

INDEX UCA^{J.E.D.I.} CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

"EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS"

2023

CONTEXT

As part of the UCA^{J.E.D.I.} Initiative of Excellence and its policy of attractiveness, Université Côte d'Azur is launching a call for applications for "Excellence Fellowships for Young Researchers" aimed at promoting the recruitment of young postdoctoral researchers to its research laboratories.

This call will enable young high-level scientists to join a laboratory of Université Côte d'Azur for a period of 24 months, with the specific objectives:

- of allowing a postdoctoral fellow to prepare an application for a permanent position at one of Université Côte d'Azur's components such as the examination for a position of Associate Professor (*MCF - Maître de conférence*) or Researcher (*CR - Chargé de Recherche*), in a French national research organization (EPST) with a Université Côte d'Azur host laboratory selected as first choice, or a Junior Professorship position (chair).
- OR
- of allowing the supervisor of the postdoctoral project and/or the post-doctoral fellow to submit an ERC grant application within two years of recruitment.

The call is endowed to fund 12 contracts. All disciplines and themes are eligible.

Candidates should first get in touch with a research laboratory or a group from Université Côte d'Azur (<https://univ-cotedazur.fr>). Together, the candidate and the local host will come up with an original research program and submit the application through our dedicated platform Nuxéo.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The candidate must hold a university doctorate or PhD; the thesis must have been defended before submitting the application.
- The candidate must have defended a doctoral thesis within the 4 years prior to the closing date for applications: the thesis must therefore have been defended after April 30, 2019.¹

¹ This maximum period of 4 years may be revised and extended in various conventionally recognized cases such as taking into account maternity leave (counted at 100%), parental leave (counted at 50%), sick leave of more than 3 months, and certain other cases which will be assessed following a substantiated request.

- The supervisor must be accredited to supervise research (hold a *Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches*).

ARTICLE 2 - PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria:

In decreasing order of importance:

- Ability to meet the objectives of the call for applications.
- Quality of the candidate's CV (degrees, publications, caliber of the career plan).
- The scientific quality of the proposed project (importance of the topic addressed, originality and technical feasibility that takes into consideration the duration of the contract).
- Quality of the host laboratory and of the supervisor's CV (publications, scientific and technical environment, etc.).
- Suitability of the host laboratory to carry out the research project.
- Alignment of the project with the strategic programs of the Université Côte d'Azur site (see list in the appendix) will be considered as a plus.

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION

The duration of the funding will be 24 months.

ARTICLE 4 - OTHER FUNDING

These individual fellowships cannot be combined with other sources of funding.

Candidates who have applied to other organizations for the same period must, if they are successful, inform their IdEx contact at Université Côte d'Azur of their choice as quickly as possible. If this offer is not accepted, the funding cannot be deferred. The fellowship will then be offered to another candidate on the waiting list.

ARTICLE 5 - CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

If a successful candidate is recruited by another organization during the period of the funding, the fellow must notify his/her IdEx Research Program point of contact in writing; similarly, the university should be advised of any relevant change in the candidate's circumstances.

ARTICLE 6 - ACTIVITY REPORT

At the end of the first year of funding, an activity report must be submitted to the IdEx steering committee through his/her IdEx Research Program point of contact.

ARTICLE 7- PUBLICATIONS - PRESENTATIONS

The laureate projects are expected to produce high impact publications. Publications resulting from the project must acknowledge the financial support of the ANR and of IDEX UCA^{J.E.D.I.} using the standard acknowledgement statement and include the Université Côte d'Azur signature in the author affiliations. A copy of each publication should be deposited in the HAL-UCA database. Presentations at congresses, conferences, symposia should also mention this support and include the appropriate logos. The details of these mentions and visuals are provided in the communication kit of the IdEx project leaders as well as in the annex of the contract to the bearer.

ARTICLE 8 - SELECTION COMMITTEE

An ad hoc multidisciplinary selection committee will be established with the support of the Université Côte d'Azur components; it will be chaired by the IdEx UCA^{J.E.D.I.} Vice President.

ARTICLE 9 - RECRUITMENT AND FUNDING CONDITIONS

- Funding will be awarded through a temporary contract (*CDD*) effective no later than January 30, 2024.
- The employer will be Université Côte d'Azur.
- The recipient must reside near the host laboratory for the duration of the postdoctoral contract.
- The approximate amount of the gross monthly salary (*brut mensuel*) will be 3,520 euros.
- This is a full-time research contract; additional activities will not be authorized.
- Temporary housing will be proposed to the laureates at the University Côte d'Azur Faculty Club, with first month free of charge.
- The [Welcome Center](#) informs, assists and offers personalized help beforehand and throughout laureates' stay at the University Côte d'Azur.

