

CALL FOR DOCTORAL APPLICATIONS 2026

Joint Ph.D. grants

OVERVIEW

The Graduate School of Life & Health Sciences (EUR LIFE) and the two IdEx Structuring Programs (PSI), DYNABIO and Ion Channels, are pleased to announce a joint call for **eight 3-year PhD contracts**:

- **3 contracts funded by DYNABIO**
- **3 contracts funded by Ion Channels**
- **2 contracts funded by the EUR LIFE**

ELIGIBILITY - DYNABIO PhD fellowships

To be eligible, **projects** must:

- Be collaborative, either:
 - ✓ Interdisciplinary, involving one DYNABIO biology team and a local partner institute (INRIA, ICN, INPHYNI, LJAD, I3S, 3IA, UR2CA)
 - ✓ Inter-biology institutes, involving two DYNABIO teams from different biology institutes (C3M, iBV, IPMC, IRCAN, ISA, LP2M)
- Fall within the wide scientific scope of DYNABIO, i.e., related to the study of molecular interactions at the level of metabolites, proteins, RNA, DNA etc.
- Be supervised by an HDR-qualified (or equivalent) researcher. Co-supervision is optional but at least one supervisor must belong to a DYNABIO team.

New collaborations will be encouraged

Candidate requirements

- Open to applicants of **any nationality** and from **any university**.
- Applicants must hold a degree qualifying them for doctoral enrollment before starting the PhD.
- Eligibility will be verified by the Doctoral School of Life Science and Health (ED85) according to its regulations.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of the DYNABIO fellowships will take place in three stages:

January 31, 2026: deadline for submission to the DYNABIO program (Anna.BLIZNYUK@univ-cotedazur.fr) of a project title, short abstract (2,000 characters max including space), names of the partners and of the supervisor(s). The DYNABIO template form should be used. **A candidate name is not required at this stage.**

March 1, 2026: Deadline for the submission to the DYNABIO program (Anna.BLIZNYUK@univ-cotedazur.fr) of the full applications with the name of the PhD candidate (see APPLICATION FILE). Applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts (2 DYNABIO Scientific Animation Committee members + 1 external reviewer). Projects will be ranked by the Board of DYNABIO and nine will be shortlisted for interview based on scientific quality, supervision quality, and candidate excellence.

Between June 15 and 30, 2026: Interviews by a multidisciplinary committee composed of members of Doctoral School, DYNABIO and Ion Channels PSI, and experts covering the other disciplines.

FULL APPLICATION FILE (to be submitted for March 1, 2026)

All documents must be submitted in English, using Times New Roman (or equivalent), single spacing, 10 pt font.

1. Research Project (max 4 pages)

- Project Title
- Project summary (max ½ page)
- Project description (max 3 pages), including:
 - ✓ Scientific objectives
 - ✓ Context and state of the art
 - ✓ Methodology
 - ✓ Originality and innovative aspects
 - ✓ Feasibility within 3 years
- Relevance and complementarity of the consortium (max ½ page)

2. Supervision

- Short CV of the supervisor (co-supervisor if applicable) with up to five relevant publications
- Feasibility statement confirming that all necessary research facilities and resources are secured signed by:
 - ✓ the student,
 - ✓ the supervisor(s)
 - ✓ the head of the host team or laboratory

3. Candidate documents

- CV of the candidate
- Motivation letter (1 page max)
- At least 1 recommendation letter of previous supervisors/tutors
- Master transcript including detailed marks and ranks (if the Master is not finished yet, a transcript of the grades obtained so far).