

HUN-REN Supported Research Groups Programme

According to information received from HUN-REN management, HUN-REN aims to **synchronize the research groups launched in 2022 and 2024**, with the programmes **ending uniformly on 31 December 2027**, so that the next application cycle would be launched **at the same time**.

In line with this, the Supported Research Groups Office (TKI) has begun developing a new application system for research groups **starting their work on 1 January 2028**, in all three major scientific fields: **STEM, LIFE, and SHAPE**.

The calls are expected to be publicly announced **in the fourth quarter of 2026**, thus ensuring sufficient preparation time for applicants.

According to the plans, **the employment of young researchers will be a priority** among the application criteria. HUN-REN expects that future projects will be implemented **with the involvement of multiple sources of funding**, as one of the main goals of the TKI is **to support world-class Hungarian researchers**.

The above information has been provided to us by Director General Prof. Dr. Zoltán Oszkár Szántó and Deputy Director General Dr. Attila Nyikos, whose quick response is greatly appreciated.