



UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
“INDIVIDUAL GRANTS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS”
2018

OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

As part of the UCA^{JEDI} Excellence Initiative, the Université Côte d'Azur ComUE is launching a second call for "Individual Grants for Young Researchers" applications, which aims to promote the recruitment of young researchers at the post-doctoral level. This call will allow 4 young scientists to join a ComUE laboratory for a year, with the possibility of one renewal.

Université Côte d'Azur seeks two types of candidates:

- applications for a research project involving the processing of massive data (theoretical approaches or applied to any scientific field requiring special expertise in data science);
- candidates explicitly targeting and clearly describing their contribution to the excellence and attractiveness of the university, specifically aiming, in the year following the recruitment, to prepare either a strong application from the post-doctoral fellow for a CR (*chargé de recherche*) position in a French public scientific and technological establishment (EPST), or a strong application from the supervisor for an ERC grant.

The alignment of the applications to at least one of these two expectations, thematic or strategic, will thus constitute the first criterion of assessment by the evaluation committee.

REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The candidate must be:
 - a European national with a *doctorat d'université* or PhD (international doctoral degree);
 - a non-European national with a *doctorat d'université* or a PhD validated by a country that has signed the European Higher Education Area Accord.
- The host laboratory must be within the scope of the UCA^{JEDI}.
- The candidate must have defended their doctoral thesis no more than 4 years prior to the commencement of funding.

ARTICLE 2 – SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS

- Ability to meet the objectives of the call for applications (thematic: project involving the processing of massive data, or strategic: project intended to support a post-doctoral researcher's candidature in the French public research selection process or the supervisor's application for an ERC grant.
- Quality of the candidate's CV (degrees, publications, credibility of career plan)



- Scientific quality of the proposed project (importance of the question, originality, technical feasibility given the duration of the contract).
- Adequacy of the host laboratory for the success of the research project.
- Quality of the host laboratory and CV of the supervisor (publications, scientific and technical environment, etc.).

ARTICLE 3 – DURATION

The funding duration will be for 12 months, renewable one time.

ARTICLE 4 – NOT COMBINABLE

These individual fellowships cannot be combined with other funding.

Candidates who have applied to other organizations for the same period must, if successful, make their choice known as soon as possible to Université Côte d'Azur. If they do not choose the UCA offer, the funding cannot be postponed. The funding will thus be offered to another candidate, from the complementary ranked list.

ARTICLE 5 – CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

If recruitment to an external organization occurs during the funding period, it is up to the postdoctoral fellow to notify Université Côte d'Azur in writing; it is generally the responsibility of the fellow to notify the university of any change in his or her administrative situation.

ARTICLE 6 – ACTIVITY REPORT

At the end of the first funding period, an activity report must be submitted to Université Côte d'Azur to request the extension of the contract. If the application meets the strategic requirements of the call for applications, the post-doctoral fellow or supervisor must provide proof that they have fulfilled their commitment to apply for the CR selection process or an ERC, respectively.

At the end of the second year, a list of submitted, accepted or published publications from the project must be provided to Université Côte d'Azur.

The publications corresponding to the project must mention the origin of the financial support in the form of the standard acknowledgments to the ANR and include the Université Côte d'Azur signature as part of the author affiliations.

ARTICLE 7 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

An *ad hoc* selection committee will be composed of members of the Academic Council and representatives of the relevant Doctoral Schools; it will be chaired by the Director of the UCA^{JEDI} Research Program.

This committee will be responsible for assessing and ranking the applications.

The committee may be assisted, as necessary, by specialists who are able to provide an informed opinion on each application.

The committee will submit its opinion to the Idex office, which will ultimately decide the final ranking of the candidates and award the fellowships.



ARTICLE 8 – TERMS OF RECRUITMENT AND FINANCING

- Fixed-term contracts effective no later than March 1, 2019.
- The employer will be Université Côte d'Azur.
- The amount of the gross monthly salary (*brut mensuel*) will be 3000 euros.

ARTICLE 9 – LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION

Regarding the candidate

- Letter of motivation explaining the reasons for choosing the host laboratory,
- Complete curriculum vitae,
- List of publications,
- Letter of recommendation from the director of the laboratory of origin.

NB: for publications in revision or in press, include the abstract and editor's response.

Regarding the research project

- Description of the project, 6 pages maximum, including the bibliography, and specifying the feasibility and the key steps,
- Half page abstract for the project,

Regarding the possible strategic positioning of the application

- Letter of commitment from the candidate to apply for an EPST *chargé de recherche* position in the year following his or her recruitment and listing the UCA host laboratory as her or her top placement choice.

OR

- Letter of commitment from the supervisor to submit an ERC grant application during the year and explaining how the post-doctoral award will provide strong support for this application.

Regarding the host laboratory

- Letter of recommendation from the director of the laboratory or team that will be responsible for hosting the postdoctoral fellow,
- List of the main publications of the team and/or supervisor over the last 3 years.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

ARTICLE 10 – CALENDAR FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- June 2018: launch of the call for proposals
- September 3rd, 2018: deadline for submission of files
- First half of October 2018: notification of the results.

ARTICLE 11 – TERMS OF SUBMISSION

Applications must be submitted by the UCA supervisor and referred by the host team leader on the Nuxéo platform for managing UCA^{JEDI} calls for proposals:

<http://nuxeo.univ-cotedazur.fr/>