 9** UKF projects monitored
- 100** million HRK allocated
- 41.206** users on web pages and EPP system
- 415.112** views on www.hrzz.hr
- 15.012** registered users in EPP system



Vision

Promotion of international standards in research.

Establishment of a funding system for young researchers' career development.

Strengthening of international cooperation and integration of Croatian scientists into European Research Area.

Mission

Central body in charge of funding scientific research through independent system of calls, evaluation, selection and financing the best scientific projects and researchers.

The funding system for research and young researchers' career thoroughly changed through the amendments of the Act on the Croatian Science Foundation (CSF). The CSF took over the implementation of calls for national scientific research projects in 2013 and funding of doctoral students in 2014 from the Ministry of Science and Education. At the beginning of 2014, the CSF took over the implementation of Unity through Knowledge Fund (UKF).

Support to scientific research is awarded through regular public calls. Evaluation is carried out through objective, scientific and expert review (peer review), taking into account scientific quality, implementation capacity and equal development of all scientific fields.

The CSF has financed more than 1000 projects so far, and more than 600 research projects during 2017, nine Unity through Knowledge Fund projects and 309 doctoral students. Seven new calls, with the total budget of 116.444.690 HRK, have been published in 2017.

PROGRAMMES

Research projects

Installation research projects

Partnership in Research

Young researchers' career development

Support to researchers for the application to the ERC programmes

Croatian Swiss Research Programme 2017. - 2023.

Development of Croatian Professional Terminology (STRUNA)

Unity through Knowledge Fund (UKF)

Support to research and development in the field of climate change

Tenure Track Pilot Program

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The evaluation procedure of projects submitted to the CSF's calls is based on quality, transparency, equal treatment, confidentiality, impartiality, efficiency and timely procedure.

The CSF carries out two-step evaluation procedure conducted by - evaluation panels and peer reviewers (independent international experts). Evaluation panels are appointed according to scientific fields: natural sciences, technical sciences, biotechnical sciences, biomedicine and health, social sciences and humanities and are composed of Croatian scientists. Interdisciplinary panels are established depending on the applications submitted for particular calls.

Reviewers are international experts evaluating project proposals during the second step of the evaluation procedure.

The evaluation criteria are determined by the CSF Board. They can be adjusted to each particular call, depending on the programme goals and are available to applicants along with the call documents.

Monitoring and evaluation of funded projects

The CSF systematically monitors and evaluates the progress of funded projects to ensure implementation of project activities in accordance with the work plan, financial accountability in accordance with the financial plan and to ensure implementation of contractual obligations in accordance with the CSF's regulations.

The progress of project implementation is carried out through the evaluation of annual reports and site visits to PIs.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Regular financing of internationally competitive research projects
- Connecting scientists from public research organisations and universities with researchers from business sector and social/public sector
- Integral programme for young researchers' career development at doctoral and postdoctoral level
- Programme for permanent cooperation of Croatian scientists, public research organisations and universities with scientific diaspora
- Involvement of Croatian scientific community into European Research Area