

## « Emergence – Biology & Health » Call for projects

2024 Funding

The Canceropôle Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and its partners, GEFLUC Marseille-Provence, Association pour la Recherche sur les Tumeurs Cérébrales (ARTC-Sud) and Cancer & Immunology Institute (ICI), are launching a joined call for projects :

The GEFLUC Marseille-Provence, representing the engagement of companies against cancer, support cancer research by co-funding projects led by research groups based in Marseille. The ICI participate in the selection of Marseille-based projects in the area of cancer and immunology and co-fund them with the Canceropôle. Some neuro-oncology projects can also be co-funded by the ARTC Sud through this call.

### Scope

The present call for projects aims to fund innovative, emerging projects, or new area of research developed in a group. Projects in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, Epidemiology and Public health are not eligible here and must be submitted to the dedicated HSS-E-PH (SHS-E-SP) call, launched in parallel.

The objective of this grant is to conduct the first steps of a project or a feasibility study. It should serve as a stepping-stone for obtaining greater funding.

The project leader must highlight in the application how this funding will help to bring an emerging project further. He/She will indicate the expected leverage (in terms of further applications for funding), and the immediate and long-term perspectives of the project.

Projects in the area of pediatric oncology are encouraged to apply.

### Eligibility

The project must be a proof of concept involving an innovative approach, with limited chances to be supported by another funding at this early stage.

The project can concern the development of a new method, or the transition to a new research area or theme in the applicant group.

**The project cannot be the follow up of ongoing research performed in the applicant group.**

### Objectives

- To conduct the first steps of a project or a feasibility study
- To constitute a stepping stone for obtaining greater funding

### Selection criteria

- Emerging and innovative aspect
- Scientific quality
- Feasibility, considering the time (12 months) and amount (30k€ max) allocated to the project
- Impact and mid to long-term perspectives of the project
- Transdisciplinary collaborative projects are encouraged to apply, as well as projects led by young researchers (postdoctoral researchers, non-permanent researchers, permanent researchers below 40yo or in their permanent position since less than 5 years)

### Are NOT eligible :

- Project leaders that are laureates of the preceding year's Emergence programme
- Project leaders that are planning to work in an international lab for several months during the funding period
- **2 senior researchers (PIs) from the same research group cannot apply to the same call with the same project or with projects in the same research area. However, they are welcome to apply with distinct projects**
- Project that does not clearly specify their relevance in cancer research

### Application

- The description of the scientific project (5 pages max) must detail the general aim, the involvement of each partner mentioned, and the precise methodology
- Informations about the background of the project leader (CV, list of publications related to the project...) must be included in the application form
- A detailed description of the budget must be provided, including the list and use of funds already acquired and other grant applications (outside the Canceropôle) submitted
- An executive summary must be included in English AND in French. The description of the project can be written in English OR French
- Applications must be submitted through the eSCAPE online platform, accessible from the Canceropôle website : <https://canceropole-paca.com/appele-a-projet/emergence-financements-2023/>
- **All fields in the application form MUST BE FILLED. If you are not concerned by a field or do not have any information to indicate, fill with N/A**

### Rules

- The allocated budget is 30k€, for 12 months
- The project leader must be a member of the Canceropôle Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (researcher with a cancer research project working in an institute located in the region SUD)
- If the applicant is a postdoctoral researcher, his salary cannot be funded by this call. In this case, funding and ending date of the postdoctoral researcher salary must be indicated in the application form

- Important : eligible costs are different for projects funded by the Canceropôle, Gefluc, ARTC-SUD or ICI. The budget indicated in the application **must follow the Canceropôle's eligibility rules\***. Project leaders selected for funding by the Gefluc, ARTC-SUD or ICI will be contacted to evaluate the options
- **\* Eligible costs :**
  - Equipment
  - Salary (non permanent contacts only)
  - Consumables (including service offer and facilities costs) are eligible up to the amount of 10k€
  - **IMPORTANT** : projects not in line with the above, including the rule of a maximum of 10k€ planned for consumables, will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to the grant
- Non eligible costs : equipment maintenance, publication costs, mission and travel expenses

### Commitment of the project leader

The project must be submitted to a larger scale call for funding within 2 years following the end of the Canceropôle support. Any reason for not complying with this rule must be justified to the scientific committee.

If funded, the project leader will have to:

- Present the results in a scientific meeting organized by the Canceropôle (Annual Seminar or Seminar Series for example)
- Acknowledge the Canceropôle, Gefluc, ICI or ARTC Sud in any communication or publication linked to the funded project
- Provide the Canceropôle with a scientific report in January 2025, followed by an annual update of this report between 2027 and 2028
- Provide a data management plan. Since 2021 and in alignment with national and European policies, funded projects must deposit a data management plan on the DMP OPIDoR platform (<https://dmp.opidor.fr/>). Further details will be communicated later to the selected applicants.

### Calendar

Application deadline : May 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

Results : October 2023

Starting of the projects : January 2024

End of the projects: December 2024

### Evaluation

**Any project that doesn't comply with the eligibility rules mentioned above, including concerning the maximum funds allocated for consumables (10 k€), will not be sent for review.**

Submitted projects will be evaluated by at least 2 external reviewers (outside the region Sud) using an evaluation form provided by the Canceropôle. Projects will then be ranked according to the reviewers' evaluation and remarks. For each project, a rapporteur will be assigned amongst the scientific committee members. The number of selected projects will be decided by the scientific committee, based on the funds available for this call.

### Contact

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