

# Call for projects Fondation ARC

## PASSERELLE 2023

### Bridge to tenure position

Submission site: <https://appelsaprojets.fondation-arc.org>

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#### Session 2023

Online deadline: **4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 – 3pm**

## 1. Background and objectives

Each year, as part of its scientific policy, the Fondation ARC supports ambitious and original research projects. In 2023, the Fondation ARC launch **a new call for projects called "Passerelle"**. The objective of this new call is to promote the integration of the most promising researchers in cancerology in French research structures (Établissements Publics à caractère scientifique et technologique – EPST). The call aims at non-statutory researchers preparing for tenure position competition in an EPST during the year following the granting of the Passerelle funding.

The host laboratories must make substantial commitments to prepare the candidate for tenure position competition and guarantee the candidates the best hosting conditions to carry out their projects, including workspace and resources, for the duration of the funding and then, in the event of recruitment The laureates will receive a grant covering their salaries and running costs for the research project for one year.

## 2. Characteristics of the support proposed by the Fondation ARC

### Field of the call

Applications may come from any public research laboratory and cover all fields and disciplines involved in cancer control, from basic and translational research to clinical research including epidemiology and social sciences. The relevance in cancerology and integration of the proposed thematic within the host lab must be clearly presented. The young researcher and his/her research structure must comply with the ethical rules in force.

### Eligibility and admissibility criteria

- Profile: candidates holding a university PhD degree.
- Host laboratory located in France. Eligible host laboratories must be labelled by one of the EPSTs
- Previous laboratory located in France or abroad
- **The same research team cannot support several candidates during the same session of this call for projects.**
- A letter of commitment co-signed by the director of the host team and the director of the host structure (institute/unit/department) if different, **must imperatively be attached to the application**. This letter clearly states:

- ✓ The commitment of the host structure to present the candidate to tenure position competitions for researchers by an EPST.
  - ✓ The commitment of the host structure to the allocation of premises and resources (please specify) to the candidate to enable him/her to implement his/her research project for the duration of the Passerelle funding, then in the event of recruitment.
  - ✓ The candidate's preparation strategy by the host team for the competitions
  - ✓ The added value of the permanent integration of the candidate for the host team and the position of the candidate envisaged in the organisation chart.
- **The candidate commits to enrol in tenure position competitions by an EPST in the year following the start of the Passerelle funding and to provide the Fondation ARC with proof of submission of his/her application during the follow-up of the project**
- A letter of commitment from the managing body in charge of the grant indicating the possibility of managing the candidate's salary for one year within the framework of the legislation in force will be required for shortlisted candidates.

### Exclusion and non-eligibility criteria

- Laureates of a current funding type JCJC ANR, ATIP-Avenir, ERC or junior professor chair at the time of the start of the Passerelle funding
- Candidates for a recruitment competition in a laboratory not labelled by an EPST

## 3. Financing terms and conditions

- The managing body of the funding will be the employer of the laureate and will be in charge of managing the salary (subject to its acceptance, within the framework of the limited accumulation of years on fixed-term contracts / full-time CDD) and of the running costs of the project.
- Starting date of funding for 2023 session: between the vote by the Board of Directors until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.
- Funding amount and duration:  
Maximum salary: 80 000 € for 12 months ( $\approx 6\,667\text{€}$  per month). The effective funding amount is variable according to the employer organization. It includes the gross salary and the employer's contributions for the duration of the funding according to the grid of the employer organization which establishes the employment contract. The funding is paid to the employer organization.  
Project cost: 20 000€ for 12 months. The period and terms of use of the funds will be specified in a partnership agreement established between the laureates, their managing bodies and the Fondation ARC. The project cost may only include running costs (including consumables, reagents, etc.) and mission costs. Other costs, if necessary for the project (small equipment, hard or software material, etc.) must be paid by the host laboratory.
- This financial aid cannot be combined with other funding covering the laureate's salary for the same period or part of this period (by the Fondation ARC or other funding agencies). Applicants who have applied to several funders for a period concurrent with the application must, if successful, inform the Fondation ARC of their choice as soon as possible. If the choice is not for the Passerelle grant, the funding lapses and cannot be deferred.
- In the event of recruitment during the duration of the Passerelle funding, the salary share not used on the effective date of the permanent position will be returned to the Fondation ARC and the running share may be kept for the period initially granted.

