

Call for Applications 2020

Research collaborations grants

The ARQUS European University Alliance brings together the universities of Bergen, Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon, Padova and Vilnius, seven longstanding comprehensive research universities who share extensive experience in joint projects in many fields, and a common profile as internationalized institutions with deep regional engagement in medium-sized cities.

The principal ambition of the ARQUS Alliance, funded by the European Commission, is to act jointly as a laboratory for institutional learning from which to move forward in the design, testing and implementation of an innovative model for deep inter-university cooperation.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

ARQUS is structured into six different Action Lines (AL). The AL6 "Research Support and Early Stage Researcher Development" aims to develop collaborations of excellence, to bring out scientific poles of international level and to develop capacities of research and expertise.

Thanks to a funding of the ANR / IDEXLYON and of the ARQUS programme, this call will finance up to four joint research actions contributing to the establishment of medium or long-term cooperation. It is intended to support at the same time research collaborations with one or more ARQUS partner(s) already engaged and the emergence of new initiatives: thus, actual research activities AND preliminary work activities intended to apply for another research funding programme could be supported.

Innovative forms of structuring cooperation are particularly encouraged, such as those involving several (more than two) partners.

This call, granting funds as well as administrative support, is definitely a great opportunity to open up your research activities towards Europe and recognized European universities/laboratories/research centres!

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applicants are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Hold a permanent position in one (or more) of the following universities: Université Lyon 1, Université Lyon 3, Université Jean Monnet, Saint-Etienne, ENS de Lyon;
- Be recognized within their field(s) for their influential academic and/or scientific achievements.

The grant is open to joint research actions in the following subject areas:

- COVID-19¹
- Entrepreneurship
- Cancer research
- Biochemistry & Molecular biology
- Cybersecurity
- Psychiatry
- Artificial Intelligence
- Changing Societies
- Digital Humanities
- European Cultural Heritage
- Global Change/Climate Change
- Healthy Aging
- Human Brain
- Physics/Surface Science

¹ Projects on Covid-19 could be funded very quickly.

Applications in other research areas can also be submitted.

FUNDING

The grant will support networking activities to discuss, structure and write application(s) to:

- Horizon 2020/ Europe funding programmes
- Binational funding programmes

The grant is also open to support actual activities related to specific actions already identified by the ARQUS Alliance (<https://www.arqus-alliance.eu/action-lines/research-support>):

- Target Impact on the society, on the economy (AL 6.3) with the aim of establishing common research laboratories (long term objective).
- Research Focus Forum (AL 6.4) with the aim of organizing internal networking meetings where thematically related working groups from ARQUS present their ongoing research and established methodologies. Objective: to identify overlaps of interest, options for collaboration and knowledge about existing infrastructures.
- Exchange educates (AL 6.5) with the aim of visiting a partner institution to provide new input to the research field by lectures or on-site research collaborations.
- European Research Equipment Pool (AL 6.6) with the aim of fostering the common use of high-level infrastructure.

The activities could consist in the organization of workshop(s) or other activities with ARQUS partner(s). These activities could be either physical or virtual.

Travel costs and/or *per diem* for project's holder, teaching staff and administrative staff, as well as workshop(s) organization expenses, could be funded by this call. Project management training sessions could also be funded by this call.

During the implementation, the successful applicants could be assisted by the UDL AL6 Administrative Coordinator. Additional overheads, including staff costs (for IT subcontractors for example) could be included in the requested budget by specifying the amount and the expected hiring time.

FINANCING

This grant aims to encourage the development of up to 4 joint research action proposals. Each project can be financed up to 75 KE (€) depending of the duration of the project (from 1 to 3 year(s)).

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REPORTING

Successful applicants will be required to submit a financial and qualitative report at the end of the project. Only the French Project Leader may submit this report to the UdL AL6 Administrative Coordinator.

This report will contain a copy of the project's description and outcomes, a list of project's participants, their contact details and the implemented budget. A qualitative performance assessment report must also be enclosed following the model provided by the UdL AL6 Administrative Coordinator.

APPLICATION

Interested applicants can submit their proposal at any time - there are no fixed closing dates. UdL AL6 Administrative coordinator will inform the granted applicants within 2 weeks after their application. The acceptance or refusal will be dependent on receiving sufficient good quality review comments within the necessary timescale.

Start of applications: May 15, 2020

Start of projects: June 2020

Please mail a scan of your application with the requested supporting documents in one pdf. file to romain.thinon@univ-st-etienne.fr and alain.tremeau@univ-st-etienne.fr

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