

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAM
2024 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 2024 call for applications for the IdEx Advanced Research 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 on the basis of 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 objective of the call is to invite researchers and artists of a very high level in laboratories and groups of Université Côte d'Azur, for a moderately to long duration stay (6 to 24 months). The call is intended to foster the invitation of colleagues who will promote our site and whose interactions with our teams will strengthen our research and creativity potential, significantly increasing the reputation and visibility of Université Côte d'Azur especially through the establishment of ambitious international collaborations. The selected chairs are expected to engage in high-quality research activities leading to impactful publications or exhibitions. Additionally, the chairs are envisioned to prepare for potential future recruitments at Université Côte d'Azur.

Interested candidates should first get in touch with a research laboratory or a group member of Université Côte 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 Nuxéo.

For questions related to the program, research activities and labs, or potential hosts at Université Côte d'Azur, kindly send an email to: idex.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).
- 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 Nuxéo: **the host** submits a single PDF file containing the documents listed in Appendix 1. The submission should be done at: [IdEx Advanced Research Program 2024 External Call](#). 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 (whose list will be communicated later) 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 for applications: **January 2024**.
- Deadline for the submission of applications on Nuxéo: **April 22, 2024**
- Oral interviews with the preselected candidates: **June 20, 2024**
- Announcement of results: **by July 1st, 2024**.
- Starting date of the projects: **between September 1, 2024 and January 30, 2025**

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:** see Appendix 1.
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 list of significant exhibitions instead).

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

FirstName_LastName-EXTPRA2024

Appendix 2: Application form

First name, LAST NAME,	
Date of birth	
Home institution	
Professional status	
Name and affiliation of 3 scientists who may be consulted by the committee	
Laboratory or host team 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 structure

<p>Research activities</p> <p>Kindly describe the scientific motivations for the desired stay, planned collaborations, and the expected benefit for the hosting research group. When applicable, please specify one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to the research project.</p>	
<p>Outreach activities</p> <p>Kindly indicate the expected outreach activities (seminars, workshops, trainings, etc.)</p>	
<p>Objectives of the invitation</p> <p>Kindly indicate the mid-term objectives of the invitation</p>	
<p>Visa and signature of the unit or team director</p>	