

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAM
2026 EXTERNAL CALL



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CONTEXT

Scope

As part of its commitment to excellence and international prominence, the [Initiative of Excellence of Université Côte d'Azur](#) is launching the 2026 call for applications for the IdEx Advanced Research Program Chairs aimed at supporting original and very high-level disciplinary research in all scientific and artistic fields represented at Université Côte d'Azur.

Who is this for?

This call is open to external tenured lecturers and researchers, having at least the status of *maître de conférences* or *chargé de recherche* (tenure-track faculty or researcher, or equivalent), as well as artists having a research project in art and creation. Post-doctoral fellows and professors emeriti are not eligible to apply. Artistic projects that are not strongly linked to a research project are also not eligible.

The call aims to invite top-level researchers and artists to join laboratories and groups at Université Côte d'Azur for a period of 6 to 24 months. The objective is to attract individuals who will enhance the site's reputation and visibility by fostering interactions that strengthen research and creative potential. The program focuses on building ambitious international collaborations and advancing high-quality research or creative activities leading to impactful publications or exhibitions.

Selected chairs are also encouraged to consider applying for future recruitment opportunities at Université Côte d'Azur.

Interested candidates should first get in touch with a research laboratory or a group of the Université Côtée d'Azur ecosystem (<https://univ-cotedazur.fr>). Together, the candidate and the local host will come up with an original research program and submit the application through our dedicated platform Nuxeo.

For questions related to the program or to find a potential host at Université Côte d'Azur, please send an email to idx.recherche@univ-cotedazur.fr



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

What is the nature of the grant?

- Duration: the duration of the chair will be between 6 and 24 months, which can be completed in a single or multiple stays.
- Net monthly salary between 3,500€ and 5,500€ (after deduction of social and employer contributions, but before income tax, if applicable). The salary will be tailored on an individual basis, contingent upon the level of experience.
- Operating expenses: 800 €/month.
- The guest will benefit of the services offered by IdEx [Welcome Center](#) : assistance in paperwork and schooling of children in international classes, etc., [Faculty Club](#) (temporary housing with first month provided free of charge), etc.
- In return, the successful chairs commit to conducting seminars and/or courses, and to acknowledge Université Côte d'Azur in their affiliations for any scientific work conducted under the auspices of the chair.

Application procedure:

The application process will be carried out in two stages:

1. Submission of the application file on Nuxeo: **the host** submits a single PDF file containing the documents listed in Appendix 1 at: [IdEx Advanced Research Program 2026](#). An application form must also be completed in parallel **by the applicant**: [COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE FORM 2026 EXT](#). This step will lead to an initial selection and the compilation of a list of pre-selected candidates.
2. Interview by the members of the Program Committee with the pre-selected candidates.

Selection criteria:

The selection criteria will be as follows:

- Quality of the candidate's CV,
- Scientific and strategic interest of the project,
- Quality of the interactions planned with the host team and the clarity of the medium-term prospects arising from the collaboration.
- Candidates should select and highlight the elements of their CV that demonstrate their scientific excellence. Candidates must also undertake to reside on the Côte d'Azur during the collaboration period(s).

Applications will be reviewed by a pluridisciplinary Committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an oral interview together with their host at Université Côte d'Azur.

Note: projects that were not previously selected can be resubmitted one time and must show a point-by-point response to the evaluation and comments of the selection committee.

Timeline:

- Launch of the call: **November 18, 2025**
- Deadline for the submission of applications on Nuxeo: **March 23, 2026**
- Oral interviews with the preselected candidates: **May 29, 2026**
- Announcement of results: **mid-June 2026**
- Starting date of the projects: **between September 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027**

Appendix 1: Preparation of the written file (in French or English)

1. **Curriculum vitae (3 pages maximum)** 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 5 major publications (other publications may be included in an additional appendix), teaching or professional activities, and the list of awards and distinctions. The resume should also highlight language proficiency, both oral and written. If you had career breaks, please indicate the exact dates and the reasons.
2. **Project description of no more than 5 pages** 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 one page maximum.
3. **Cover letter** of the candidate with a **commitment to reside** on the Côte d'Azur for the duration of the collaboration period(s).
4. **Application form:** Appendix 2 and online application form must also be completed in parallel by the applicant: [COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE FORM 2026_EXT](#)
5. **Project Summary:** to be completed by the hosting structure at Université Côte d'Azur (see Appendix 3).
6. **A certificate from the candidate's home institution** authenticating her/his academic affiliation (not required for artists who are invited to submit a portfolio including a list of significant exhibitions instead).

All documents must be concatenated into a single file in PDF format named as follows:

FirstName_LastName-EXTPRA2026

Appendix 2: Application form

To be completed by the candidate

First name, LAST NAME	
Date of birth	
Home institution and country	
Professional status	
Email address	
Name and affiliation of 3 scientists who may be consulted by the committee	
Project title and acronym. If applicable, please indicate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to the research project	
Laboratory and host name during your stay at Université Côte d'Azur	
Length of the requested stay	
Desired period(s) for the stay	
Other special conditions of the stay (to be specified: accompaniment of a partner, enrolment of children in international school or college, etc.)	
In case your application is not selected for a Advanced Research Chair, would you like to be considered for the visiting Professor Program of Université Côte d’Azur?	

Appendix 3: Project Summary

To be completed by the hosting team

Research activities Kindly describe the scientific motivations for the desired stay, planned collaborations, and the expected benefit for the hosting research group.	
Outreach activities Kindly indicate the expected outreach activities (seminars, workshops, trainings, etc.)	
Objectives of the invitation Kindly indicate the mid-term objectives of the invitation	
Visa and signature of the unit director	