## 4. Selection of projects

### Selection procedure

The applications meeting all the eligibility and admissibility criteria will be submitted for expert appraisal by the competent **ad hoc scientific committee**. All applications are assessed in accordance with the Code of Ethics and the procedure for preventing and managing links of interest established by the Fondation ARC. The appraisal includes files preselection and **candidates of applications preselected will be interviewed** in front of the Scientific experts of the Fondation ARC. The final list validated by the Scientific Board is proposed to the Board of Directors of the Fondation ARC for funding decision.

### Selection criteria

The selection of applications is based on all the following criteria:

- Compliance with eligibility and admissibility criteria.
- The applicant:
  - University training.
  - Scientific training
  - Recruitment strategy and integration in host laboratory
- The host laboratory: cancer expertise and support provide to the candidate.
- The scientific project: It will describe the works planned by the candidate in the medium term (min. 3 years) and details of the work that will be done during the year of the funding. Criteria are:
  - Positioning: relevance in oncology, mastery of the subject and concepts, clarity of objectives, originality of the question asked and of the approaches.
  - Organisation: technical feasibility, realistic objectives, and integration in the host team.

## 5. Schedule of the call

	<b>Session 2023</b>
Opening of the call for projects	February 2023
Deadline for applications submission – <b>3 pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023</b>
Preselection of applications	<b>September 2023</b>
Auditions of preselected candidates	<b>October 2023 (date to confirm)</b>
Selection by the Scientific Board	<b>9 October 2023</b>
Meeting of Board of Directors	8 November 2023
Posting of the list of selected projects on the Fondation ARC website / Notification by e-mail to the applicant	November 2023
Setting up of the funding (at the earliest)	Starting November 2023

## 6. Terms of submission

The application, including all the requested information needed for the evaluation of the project, must be prepared according to these guidelines, and submitted online on the Fondation ARC dedicated website accessible at the address:

<https://appelsaprojets.fondation-arc.org>

*At final submission, candidate received a receipt by email. Candidate can modify their submitted application as many times as needed until the deadline of the call for projects. Candidate must ensure after modification to re-submit their application (a new receipt is sent by email)*

Until the meeting of the Scientific Board, candidate may contact us at [ai@fondation-arc.org](mailto:ai@fondation-arc.org) to notify:

- An evolution of the publications: letter of acceptance, or decision of favourable revision (join the editor letter)

## COMPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION FILE

Must be submitted online: <https://appelsaprojets.fondation-arc.org>

Application can be written in French or English. One exception, the lay summary must be written in French.

\* *Mandatory information*

NB: The number of characters indicated is a maximum, spaces not included.

### Candidate

#### Information about the candidate

- Last name and first name\*
- Date of birth and nationality\*
- Contact details (address, contact email during the period of the requested funding, secondary email and phone number) \*
- ORCID<sup>1</sup> number of the candidate

#### Education of the candidate

- Date of PhD\*
- Other training (if relevant): title, graduation date or intended date, establishment of registration.
- Recruitment:
  - Have you ever submitted your application for a research tenure position competition for an EPST? if yes, specify for each the organism, section, year, title of the project and the ranking (1 000 characters).
  - What competition(s) do you plan to apply for? Indicate for each the organism, the section and the schedule envisaged (1 000 characters).

#### Resume

- Short CV (2 000 characters) *optional*
- Attached pdf document\* (5 Mo maximum)

#### Cover letter\* (3000 characters)

This letter will highlight career highlights, tenure competition strategy and perspectives.

#### Scientific publications of the candidate \*

Limited to 10 publications – Please indicate most relevant scientific publications.