ARTICLE 10 - COMPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION FILE

Regarding the candidate:

- A cover letter explaining the reasons for choosing the host laboratory,
- A complete curriculum vitae using the template provided in the appendix,
- A list of publications,
- 2 letters of recommendation:
 - 1- A first letter of recommendation relevant to the submitted project.
 - 2- A second letter from the director of the laboratory or the team that will be responsible for hosting the postdoctoral fellow.

NB: for publications under review or in press, attach the abstract and editor's response.

Regarding the research project:

- A description of the project, 6 pages maximum, including the bibliography, explaining the feasibility and key stages of the project and its alignment with the project of the host team or laboratory.
- A half-page summary of the project.
- A half-page summary of the project for a non-specialist.

Regarding the strategic positioning of the application

- A letter of commitment from the candidate to apply within the year following recruitment for a permanent research position at one of Université Côte d'Azur's components (and selecting the Université Côte d'Azur host laboratory as first choice if applying for the position of CR - Chargé de recherche, Researcher, at an EPST).
- OR
- A letter of commitment from the supervisor and/or from the candidate to submit an application within a year for an ERC grant and explaining how the award of a postdoctoral contract will strongly support this application.

Regarding the host laboratory

- A list of the main publications of the team and/or the supervisor over the last 3 years.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

ARTICLE 11 - TIMELINE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

- February 2023: launch of the call for applications
- April 30, 2023: deadline for submission of applications
- June 15, 2023: notification of results
- January 30, 2024: deadline for taking up the position

HOW TO APPLY

The application files must be submitted by the supervisor on the Nuxéo platform that manages UCA^{J.E.D.I.} calls for applications: [Excellence Fellowships Postdoc IDEX UCAJ.E.D.I.2023](#)

All the requested documents must be **combined in a single PDF file** named as follows:
candidateLASTNAME-candidateFirstname-postdocUCA-2023

The first recommendation letter relating to the candidate (*A letter of recommendation relevant to the submitted project*) must be sent in a separate email by the author to:

Maud.DESFACHELLE@univ-cotedazur.fr.

Questions related to the program, research activities and labs, or potential hosts at Université Côte d'Azur can be sent to the same address.

APPENDIX 1: List of Strategic Programs of the Université Côte d'Azur Site

- ❖ Quantum technologies
- ❖ Biocontrol
- ❖ Earth and universe sciences
- ❖ Aging and well-being
- ❖ Arts and Sciences
- ❖ Tourism
- ❖ Socio-environmental challenges
- ❖ Risks in the Mediterranean region
- ❖ Digital health
- ❖ Flavors and Perfumes
- ❖ Marine Resources
- ❖ Challenges and impacts of the new programmable 5G/6G networks
- ❖ Intelligent mobility and automated vehicles
- ❖ Innovative materials
- ❖ Signals and waves
- ❖ Economics of innovation in Artificial Intelligence
- ❖ Impacts and challenges of globalization
- ❖ Creative industries - Cultural Heritage
- ❖ Environment and health - the exposome concept
- ❖ Therapeutic innovations
- ❖ Robotics

ANNEXE 2: Model of Curriculum Vitae

[Please follow the template below as much as possible (it may however be amended if necessary).]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc):

Date of birth:

Nationality:

URL for web site:

• EDUCATION

200? PhD
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country
 Name of PhD Supervisor and date of defense

199? Master
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

• CURRENT POSITION(S)

201? – Current Position
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/
 Country 200? – Current Position
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• PREVIOUS POSITIONS

200? – 200? Position held
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? – 200? Position held
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

200? – 200? Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/
 Country

200? Award, Name of Institution/Country

199? – 199? Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/
 Country

• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (if applicable)

200? – 200? Number of Postdocs/ PhD/ Master Students
 Name of Faculty/ Department/ Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **TEACHING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

200? – Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – 200? Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (if applicable)**

201? Please specify your role and the name of event / Country
 200? Please specify type of event / number of participants / Country

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Faculty member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 201? – 201? Graduate Student Advisor, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – 200? Member of the Faculty Committee, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – 200? Organizer of the Internal Seminar, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – 200? Member of a Committee; role, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 201? – Review Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 201? – Review panel member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 201? – Editorial Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – Reviewer, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – Scientific Evaluation, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
 200? – Evaluator, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)**

201? – Member, Research Network "*Name of Research Network*"
 200? – Associated Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/
 Institution/ Country
 200? – Founding Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/
 Institution/ Country

- **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

Name of collaborators, Topic, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/
 Institution/ Country

- **CAREER BREAKS (if applicable)**

Exact dates Please indicate the reason and the duration in months.

- **COVID-19 IMPACT TO SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIVITY (if applicable)**

Please specify which of the following situations apply to you:

- Increased caring responsibility for dependent person, including home schooling of children;
- No access to laboratory facilities, archives, or other necessary facilities;
- No access to field work;
- Adaptation to online teaching;
- Physical and/or mental health issues;
- Other(s)

(optional)

Explain with objective facts how your productivity was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a limit of 300 characters, spaces and line breaks included.