

In July 2023, for the new IDEX<sup>JEDI</sup> session of Université Côte d'Azur, the Academy of Excellence 4 "Complexity and Diversity of Life" launches two actions for its call for projects:

**Action 2: Call for projects for the installation of new research teams in Life Sciences on the Université Côte d'Azur site**

**Action 3: Call for projects for scientific events**

The Academy of Excellence 4 is pursuing the transformation of the University by perpetuating its key actions to:

- ✓ Support the setting up of new emerging projects
- ✓ Initiate and promote strong interactions between disciplines, centers, projects, and academies
- ✓ Allow the acceleration of ongoing projects and partnerships with high potential
- ✓ Provide appropriate conditions for the maturation of projects
- ✓ Enable competitive fundings to be obtained (ANR, ERC, HFSP, etc).
- ✓ Increase the international visibility of research within Université Côte d'Azur
- ✓ Pursue its attractiveness policy in the region

Transdisciplinarity is a central vector.

Project applicants are invited to read in detail the instructions below.

For more information, please contact: [academies.excellence4@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:academies.excellence4@univ-cotedazur.fr)

## Action 2: Call for projects for the installation of new research teams in Biology on the Université Côte d'Azur site

The steering committee of the academy 4, "Complexity and Diversity of the Living Systems" opens a call for Co-funding of young research teams (ATIP/Avenir CNRS/Inserm and equivalent) that are interested in dedicating part of their activities towards the development of inter/transdisciplinary projects.

Academy 4 wishes to support the installation of **young research teams** within an existing research structure in which they have never been active, and which falls within IDEX<sup>JEDI</sup> perimeter of excellence. This perimeter is defined on the web page of Academy 4 (partners).

Co-funding is also granted to **"Senior" teams** subject to mobility to Université Côte d'Azur and with a new project assessed for excellence, financed by national or international competitive calls for proposals and in line with the theme of Academy 4.

Hence, Academy 4 wishes to promote mobility and attractiveness of our laboratories for high-potential team leaders.

The mobility criterion will be rigorously evaluated by the Scientific Council and validated by the Academy 4 Steering Committee, considering the Curriculum Vitae of each candidate team leader, his or her audition by the Scientific Council, and the added value to Université Côte d'Azur that the installation of each funded team represents.

The project must not be simultaneously funded by another IDEX<sup>JEDI</sup> program.

**Candidates will be interviewed and will present their projects to the scientific council before the funding period.**

### Funding and duration:

50 k€ (maximum amount allocated per project, with no exception) for one year.

Funds can only be used for operating or equipment costs (**no payroll**).

### Deadlines:

Call opening: **from February 14th to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Funding allocation: **1 month after the project acceptance by the scientific council**

### Conditions for application:

Each project will be written, in English or in French, following the template document that can be downloaded from the Nuxeo platform: [2023 Action2 A4](#)

The project must comprise:

- An acronym
- A project title
- The name of the applicant
- The postal address of the structure to which the applicant belongs
- A scientific & technical summary of the project (max. 500 words)
- A "popular" summary of the project (max. 500 words)**
- A description of the project and the scientific challenges involved (max 4 pages)
- A detailed summary of the financial needs and the relevant provisional budget
- A list of the people involved in the project and their respective affiliations
- The signature of the research unit director

**The application may include a link to a short video presentation of the project by the applicants (optional).**

The application must be submitted on the Nuxeo platform in the tab "Project":  
[2023 Action2 A4](#)

**Project follow-up:**

A scientific and financial report as well as any publication will be communicated at the end of the funding year.

The academy will ask for an oral presentation of the completed or ongoing project during a workshop organized by the Academy at the end of June 2024.

### Action 3: Call for projects for scientific events - July 2023

**Project applicants are invited to read in detail the instructions below and apply using the attached template form.**

The steering committee of the academy 4, "Complexity and Diversity of the Living Systems" opens a new call for project to finance workshops, visiting scientist expenses and assistance in setting up major projects (masterclasses, winter schools, etc).

#### Scope:

- Support for project setup to facilitate the arrival on site of partners of interest in the IDEX Perimeter (PERIDEX) or the subsequent financing of international consortia involving Université Côte d'Azur researchers as main project leaders.
- Workshops with lectures by researchers for researchers
- Thematic and inter-academy workshops
- Expenses for visiting scientists' accommodation (from one week to several months).

This call for project is conceived as an incubator for innovative and ambitious scientific activities in the field of Life Sciences. We will specifically consider emerging activities or projects with major development capabilities, notably able to obtain higher support from UCA<sup>JEDI</sup>.

#### Eligibility criteria:

- The applicant institution must be part of the PERIDEX. This perimeter is defined on the website of the Academy 4 ([Partnerships](#)).
- Applicants should mention if more than one academy is involved in the project. The main academy will transfer the file to the other academie(s).

#### Evaluation criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by the scientific council with the help of external reviewers if necessary. In addition to scientific excellence and the eligibility criteria described above, the following points will also be considered during the evaluation process:

- In the case of a trans-disciplinary project, the added value of the transdisciplinarity
- Innovative value
- Putative attractiveness for students
- Quality of the scientific process
- Relevancy of the budget in accordance with the project objectives.

#### Applicants should also demonstrate that the project is in line with one of the following criteria:

- Short or middle term transformation of the local scientific landscape
- Structuring of the research in the field of interest
- Increase of the local and international research visibility
- Develop research with high scientific impact.

Visiting scientists will have to provide at least one local lecture at Université Côte d'Azur.

The academy will not necessarily exclude projects that will not present transdisciplinarity or innovative and structuring aspects.

**Agenda:**

Opening of the call: **July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Deadline for submission of projects: **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Results of the call: **End of September 2023**

Start of funding: **October 2023**

Closing of the envelopes: **End of November 2024**

**The supports will not exceed 3000€ and a year.**

**Eligible costs:**

Eligible costs are operating costs, missions and invitations.

For visiting scientists, eligible costs are not salaries but current expenses like accommodation.

External partners may be included but will not be funded by the Academy 4.

The Welcome Centre is mobilized to assisting with accommodation on the site for external lecturers and possibly their families: <https://univ-cotedazur.eu/attending-universite-cote-dazur/welcome-center>.

The Mutualized Europe Unit for assistance in setting up international research projects is also mobilized to supporting researchers, doctoral students and managers in their awareness, training and application to European funding: <https://univ-cotedazur.eu/services-for-research-scientists/setting-up-national-european-and-international-projects>.

**Conditions for application:**

Each project will be written in English or in French, following the template document that can be downloaded from the Nuxeo platform: [2023july Action3 A4](#)

The project must comprise an acronym and cover maximum 5 pages in an A4 format pdf file.

For visiting scientists, the applicant will have to provide a resume and a list of major publications over the last ten years.

The application will be submitted on the Nuxeo platform (tab "projets" under the name of the call for project): [2023july Action3 A4](#)

Each file must include:

- An acronym
- A title
- The first and last name of each project leader and partner
- The email address of each project leader and partner
- The postal address of the structure to which each project leader and partner belongs
- A scientific & technical summary of the project (max. 500 words)
- A "popular" summary of the project (max. 500 words)
- A description of the project and its challenges
- A detailed summary of the needs and the related provisional budget
- The list of people involved (name, first name, email, telephone)
- A detailed organization chart specifying the position of each project applicant
- The signature of the unit director of each applicant

**The application may include a link to a short video presentation of the project by the applicants (optional).**

**Project follow-up:**

A scientific and financial report as well as any related publication will be communicated at the end of the funding year.