



# EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA (ERA) CHAIR in Chemical and Cellular Biology

## The Foreign Researcher's Guide to Brno, Czech Republic

### Brno

- The capital of South Moravian Region and the second largest city in the Czech Republic with a population of almost 400,000 people,
- Strategic geographic position within Central Europe with good transport accessibility,
- Modern, dynamic and fast growing centre of industry, trade, science, research and innovation with business incubators and centres of excellence in science,
- A city of universities with more than 86,000 students (one third in science & technology fields) at five public universities,
- More than 10,000 researchers; 2,200 IF publications/year; 600+ PhD graduates/year,
- 500 mil. EUR of R&D investment per year (nearly 3 bil. EUR of R&D investment in period 2002 – 2012), more than 350 companies with in-house R&D,
- City of Gregor Mendel, the founder of genetics; the prestigious Mendel Lectures series takes place in Brno since 2003 (lectures of the world's top scientists, including Nobel Prize winners),
- [www.brno.cz](http://www.brno.cz)

### Masaryk University (MU)

- The second largest university in the Czech Republic,
- Respected research university and one of the fastest growing higher education institutions in the Czech Republic,
- Consisting of 9 faculties with over 200 departments, institutes and medical clinics, covering a wide range of research areas in both the humanities and the natural sciences,
- A total of 47,500 students, including bachelors, masters and more than 3.000 PhD students currently enrolled at MU,
- One of the leading research organizations in the Czech Republic in the natural sciences and biomedicine,
- Publishing a total of about a thousand original research papers registered in WoS each year; more than a third in collaboration with scientists from abroad – e.g. collaborators from the USA (9.5% of all papers published), Germany (9.5%), the UK (5.8%), and France (5.4%),
- 7 out of 14 Czech EMBO Installation Grants awarded to MU as a demonstration of the institution where the scientists return after their successful career abroad,
- [www.muni.cz](http://www.muni.cz)





## CEITEC – Central European Institute of Technology

- Scientific centre in the fields of life sciences, advanced materials and technologies,
- State-of-the-art infrastructure and great conditions to employ excellent researchers offered at CEITEC,
- Consortium of six universities and research institutes from Brno, led by Masaryk University,
- More than 500 researchers in 61 groups and 7 programmes: Advanced Nanotechnologies and Microtechnologies, Advanced Materials, Structural Biology, Genomics and Proteomics of Plant Systems, Molecular Medicine, Brain and Mind Research, Molecular Veterinary Medicine – see detailed [Research Overview](#),
- **9 Core Facilities:** Nanolithography and nanocharacterization, Structural analysis laboratory, Biomolecular interaction, Single crystal X-ray diffraction, Josef Dadok national NMR centre, Cryo-electron microscopy and tomography, Proteomics, Genomics, Multimodal and functional imaging laboratory
- [www.ceitec.eu](http://www.ceitec.eu)

## Salary

Salary will be paid in the Czech crowns (CZK). This example calculation is based on the currently valid laws.

1 EUR = 27 CZK

	CZK	EUR
Gross annual salary	2.527.200	93.600
<b>Gross monthly salary</b>	<b>210.600</b>	<b>7.800</b>
Net annual salary	1.800.000	66.000
<b>Net monthly salary</b>	<b>150.000</b>	<b>5.500</b>

\* The average gross monthly salary in the Czech Republic is currently 25.000 CZK (930 EUR).

## Living Costs

OECD comparative price levels (USA = 100): Czech Republic 75, Germany 111, Austria 116, United Kingdom 125.

The following should give you basic idea of the average prices for living:

<b>Accommodation (monthly)</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>Services (monthly)</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Apartment 1+1 incl. utilities	12.000	450	Mobile phone – unlimited calling	800	30
Apartment 2+1 incl. utilities	15.000	550	Internet connection	600	22
Apartment 3+1 incl. utilities	18.000	660	Public transport – monthly pass	550	20
<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Meal for 2, Mid-range restaurant	500	22	Coke/Pepsi (0.5 L)	30	1,1
Meal, inexpensive restaurant	150	6	Beer on tap	35	1,3
<b>Markets</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>CZK</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Milk	25	0,9	Train Brno-Prague	200	7,5
Fresh bread	30	1,1	Train Brno-Vienna	300	11
Yogurt	10	0,4	Petrol (1 L)	37	1,4

## Family Life

There are several schools in Brno for children of other nationalities – see more [HERE](#).

## More information

- [CEITEC Welcome Services](#)
- [The Foreign Researcher's Guide to the Czech Republic \(2009\)](#)