**Call for PhD Proposals - ICI PhD 2023**

ICI is collecting research project proposals from members of the cancer and immunology community for a PhD call Jury ICI, within the Doctoral School of Life and Health Sciences (ED62) of Aix-Marseille University (AMU). ICI will fund **3 full-time PhD students to start in October 2023 for 3 years**.

**Selected projects and their corresponding selected student will enter into the Concours, the jury will select 3 candidates and thus their associated project, already pre-selected. A project entering into the competition has no guarantee to be granted a PhD student.**

**Project Topics**

In assent with AMU Institutes’ vision and mission statement, ICI is seeking to fund interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary projects in immunology-oncology involving 2 researchers with complementary skills such as:

* Scientists from different teams (locally, nationally, or internationally), the lead supervisor will need to be associated to the ED62.
* A duo of a scientist and a clinician, the lead supervisor will need to be associated to the ED62.

The project must address a biological/translational question of interest to the immunology-oncology field. The main different themes include:

* Immunomodulation in health and disease
* Immuno-surveillance and inflammatory responses in autoimmunity and cancer
* Multi-scale heterogeneity in tumor and immune systems
* Signaling circuits in cancer and immune cells
* Translational and clinical research in immuno-oncology

**Timeline**

Projects not selected for the jury ICI may be subsequently submitted to another jury within the ED62 or another graduate program at AMU if those calls are still open.

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| **DEADLINE February 25, 2023** | Projects submission with project proposal submission form AND signed “concours ED62 Règlement” |
| **February 26, 2023 to March 03, 2023** | Projects selection by selection committee |
| **March 04, 2023 to May 15, 2023** | National and international projects advertisement Application of students directly to project supervisors |
| **May 15, 2023 to May 31, 2023** | Preparation of candidates to the concours |
| **June 01, 2023 to June 15, 2023** | Concours by ICI jury selection |
| **June 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023** | Awards results publication |
| **After results publication** | Selected students register to the ADUM website (https://www.adum.fr/) |

**Eligibility Criteria**

***Project supervisor***

* Must be certified HDRs (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches, i.e., Accreditation to Direct Research) to supervise any PhD student
* Needs to be affiliated to the ED62
* The lead supervisor will formally be the responsible advisor for the PhD and the student will be contractually assigned to the lead supervisor lab
* Cannot submit the same project to another concours within the ED62 or any other graduate program at AMU
* Cannot supervise more PhD student than the legal minimum (3 PhD students supervised at 100% or 6 PhD students supervised at 50%)
* Cannot have received an ICI PhD funding or funding from the ED62 the previous year
* ICI will prioritize PhD projects from its different academic and clinical partners:
* CRCM (Centre de Recherche en Cancérologie de Marseille)
* CIML (Centre d’Immunologie de Marseille-Luminy)
* IBDM (Institut du Développement de Marseille)
* TAGC (Theories and Approches of Genomic Complexity)
* C2VN (Centre recherche en CardioVasculaire et Nutrition)
* INP (Institut de NeuroPhysiopathologie)
* LAI (Laboratoire Adhésion et Inflammation)
* AP-HM (Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Marseille)
* IPC (Institut Paoli-Calmettes)

***Student***

* Must rank in the 1st third top of their Master class to qualify (M2 when it applies)
* Must only apply to **one project and one concours** (Jury ICI). Students who apply to more than one concours (other jury ED62 or any other graduate program at AMU) will be **excluded** from the pool of applicants
* International candidates are encouraged to apply
* Student who applied to any PhD program at AMU the previous years are **excluded**
* English language proficiency
* Communication skills

**Proposals Submission**

The PhD project proposals must be submitted using the attached **Project Proposal Submission Form** and the **signed “concours ED62 Règlement”** no later than **February 25, 2023** at marie-dominique.franco@univ-amu.fr.

Detailed information and guidelines on the Doctoral School can be found at https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/public/doctoral-schools.