

Innovative and Collaborative Research Grant in Neuroscience 2021

NeuroMarseille institute wishes to promote scientific exchanges and encourage the emergence of new collaborative projects within Marseille's neuroscience community. The institute constitutes a component of Aix-Marseille University (AMU) supported by AMIDEX funding. The use of funding is therefore governed by AMIDEX financial rules and subject to evaluation. In this context, NeuroMarseille institute opens this call titled "**Innovative and Collaborative Research Grants in Neuroscience**", in order to promote collaboration between people involved in Neuroscience research (see "**Applicants**" below) willing to start new innovative and high-quality projects.

Each project will be granted **up to 20 k€ over a period of 12 months**. This amount will be managed by one of the Partners involved in the project, who will be defined by the applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants: Personnel belonging to Research Units (UMR) affiliated to NeuroMarseille can answer this call, including: Researchers (CR, MCU, DR, Pr, PU), Engineers (AI, IE, IR), as well as Post-docs and PhD students.

Projects must involve **at least** two Partners (researchers/teams/units) who do not belong to the same UMR. In case of a collaboration with one or more partner(s) not belonging to NeuroMarseille, the funding will only be half of the maximum allocation. In case of a collaboration involving 2 NeuroMarseille partners and one or more partner(s) not belonging to NeuroMarseille, the allocation will remain whole.

Partner 1 (see Application Form) will be the applicant and will be responsible for managing the allocated budget, and must belong to NeuroMarseille.

Personnel who obtained a NeuroMarseille Collaborative Research Grant in 2020 is not eligible.

Research program: The research program must be particularly innovative and should not represent the continuation of an ongoing project. Priority will be given to novelty and innovation; preliminary data are therefore not compulsory. The evaluated criteria will be: the program feasibility (equipment, collaborations, personnel involved, etc...), the scientific quality of the project as well as scientific quality of the participating teams, with a special focus on their complementarity.

Eligible expenses: A detailed budget must be attached to the project proposal. Eligible expenses include: equipment, operating costs and undergraduate traineeship grants.

Application modalities

Submission: The project submission deadline is **November 29, 2020, at 23:59**. Applicants must use the Application Form provided by NeuroMarseille.

Evaluation: The Scientific Committee, composed of NeuroMarseille neuroscientists with the support of national experts, will evaluate and select the projects. The evaluations will be sent by e-mail to the applicants for the **3rd week of January 2021**.

Terms of engagement: It is mandatory to mention the support of NeuroMarseille in all scientific publications and communications in relation with the project:

"This work was supported by a grant from NeuroMarseille (#AMX-19-IET-004)"

The grantees involved in the project could be asked to present their findings during the events organized by NeuroMarseille.