



# ARC 2011 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Welcoming New Talent for an Innovative Cancer Research

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (date of postmark as proof of posting):  
**25 November 2011, noon**

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### Context and aims of the Call for Proposals

In France, the development and renewal of the potential for cancer research requires the investment of all players implicated in the fight against this disease, from the funding agencies to the research laboratories and including associations such as ARC.

It is within this context and in accordance with its scientific policy that ARC is launching a new Call for Proposals to promote the mobility of high-level researchers, from France or from abroad, by offering them the resources to develop a substantial research project at a research institute of international status wishing to support cancer research.

In the framework of this Call for Proposals, ARC is allocating a budget of **4 million Euros over four years**, to finance between one and four projects, each with a budget of up to 2 million Euros, the host organisation offering workspace, running costs and the requisite technological support to enable the project to be carried out.

## General characteristics and procedures of the Call for Proposals

Research structures wishing to develop and reinforce their potential in the field of cancer research should submit to ARC's scientific bodies, in the form of an **Expression of Interest**, a proposal for setting up a new, high-level team. The proposal should include a description of the scientific and technical environment, the resources offered to the team, as well as the envisaged selection procedure for the researcher leading the team.

Subject to the application being eligible, a pre-selection of research structures will be made by ARC's Board of Directors on the recommendation of ARC's Scientific Council, following interviews with representatives of the research structures and, where necessary, a site visit.

Each pre-selected research structure can then select the candidate(s) and the scientific project(s) which they wish to develop.

The final selection of candidates and projects will be made, after interview, by an Ad Hoc Committee, of which half the members will be experts, from France or from abroad, who are external to ARC's scientific bodies and who are chosen for their relevant scientific expertise.

The final funding decisions and the allocated budgets will be announced after validation by ARC's Board of Directors on the recommendation of ARC's Scientific Council.

## Eligibility criteria and selection of proposals

### *Eligibility criteria of the research structure*

To be eligible, the host institute must satisfy the following conditions:

- Proposals must be relevant to cancer research;
- It must be an academic research structure, part of a public research organisation (University, EPST, EPIC, etc.) or of a non-profit-making organisation (association, foundation, etc.) or of a public health body;
- The host institute must regroup a sufficient number of internationally-recognised teams at the same site to offer the necessary critical mass for the project and it must have links to cancer research.
- Unless otherwise specified, proposals must be written in English;
- Proposals must be completed and submitted before the deadline in both electronic and paper form, in the required format.

**Important :**  
**Applications which do not meet these eligibility criteria will not be considered.**

### *Selection criteria for the research structure (Expressions of Interest)*

Proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Added value and complementarity of the proposed project with the general direction of cancer research themes already developed in the research institute;
- Contribution to cancer research, in line with the ARC scientific strategy of accelerating discoveries and development of new treatments;
- Level of excellence and scientific expertise of the research institute evaluated based on the quality of its research teams' scientific publications, the quality of the technological environment, the quality of its management as well as the quality of scientific activity on site;
- The physical environment and staff being offered by the research institute for the development of the proposed project;
- The research institute's planned procedures for the selection of candidate(s) and project<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Candidates who are already employed by a research organisation are not eligible.

### ***Final selection criteria (following preselection of candidates by the research institute)***

- Scientific quality of the candidate;
- Candidate's mobility: international applications will be considered favourably;
- Adequacy of the project and of the candidate to the general direction of research themes developed in the research institute and to the scientific aims of ARC;
- Relevance of the project to cancer research;
- Quality of the project, management and work plan;
- Adequacy of the physical, technical and staffing environment to the candidate's project;
- Adequacy of the project's funding plan.

### **General conditions of funding**

Funding allocated by ARC is for the exclusive use of the candidate and should allow for the funding of:

- All or part of the salary of the project leader, if necessary until he/she is employed by a research organisation so as to ensure a longer-term continuation;
- The recruitment by the host institute, on fixed-term contracts, of post-doctoral researchers, engineers or technicians;
- Material resources: running costs and small-scale equipment;
- Medium-scale equipment of a value between 200 and 500 kEuros for the duration of the project, if the nature of the project requires the purchase of specific equipment which is not available on site;
- Travel and subsistence costs.

In return, the research structure agrees to:

- Provide the project leader with a dedicated and immediately operational workspace of sufficient size (a minimum of 50 m<sup>2</sup>) to meet the needs of the candidate, taking into consideration the size of the team;
- Allocate sufficient staff for the needs of the project;
- Allocate facilities (day-to-day running and small-scale equipment) for the project;
- Provide access to shared services and technological platforms on the site (technical assistance, user time, etc.).

The total contribution should be detailed in a consolidated budget and justified in relation to the amount requested from ARC.

- Implement the procedures put in place by the administrative agency on which it depends to ensure, if necessary, the permanent recruitment of the project leader as a Research Director or University Professor within a period of four years.

## Timetable for the Call for Proposals and selection process

Launch of the Call for Proposals: **11 July 2011**

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest: **25 November 2011**

Interviews with representatives of the research structures and selection and ranking of the Expressions of Interest by ARC's ad hoc Committee: **02 December 2011**

Notification of selection to laboratories or institutes: **05 December 2011**

Deadline for submission of preselected applications by laboratories or institutes: **14 September 2012**

Selection of project proposals by ARC's Ad Hoc Committee: **September - October 2012**

Decisions of ARC's Scientific Council: **October 2012**

Validation by ARC's Board of Directors : **November 2012**

Notification of final results: **November 2012**

## Submission procedure

**1/ Expressions of Interest**, including all items necessary for the scientific and technical evaluation of the project, should be written following the instructions which can be **downloaded** from ARC's website ([www.recherche-cancer.net/financements/accueil-de-nouveaux-talents.html](http://www.recherche-cancer.net/financements/accueil-de-nouveaux-talents.html)) and submitted **at the latest** by **25 November 2011, noon**.

**by e-mail** to the following address : **ins@arc-cancer.net**

**and**

**by post** (date of postmark as proof of posting) to the following address:

**Association pour la Recherche sur le Cancer  
Direction de l'Action Scientifique  
AAP Instituts  
9, rue Guy Moquet  
94803 VILLEJUIF Cedex  
France**

**2/** For selected applicants, **complete project proposals** must be submitted **at the latest by 14 September 2012** by e-mail and by post to the addresses given above.

**Applications submitted by e-mail and by post must be identical.**