



## Call for applications for the UCA<sup>JEDI</sup> Advanced Research Program 2019 Campaign

As part of its **Advanced Research Program**, Université Côte d'Azur is launching a call for applications from researchers, faculty and artists for **research grants** aimed at supporting original and very high-level disciplinary research in all scientific and artistic fields represented at Université Côte d'Azur.

This program will give rise to an annual call for applications.

It has a total of €360k over the two years, 2019 and 2020.

### Who is this for?

This call is aimed at active lecturers and researchers, having at least the status of *maître de conférences* or *chargé de recherche* (or equivalent), as well as artists on the basis of a research project in art and creation. Post-doctoral fellows and professors emeriti are therefore not eligible. Also excluded are artist residencies whose objective would be an artistic production that is not strongly linked to a research project.

The grants of the Advanced Research Program are primarily intended for **external researchers, lecturers and artists** who wish to collaborate with groups at Université Côte d'Azur. The objective is to bring to the laboratories and groups of Université Côte d'Azur, and for a moderately long period (1 to 2 semesters), researchers and artists of a very high level, whose presence will promote our site and whose interactions with our teams will strengthen our research and creativity potential and significantly increase the reputation of Université Côte d'Azur. The fellow's stay could also help to prepare for future recruitment.

Secondly, and up to one third of the total number of grants may also be awarded to **researchers, lecturers and artists from Université Côte d'Azur**, to help them establish ambitious international collaborations and develop an original research project, which should

lead to an application for major national or international calls (IUF or ERC in particular). The improvement of a previously submitted but not selected project will also be considered and examined with particular attention.

### What is the nature of the grant?

For external applicants: operating expenses 800€/month + salary provided or topped up by Université Côte d'Azur to 5.5 k€/month.

The grant will guarantee the beneficiary a gross salary of €5,500 per month and operating funds of €800 per month. The salary contribution from Université Côte d'Azur will be adjusted on a case-by-case basis, depending on the conditions under which the guest will be on the Côte d'Azur during his or her stay (sabbatical year with his or her original salary maintained, unpaid leave, etc.). The guest will also benefit from the reception facilities typically offered by IDEX UCA<sup>JEDI</sup> (Welcome Center, Faculty Club, schooling of children in international class for one-year stays).

In exchange, the fellow undertakes to give seminars and/or courses and to include Université Côte d'Azur in his or her signature for any scientific work carried out as part of the grant.

For internal applicants: operating expenses 800€/month + salary for a maximum of 6 months of engineer CCD and/or teaching release for faculty.

The amount of the salary included in the scholarship will be the equivalent of a maximum of 6 months' average salary for a research engineer. Its use will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis according to the needs of each project. It will also be possible to use it to compensate for a service discharge for faculty (in agreement with the employer).

In both cases, the duration of the award of the beneficiary will be between 6 months and one year.

### Application procedures:

The application process will be carried out in two stages:

1. Submission, by the candidate or by the person who invites him/her, of a file on the submission platform: [https://nuxeo.univ-cotedazur.fr/nuxeo/nxdoc/default/926e6f46-8d2d-45ae-807a-f703b2eedabd/view\\_documents](https://nuxeo.univ-cotedazur.fr/nuxeo/nxdoc/default/926e6f46-8d2d-45ae-807a-f703b2eedabd/view_documents), in the form of a single file in PDF format, containing the documents listed in Appendix 1. This step will result in an initial selection and the establishment of a list of pre-selected candidates.

2. Oral interview by the members of the Program Committee (list in Appendix 2) with the pre-selected candidates in the case of staff from Université Côte d'Azur or, in the case of external candidates, with the host, whose task it will be to defend the file of his or her candidate.

#### **Selection criteria:**

The selection criteria will be as follows:

- Quality of the candidate's CV.
- Scientific and strategic interest of the project.
- For external candidates, the quality of the interactions planned with Université Côte d'Azur host team and the precision of the medium-term prospects opened by the collaboration.

Candidates will select and highlight the elements of their CVs that demonstrate their scientific excellence.

