



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS
FOR THE EMERGENCE(S) PROGRAM
2022 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. PROGRAM

The Emergence(s) program provides support over a four-year period to innovative research projects conducted by young researchers or university lecturers-researchers who wish to:

- create a new research team
- or develop a young research team (created within the past two years).

All disciplines are eligible.

1.1 Conditions to for the project

The project must be located and developed within Paris itself.

1.2 Project length

For this call for proposals, the length of the proposed scientific project may not exceed 4 years.

1.3 Conditions to for the applicants

- The researcher or university lecturer-researcher conducting the project (project leader) must be affiliated to a Paris-based higher education and research establishment, public research organization, or hospital establishment (e.g. Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris, Institut Pasteur, Centres Anticancéreux, Quinze-Vingts etc.).

- The project leader may apply only from the main laboratory to which they are affiliated.
- The project leader must have completed their doctorate since December 31, 2010 (only the thesis defense date being valid). This time limit may be extended by a year per child, or for the duration of a professional interruption due to a justified medical reason. In each case, birth certificates, family record books and medical certificates must be included in the application.
- The project leader may not be a beneficiary of an ERC grant. If they have applied for an ERC grant, they must declare it on their application. Should they be selected, they must inform the City immediately.
- The project leader must manage the project team.

NB: proposals from researchers returning from a professional residency abroad are encouraged.

Project leader status

The project leader's job status must make it possible to justify the host laboratory's long-term commitment to completing the project. The project leader may not be on a post-doctoral contract while the project is underway.

Host laboratory

The host laboratory can only propose one project. If the host laboratory presents more than one project, all of the host laboratories' projects shall be disqualified.

NB: Laboratory means a permanent research unit. If the relevant organization is not composed of laboratories as such, the next permanent organizational echelon will be considered as the host unit.

1.4 The research team's commitments

The team of researchers must adopt a collaborative approach in cooperation with the Parisian ecosystem. The team promises to participate in events held to communicate and promote its research, organized by the City of Paris or its partner structures, primarily aimed at Parisian start-ups, City of Paris staff or the public.

2. FUNDING

The funding provided by the City of Paris to the host laboratories that win the Emergence(s) project call for proposals is an investment subsidy. The subsidy is granted for a maximum of 4 years and may not exceed €250,000, with an annual ceiling of €62,500.

An investment subsidy may be used to cover capital expenditure, which in accounting terms and in this document means any type of expenditure that contributes to enhancing the tangible or intangible assets of the entity (for example, patents, licenses, technical tools, components, website, applications, databases, journal articles, audio-visual productions, etc.).

The expenditure may cover, in particular:

- expenditure for personnel who are specifically allocated to the project (researchers, engineers, technicians and support staff),
- the purchase or installment payments of research equipment and facilities,
- work sub-contracted to public or private businesses or laboratories,
- other expenditure pertaining to the project's development.

This expenditure may not cover management costs corresponding to the managing organization's handling of the subsidy.

Only expenditure arising during the development and production of fixed assets may lead to a funding request.

Expenditure is eligible from the date on which the results of the call for proposals are published.

The amount allocated by the City of Paris as a subsidy shall be determined depending on the coherence of the research project's content and its draft budget.

An agreement will be established between the City of Paris and the organization providing administrative supervision, which will indicate the financing conditions. The terms of this agreement shall be fixed and non-negotiable.

3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

For all project proposals submitted, the use of model organisms is eligible, providing that an explicit link with medical research is demonstrated and that any usage complies with the European Directive 2010/63/EU from September 22, 2010 regarding the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and the preceding directive (86/609/EEC), in which article 7.2 states that, “An experiment shall not be performed if there is another scientifically satisfactory method not involving the use of an animal reasonably and practicably available to obtain the sought-after result.”

4. SELECTION PROCESS AND RESULTS

Each project proposal’s admissibility shall be evaluated by the Innovation Agency (*Bureau de l’Innovation*) within the Attraction and Employment Division (*Direction de l’Attractivité et de l’Emploi*) for the City of Paris.

An evaluation of each project proposal shall be performed under the supervision of the City of Paris’s Scientific Committee (*Conseil scientifique*).

The jury will select the winning projects after two separate evaluations.

