

# MEDICAL RESEARCH CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS AFM-TELETHON 2026

The objective of this international call for proposals, open to both French and foreign teams, is to support medical research projects whose aim is to improve the care and management of patients, the knowledge of neuromuscular disorders and their progression, as well as the quality of life of patients affected by neuromuscular disorders

## RESEARCH TOPICS OF INTEREST

### Assessment of new outcome measures

- Measurement scale design
- Assessment of muscle strength and/or muscle function

### Patients' management / Healthcare

- Studies related to medical areas including exercise, cognitive impairments, benefits of standing, ventilation issues, digestive system, urology, etc. in neuromuscular diseases.
- Research in other healthcare areas
- Studies of causes and/or management of pain
- Psychological support in a context of innovative therapies
- Medical device clinical studies: quality of life improvement / benefit to patients

### Neonatal screening projects

### Natural history of disease and/or epidemiological studies

- Cohort studies (prospective or retrospective)
- Cross-sectional studies
- Prognostic and diagnostic studies

### E-Health and Artificial Intelligence

- Project in e-Health: Patient trajectories and new management/care organization with telemedicine and/or medical tele-monitoring, artificial intelligence system (deep-learning), digital application
- Assessment of motor activity with connected objects

## TYPES OF FINANCING:

The selected projects will be subject to an agreement with AFM-Telethon. AFM-Telethon may decide to finance the selected project under a collaboration, which entails a co-ownership of the results.

- Trampoline grant: intended to support young teams or investigators early in their professional career (less than 10 years after thesis, either permanent or non-permanent position), and/or early stage innovative and high-risk projects. This grant is awarded for a maximum of 50,000 euros for one year.
- Research project for one year, renewable for a second year.
- Post-doctoral fellowship for one year, renewable for a second year.

*Call opening 12 December 2025 / Deadline 20 January 2026 (17:00 Paris France time)*

- PhD fellowship (open to students enrolled in a French university doctoral degree program) for a maximum of three years.

*Call opening 3 February 2026 / Deadline 10 March 2026 (17:00 Paris France time)*

**Deadlines and instructions for applications are available on the [AFM-Telethon website](https://www.afm-telethon.com).**

**[Access to the applicant portal](https://www.afm-telethon.com)**

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