CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAM
2025 INTERNAL CALL

UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR

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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 2025 internal call for applications of the Advanced Research Chairs aimed at supporting original and high-level disciplinary research in all scientific and artistic fields represented at Université Côte d'Azur.

Who is this for?

This call is offered to local active lecturers and researchers, having at least the status of *maître de conférences* or *chargé de recherche* (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 chairs of the Advanced Research Program are designed for researchers, lecturers and artists from Université Côte d'Azur, to support them in realizing one of the following objectives:

o Establish ambitious international collaborations and develop an original research project, which should lead to an application in major national or international calls (IUF or ERC in particular). The improvement of a previously submitted but not selected projects will also beconsidered and examined with particular attention,

o Establish ambitious international collaborations and develop an original research project within an existing IdEx strategic program (see list in appendix 3),

o Establish ambitious international collaborations and federate local competences around an original structuring research theme not identified in the list of the IdEx strategic programs. The structuring potential of the theme must be demonstrated in the proposal.

The selected chair is expected to conduct high quality research activities that lead to high impact publications or exhibitions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

What is the nature of the grant?

➢ Operating expenses 800€/month,

➢ Salary for up to 12 months of a postdoctoral researcher or engineer (CDD),

➢ A teaching release of maximum 96 hours per year can be requested in agreement with the employer, to be approved by the Academic Council,

➢ One month of visiting professorship in order to help in establishing an ambitious international collaboration.

The above package will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis according to the needs of each project.

Application procedures:

The application process will be carried out in two stages:

1. Submission of the application file on Nuxéo: the candidate submits a single PDF file containing the documents listed in Appendix 1. The submission should be done at:

IdEx Advanced Research Program 2025_Internal Call.

This step will lead to an initial selection and the compilation of a list of pre-selected candidates.

2. Oral 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.

Candidates should select and highlight the elements of their CV that demonstrate their scientific excellence.

Timeline:

➢ Launch of the call for applications: **December 4, 2024**

➢ Deadline for the submission of applications on Nuxéo: **March 18, 2025**

➢ Oral interviews with the preselected candidates: **May 27, 2025**

➢ Announcement of results: **mid-June 2025**

➢ Starting date of the projects: **between September 2025 and February 2026**

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

1. **Curriculum vitae of no more than three pages** in length 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 a list of 5 candidate's major publications. Other publications may be included in an additional appendix. 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. 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 one page maximum.

3. **Application form:** see Appendix 2.

4. **Support letter from the hosting team/laboratory**

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

FirstName_LastName-INTPRA2025

Appendix 2: Application Form

First name, LAST NAME	
Date of birth	
E-mail address	
Professional status	
Laboratory or host team	
Duration of the requested grant (the funding is for 12 months but can be used over a longer period)	
Desired amount and period for a possible teaching release	
Name and affiliation of 3 scientists who may be consulted by the committee to deliver an opinion	
Title and Acronym Project	
Summary of the research project. When applicable, please specify one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to the research project.	

Appendix 3: List of Strategic Programs of the IdEx of Université Côte d'Azur

- o Mathematics
- o Quantum technologies
- o Biocontrol
- o Earth and universe sciences
- o Aging and well-being
- o Arts and Sciences
- o Tourism
- o Socio-environmental challenges
- o Risks in the Mediterranean region
- o Digital health
- o Flavors and Perfumes
- o Marine Resources
- o Challenges and impacts of the new programmable 5G/6G networks
- o Intelligent mobility and automated vehicles
- o Innovative materials
- o Signals and waves
- o Economics of innovation in Artificial Intelligence
- o Impacts and challenges of globalization
- o Creative industries - Cultural Heritage
- o Environment and health - the exposome concept
- o Therapeutic innovations
- o Robotics
- o Ion channels
- o Biological signaling pathways