



Call for projects Fondation ARC

PASSERELLE 2026

Bridge to tenure position

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

Contact: passerelle@fondation-arc.org

Online deadline: **16th of June 2026 - 3pm**

1. Background and objectives

In 2026, as part of its scientific policy, the Fondation ARC has decided to relaunch **the call for projects "Passerelle"**. The objective of this 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 of the Passerelle funding and presenting ambitious and original research projects.

The laureates will receive a grant covering their salaries and running costs for the research project for one year. 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.

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 will be specifically evaluated.

Eligibility and admissibility criteria

- Profile: candidates holding a university PhD degree.
- Host laboratory located in France. Eligible host teams must be **labelled by one of the EPSTs**
- **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 EPST 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 2027** 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 **is required to validate the application**. The template provided must be downloaded, completed, signed and uploaded to validate the application.

Previous laureates of the call Passerelle may be eligible to apply to the 2026 call only if:

- They applied to the EPST competition in 2026.
- They were selected for an interview in one of the sections/CSS they applied for during the 2026 EPST competition process – proof must be provided in the application.

Additionally, in the application, they must motivate their demand for a renewal and explain the expected evolution of the application for a presentation in 2027 EPST competitions. They are also asked to detail the use of the Passerelle funding.

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 research team 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 2026 session: between **October 13, 2026 and February 1, 2027**.
- Funding amount and duration:
Salary: 80 000€ maximum for 12 months (6 666,67€ per month maximum). 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€. The project cost may only include running costs (including consumables, reagents, etc.) and mission costs (max 2000€). Other costs, if necessary for the project (small equipment, hard or software material, etc.) must be paid by the host laboratory. 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.
- 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.
- Passerelle's laureates currently being funded are not eligible to other fundings of the Fondation ARC for a concomitant period.
- In case of obtaining other funding (covering the salary and/or running costs for the project), the Fondation ARC must be informed and will study on a case-by-case basis the articulation of funding for the salary share and will decide, whether or not, to maintain the running share.
- In the event of recruitment by an EPST 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**. 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

Opening of the call for projects	February 24, 2026
Deadline for applications submission	June 16, 2026 at 3 pm
Preselection of applications	Early September 2026
Auditions of preselected candidates	Mid-September 2026 (exact date to be announced)
Selection by the Scientific Board	September 29, 2026
Meeting of Board of Directors	October 13, 2026
Posting of the list of selected projects on the Fondation ARC website / Notification by e-mail to the applicant	October 2026
Setting up of the funding	October 13, 2026 – February 01, 2027

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).

Please note that once the call for projects has closed, the application cannot be modified.

Until the meeting of the Scientific Board, candidate may contact us at passerelle@fondation-arc.org to notify an evolution of the publications: letter of acceptance, or decision of favourable revision (join the editor letter) and add the information as appendix to the file.

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) *
- ORCID¹ number of the candidate

Education of the candidate

- Date of PhD*
- Other training (if relevant): title, graduation date or intended date, establishment of registration.
- 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)
I am informed that in case of funding, the content of this short CV may be used by the Fondation ARC in actions aimed at the general public or donors, and I expressly agrees to this use.
- CV* (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 *

The candidate will select a maximum of 10 publications that they consider to be the most significant.

- Scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals (reverse chronological order): authors – journal – year – title – PMID number; 10 publications maximum. *Underline the candidate's name in the authors list.*
For accepted publications, indicate the PMID number. For publications under revision or in press or submit, 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)
- Current laboratory: If you have changed laboratories, indicate your current position: institute, laboratory, team, and date of change. (1,000 characters) Not mandatory

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

Scientific Project

Scientific identification*

- Classifications CSO² 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)
- Localisations of tumours studied in the project* (multiple choice)
- Keywords (in both French and English)* (3 min to 5 max)

Scientific abstract* (2 000 characters)

Detailed scientific project*

- Title of the project in French and English*
- Acronym
- Description of the research project*:
 - Scientific context and issues (5,000 characters maximum)
 - Hypothesis, objectives, and preliminary results (5,000 characters maximum)
 - Detailed description of the methodology and techniques planned (5,000 characters maximum)
 - Expected results, potential applications, relevance in oncology (5,000 characters maximum)
 - 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 (5,000 characters maximum)
 - Added value of the project for the host structure (5,000 characters maximum)
- You may attach figures (up to 5 files format jpeg, jpg, gif or png less than 5Mo each). Ensure that the image is correctly downloaded by checking the final pdf of your application)
- Bibliography* (up to 25 references) (5 000 characters)
- For former Passerelle laureate candidates: please justify the renewal request: justify the expected evolution of the application for a presentation in 2027 EPST competitions, specify the use of funds from the grant obtained previously and detail the results of the applications for EPST competition in 2026.
An upload area is available to provide proof of audition (PDF format, max 5Mo)

Funding*

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

- Mission cost (1000 characters): max €2,000
- Running costs (1000 characters): consumables, reagents, media, etc.

The total amount of mission + running costs must be equals to €20,000

- Salary costs (1000 characters): salary costs are entirely dedicated to the project leader salary and must be set at €80,000 for 12 months.

