

Description of the Call for Projects

UniCA 2026 Seed funding "Ageing and well being" for new Ulysseus Projects

The seed funding scheme aims to create or strengthen research, innovation or teaching activities within the Ulysseus* alliance. It aims at the sustainable integration of the 'core business' cooperation between the member universities. In the long term, these activities must be self-financed or subsidized by third-party funders.

The scheme covers all activities related to the “Ageing and Well-being” domain of the Ulysseus Université Côte d’Azur Innovation Hub.

The call for projects is exclusively open to teams composed of professors, researchers, students, or associate members of Ulysseus. Each team must include participants from at least two (2) other Ulysseus member universities, in addition to Université Côte d’Azur (UniCA). (minimum of 3 Ulysseus members in total) As the funding is provided by UniCA, each team must include at least one UniCA member. Projects may be co-directed by an external member.

People who are not members of Ulysseus may also be part of the team. In this case, their contribution to the project will be at their own expense.

Exceptions apart, the funding request may not exceed 3000€. Any co-financing of the project must be indicated.

Projects will be selected by the UniCA Innovation Hub local steering committee for “Ageing and Well-being”, which may seek external expert advice if necessary. This call for projects is disseminated within the same committee.

The maximum duration of a project is 12 months. A final written report is requested. The administrative and financial framework is that of the IDEX (project leader's commitment contract). Eligible expenses are those directly linked to the project. **Under no circumstances may the funding be used to cover human resources (HR) costs.**

Call Timeline

- **Call opening:** 1 May 2026
- **Submission deadline:** 30 June 2026
- **Evaluation period:** July 2026 (until the end of July)
- **Notification of results:** End of July 2026
- **Project implementation period:** from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027

**Ulysseus is one of 50 European alliances funded by the European Union. Ulysseus represents a community of more than 225,000 students and 15,000 lecturers spread across 8 universities on the European continent. Ulysseus is made up of the universities of Seville,*

*Genoa, Muenster, Montenegro, Haaga Helia (Helsinki), Technique de Košice (Slovakia),
MCInnsbruck and Côte d'Azur.*

One of the aims of Ulysseus is to tackle the major societal challenges facing Europe in the future. To this end, each partner has identified a theme for the development of new innovation, research and training ecosystems: the 'InnovationHubs'. UniCA has chosen the theme 'ageing and well-being' for its Innovation Hub. More information on Ulysseus.eu