External candidates must also undertake to reside on the Côte d'Azur for the duration of their grant and to work within the team that will host them.

#### **Calendar:**

Distribution of the call for applications: 29 October 2018.

Deadline for the submission of applications 2019 on Nuxéo: **28 February 2019**.

Period of oral interviews: **between March 25 and April 10**.

Publication of results: by 12 April 2019 at the latest.

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## **APPENDIX 1: Preparation of the written file, which may be written in French or English**

### **For applicants that are external to Université Côte d'Azur**

**Curriculum vitae of no more than three pages** in length according to the style sheet attached in Appendix 4, highlighting the elements that provide evidence of the candidate's excellence in relation to his or her years of experience. This 3-page CV will include the candidate's list of the 5 best publications. Other publications may be included in an additional appendix.

**Project description of no more than 5 pages** according to the style sheet attached in Appendix 4, underlining its intrinsic scientific interest and its potential strategic interest for Université Côte d'Azur. In this description, the requested duration must be justified and the importance

for the project of interactions with the host team must be explained. The bibliographical references attached to the project may be the subject of an additional appendix, of a maximum of one page.

**Application form:** see Appendix 3a.

**Letter of motivation** of the candidate and **commitment to reside** on the Côte d'Azur for the duration of the grant.

**Letter of support from the host** at Université Côte d'Azur. This letter must be countersigned by the director of the host laboratory.

Optionally, letters of recommendation (maximum three).

#### **For Université Côte d'Azur staff**

**Curriculum vitae of no more than three pages** in length according to the style sheet attached in Appendix 4, highlighting the elements that provide evidence of the candidate's excellence in relation to his or her years of experience. This 3-page CV will include the candidate's list of the 5 best publications. Other publications may be included in an additional appendix

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**Project description of no more than 5 pages** according to the style sheet attached in appendix 4, underlining its intrinsic scientific interest and its potential strategic interest for Université Côte d'Azur. The prospects for ERC or IUF applications opened by this project must be explained and argued as well as the expected impact of the project for these applications. The bibliographical references attached to the project may be the subject of an additional appendix, of a maximum of one page.

**Application form:** see Appendix 3b.

**Opinion of the director** of the host laboratory.

**At least one letter of recommendation** (and a maximum of three).

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## APPENDIX 2: List of Program Committee members

Elvire Gouze (iBV), Oana Ivanovici (LJAD), Silvia Marzagalli (CMMC), Lucile Sassatelli (I3S), Médéric Argentina (INΦNI), Frédéric Cappa (Géoazur), Christophe den Auwer (ICN), Oliver Hahn (Lagrange), Eric Mangion (Villa Arson), Xavier Pennec (Inria), Laurent Yvan-Charvet (C3M), Arnaud Zucker (CEPAM).

## APPENDIX 3a: Application form for external candidates

NAME, First name	
Date of birth	
Home institution	
Professional status	
Laboratory or host team during your stay at Université Côte d'Azur (followed by the signature of the director)	
Length of stay requested ( <i>between 6 months and one year</i> )	
Desired period for the stay	
Financial conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will you keep your salary or part of it during your stay in Nice?</li> <li>• If so, please indicate the amount of salary you will receive (<i>gross salary per month</i>).</li> </ul>	YES – NO (delete as appropriate) ..... euros/month
Other special conditions of the stay (to be specified: accompaniment of a spouse, enrolment of children in the international school or college, etc.)	

### APPENDIX 3b: Application form for members of the Université Côte d'Azur

NAME, First name	
Date of birth	
Professional status	
Laboratory or host team (followed by the director's signature)	
Duration of the grant requested	
Desired period for a possible teaching release	
Name and affiliation of 5 scientists who may be consulted by the committee to deliver an opinion	

## APPENDIX 4: Template for the Curriculum Vitae and the project

The main objective of this model is to provide the font size, line spacing and margins that facilitate the reading and standardization of the file length.

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#### ***Titre 2***

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List:

- Item 1
- Item 2
- Item 3