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

- Intended starting date of the funding* : between October 13, 2026 and February 1, 2027
- Other funding*: 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 (PDF format, max 5Mo)

- 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), which indicates:

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 - 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 EPST 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.
- You can add 2 other documents that you deem useful for the evaluation of your request. (not mandatory)
 - Letter of commitment from the director of the host team and the managing body in charge of the grant indicating the possibility of managing the candidate's salary for one year

Mandatory appendix for application validation to be included either in the file (under "attachments") or as an appendix to the file no later than September 1, 2026

- The document template can be downloaded from the file (under "attachments" or the "notice & attached document" section, or the template to complete is provided next page
- The signed document must be uploaded to the "attachments" folder or added as an attachment to the file by September 1, 2026, at the latest

Lay summary (MUST BE WRITTEN IN FRENCH)

I am informed that in case of funding, the content of this "Lay summary" may be used by the Fondation ARC in actions aimed at the general public, donors, subscribers to the various communication media of the Fondation and I expressly agrees to this use.

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)
[Popularized title of the project]
- En donnant le contexte national et international, quels sont les grands enjeux scientifiques et médicaux dans lesquels votre projet s'inscrit ? * (1000 caractères)
[Providing the French and the international contexts, what are the major scientific and medical challenges addressed by the project ?]
- Quels sont les résultats préliminaires, issus ou non de votre laboratoire, qui guident votre projet ? * (400 caractères)
[From your previous work or publication by others, explain the preliminary data supporting the project?]
- 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)
[What are the objectives of the project and the methodology to achieve them (specify if any innovative technologies) ?]
- Projetez-vous sur le long terme, votre projet devrait contribuer à... : * (plusieurs choix possibles)
[In the long term, the project should contribute to :
 - Explore/validate/optimize therapeutic approaches
 - Prevent the onset of cancer
 - Facilitate disease detection and accurate characterization (diagnostic information)
 - Stratify patients according to the severity of their disease (prognostic information)
 - Predict patients' response or resistance to a given treatment
 - Better predict or manage the side effects of anti-cancer treatments
 - Improve quality of life during and after treatment
 - Other :]
- Quelles nouvelles recherches pourraient découler de votre projet ? * (400 caractères)
[Which new lines of research would you expect to be generated by the project ?]
- Comment percevez-vous le rôle de la Fondation ARC dans le soutien des travaux de recherche en cancérologie en France ? * (500 caractères)
[How do you perceive Fondation ARC in supporting cancer research in France ?]
- Toute(s) information(s) supplémentaire(s) que vous souhaiteriez partager (facultatif) (500 caractères)
[Any additional information(s) you would like to share (optional)]

Final submission of application

- SUBMIT MY APPLICATION PACKAGE : Final submission of the application "

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Reminder: Automatically errors checking in the online application is done at the final submission of the file. 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).

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***Engagement anticipé du laboratoire d'accueil et de l'organisme employeur pour la mise en place du financement en cas de sélection à un soutien financier Fondation ARC
« Passerelle 2026 »***

Bénéficiaire :

Nom et Prénom :

Titre du projet de recherche :

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Date de début du financement demandé (entre le 13/10/2026 et le 01/02/2027) :

Directeur de l'équipe d'accueil

Nom et Prénom du directeur d'équipe :

Email du directeur d'équipe :

Laboratoire d'accueil :

Je soussigné(e), en qualité de directeur de l'équipe d'accueil, m'engage, si le financement « Passerelle » est accordé et si le coût réel du CDD géré par l'organisme-employeur excède le montant maximum alloué par la Fondation ARC, à prendre en charge la différence via un ou des cofinancements. En absence de cofinancements possibles, je suis informé qu'une réduction de la durée du contrat sera appliquée pour respecter le montant maximum alloué.

Signature du Directeur de l'équipe :

Fait à :

Date :

Signature :



Organisme employeur choisi pour la gestion du financement

Nom et adresse de l'organisme employeur :

Nom et prénom de la personne responsable :

Email :

Je soussigné(e) [Personne responsable].....,

[Fonction]

certifie que si le financement « Passerelle » est accordé à [Bénéficiaire].....,

[L'organisme employeur]

- Accepte de gérer le salaire du candidat pendant une année dans le cadre de la législation en vigueur.
- Accepte d'assurer la gestion de ce financement en respectant le montant maximum alloué de 80 000€ pour le salaire correspondant à une durée maximale de 12 mois.
- L'organisme employeur s'engage à ne pas prélever de frais de gestion ou de frais d'hébergement sur les versements de la Fondation ARC.
- L'Organisme Employeur indique ci-dessous le coût réel du contrat pour 12 mois (salaire brut et éléments de salaire s'y rattachant directement selon les barèmes en vigueur). *Des pièces justificatives pourront vous être demandées.*

Coût certifié Organisme Employeur pour 12 mois (montant en €) : €

- Si le coût réel du contrat est inférieur à 80 000 € pour 12 mois, la différence sera remboursée à la Fondation ARC à l'établissement du compte rendu financier final.
- Si le coût réel du contrat est supérieur à 80 000 € pour 12 mois, l'organisme employeur s'engage à accepter les cofinancements apportés par le laboratoire d'accueil. A défaut de cofinancements possibles, la durée du contrat devra être réduite de manière à respecter le montant maximum alloué. Dans ce cas, merci d'indiquer la durée réduite du contrat.

Durée du contrat correspondant à un montant alloué de 80 000 € : mois

Signature de la personne responsable au sein de l'organisme employeur :

Fait à :

Date :

Signature :