- Publications in peer-reviewed journals (reverse chronological order): authors – journal – year – title. *For accepted publications, indicate the PMID number. For publications under revision or in press, letter or email of confirmation from the editor must be attached (format PDF, 5Mo maximum).*

### Host structure and laboratory

#### Host laboratory of the candidate\*: *must be in France*

- Name of the structure/institute/university – address – direction (last and first name)
- Lab name (Unit or department...) – address – direction
- Administrative body for lab in France: INSERM or CNRS or University or other
- Research team and team leader (name, title, status, affiliation, email, phone)
- CV of the team leader (PDF format, max 5Mo)
- Organisation chart of the host team (PDF format, max 5Mo)

### Scientific Project

#### Scientific identification\*

- Classifications CSO<sup>2</sup> associated with the project\* (1 min to 2 max)
- Type of research\* (multiple choice)
- Thematic and disciplines\* (1 min to 5 choices max ranked top down)
- Age group of the studied population\* (multiple choice)

<sup>1</sup> Pour plus d'information voir : <https://orcid.org>

<sup>2</sup> Pour plus d'information sur la classification CSO (Common Scientific Outline) voir <https://www.icrpartnership.org/cso>

- Localisations of tumours studied in the project\* (multiple choice)
- Keywords (in both French and English)\* (3 min to 5 max)

**Scientific abstract\*** (2 500 characters)

**Detailed scientific project\***

- Title of the project in French and English\*
- Acronym
- Description of the research project: (1) scientific context and issues, (2) Hypothesis, objectives, and preliminary results, (3) Detailed description of the methodology and techniques planned, (4) Expected results, potential applications, relevance in oncology, (5) work plan and details of the part that will be carried out during the "Passerelle" funding period. Please specify the transition to the permanent position if obtained, (6) Added value of the project for the host structure (5,000 characters per text area).
- Bibliography\* (5 000 characters)
- You may attach figures (up to 5 files format jpeg, jpg, gif ou png less than 5Mo each). Ensure that the image is correctly downloaded by checking the final pdf of your application)

## Funding\*

The financial request is totally fixed with **a total of €100,000** including:

- Mission cost (1000 characters): max €1,500
- Running costs (1000 characters): consumables, reagents, media, etc.

The total amount of mission and running costs is set at €20,000

- Salary costs (1000 characters): **salary costs are entirely dedicated to the project leader salary and is maximum €80,000 for 12 months.**

*It is necessary to justify each type of expense to validate your application.*

- Certified cost by management organisation: Please contact your managing organization to obtain the estimated cost of the CDD for the PI for the period of 12 months.
- Other funding: fill in your previous resources over the last 3 years and detail the other financial support granted or in the process of being requested for the project and/or the candidate's salary (3,000 characters)

## Attached documents (files must be .pdf < 5 Mo)

**Are mandatory \*:**

- at least 2 letters of recommendation from senior researchers with whom the candidate has worked (thesis director, postdoctoral supervisor, etc.)
- a letter of commitment co-signed by the director of the host team and the director of the host structure (institute/unit/department) if different, which indicates:
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- You can add 2 other documents that you deem useful for the evaluation of your request.

## Lay summary (MUST BE IN FRENCH)

*Texte de vulgarisation scientifique accessible au grand public, publiable sur tout support de communication.*

- Titre de projet vulgarisé publiable sur tout support de communication\* (140 caractères)
- En donnant le contexte national et international, quels sont les grands enjeux scientifiques et médicaux dans lesquels votre projet s'inscrit ? \* (1000 caractères)
- Quels sont les résultats préliminaires, issus ou non de votre laboratoire, qui guident votre projet ? \* (400 caractères)

- Quels sont les objectifs de votre travail de recherche et comment procéderez-vous pour les atteindre (préciser les innovations technologiques utilisées si pertinent) ? \* (1000 caractères)
- Projetez-vous sur le long terme, votre projet devrait contribuer à... : \* (plusieurs choix possibles)
- Quelles nouvelles recherches pourraient découler de votre projet ? \* (400 caractères)
- Comment percevez-vous le rôle de la Fondation ARC dans le soutien des travaux de recherche en cancérologie en France ? \* (500 caractères)
- Toute(s) information(s) supplémentaire(s) que vous souhaiteriez partager (facultatif) (500 caractères)

## Final submission of application

- **Final submission of the application**

*Reminder: Automatically errors checking in the online application is done at the final submission of the file. Application will be appraised only if the candidate does final submission.*