The main project evaluation criteria are:

- Scientific quality of the project
- Originality, innovative nature
- Involvement of external operators within the academic world
- Co-funding of the project
- Interdisciplinary, “groundbreaking” project
- Methodology and construction of the project
- Quality of the research team
- Feasibility of the project and consistency with the requested funding
- Expected contribution of the deliverables

The results of the call for project proposals shall be published on the City of Paris’s website in November 2021.

Winners shall also be informed by email.

5. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The project proposal submission process takes place online.

The call for project proposals will end at **noon on January 28, 2021.**

Project leaders must take special care with the size of the attached files and the format of the documents uploaded.

No incomplete applications will be considered.

DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION:

- **Letter of support signed by the host laboratory's management team**

The laboratory's management team must submit a signed declaration stating that the project team shall be assembled should the jury select the project, or, if the team already exists, that it was formed within the past two years. The management team must demonstrate its support for the project.

NB: If the project leader is on a post-doctoral contract or they are not permanently affiliated to a research laboratory or organization when applying, the letter of support should detail the precise nature of the host laboratory's commitment in regards to the researcher if their project is selected. The management team should guarantee that the position shall be secured for at least the duration of the project.

- **Presentation of the team (in French and/or in English)**

- **Project leader's curriculum vitae** (maximum 2 pages)
 - Description of prior activities, details regarding their professional life and qualifications obtained, their various major career steps and the French and foreign laboratories in which the research has been conducted to date.
 - List of their major publications over the last 5 years (maximum 10 publications)
- **Presentation of the host laboratory**

This section should specifically indicate the rates for the laboratory's under-contract financing and recurring operational financing for the year 2020.
- **Composition of the team¹** (maximum 5 pages)
 - Last name, first name, occupation and function for all team members, briefly indicating each person's individual professional background
 - Responsibilities and role of each team member in the research (technical or methodological aspects etc.)
 - Indicate the original, communal, recent, etc. nature of the team

¹ Any team that does have at least two identified members (including the project leader) shall be deemed ineligible.

NB: it is not mandatory for all members of the team to belong to the same institution. The team's composition must be in line with the research project proposal presented.

- **PhD thesis certificate for the project leader, indicating the thesis defense date**

- **Research project (in French and/or in English)**
 - **“General public” summary** (½ page)
 - **Scientific summary** (½ page) listing the applicant's 5 most recent publications
 - **Detailed research project proposal** (maximum 5 pages)
 - Title of project (indicate the main scientific field to which the project belongs; if the project proposal is written in English it is imperative that it also be given a title in French)
 - Working hypothesis and latest developments
 - Justification of the proposed strategy (including any preliminary results)
 - Project stages (including methodological basis)
 - Expected results and benefits for the laboratory (exact description of the products, processes or services developed, or any element that helps justify capital expenditure, including patents, licenses, technical tools, components, websites, applications, databases, journal articles, audio-visual productions etc.)
 - **Potential partnerships**
 - **Bibliography**

- **Project funding plan**

Sample documents can be downloaded when completing the form. The required presentation format must be respected, and the documents should be saved as pdfs before attaching them to the form:

- **Overall draft budget (in thousands of euros, tax included)**

The draft budget must indicate the amount of the laboratory's share in the financing of the research team. It must indicate, for each expected round of funding, those that have already been acquired.

The overall draft budget must be balanced.

Download the sample document “Draft project budget”

○ **Funding requested from the City of Paris (in thousands of euros, tax included)**

This table indicating the amounts requested annually, must be established according to the limits indicated in the terms and conditions.

Download the sample document “Funding requested from the City of Paris”

- **Full bank details of the managing organization**

- **Suggested experts**

French and international experts will take part in the evaluation of your project. The selection process respects these experts’ anonymity. In order to better to match experts with your project, please, first indicate, in the team’s field of research, the names and full contact details (names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses) of four experts (French and international) with whom the project leader has neither collaborated nor published within the past four years; and secondly, the experts that the project leader would prefer did not evaluate the project (for reasons of confidentiality, conflict of interest, competition with another laboratory, etc.).

PLEASE NOTE:

- The header of each section of the application must include the abbreviated research title, the name of the applicant and the relevant chapter.
- Once the form is filled out, all attached documents must be submitted in pdf, jpg, jpeg, tif, gif or png format and no document may exceed 2 MB in size.