

## AFM-TELETHON INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC CALL FOR PROJECTS 2023 FOCUSED ON:

### INNOVATIVE MITOCHONDRIAL MEDICINE « A SINGLE THERAPEUTIC PRODUCT FOR SEVERAL MITOCHONDRIAL DISORDERS »

AFM-Telethon is pleased to announce the launch of its first international call for proposals for Translational Research Projects on « A single therapeutic product for several mitochondrial disorders ». The MitoNice Congress, organized in September 2022 by the AFM-Telethon along with the 7<sup>th</sup> International Myology Congress, highlighted that mitochondrial medicine has moved from the identification of the genes involved in mitochondrial diseases to the development of therapeutic options. To accelerate this progress towards therapeutic solutions for patients who urgently need it, this call is open to any research project on primary mitochondrial diseases that will develop a therapeutic approach targeting several mitochondrial diseases.

#### SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

- The research project must be on primary mitochondrial diseases.
- The aim of the research project must be focused on the proof of concept of a single therapeutic product for several mitochondrial disorders.
- Preliminary data on the benefit of the therapeutic approach on at least one primary mitochondrial disease are required.
- Excluded topics: drug screening and basic research programs with no therapeutic approach.

#### ABOUT THE CALL

- The call is open to international researchers and clinicians.
- Collaborative projects are encouraged.
- A biotech/pharma can be included as one of the partners but cannot be the applicant.
- Research projects will be funded for a maximum of two years. For 2-year projects, the renewal for the second year will be considered based on prior evaluation of an annual activity report.
- Projects can be awarded for a maximum amount of €200,000 per year.
- The selected projects will be subjected to a collaboration agreement that will define among others the project results co-ownership terms and conditions with AFM-Telethon as well as their management and exploitation conditions.
- Funding will be available for salaries (including post-doctoral fellowships, but excluding PhD fellowships and permanent positions), consumables, subcontracting and possibly equipment in accordance with the AFM-Telethon guidelines of eligible expenses.
- Eligible projects will undergo a rigorous peer review process with input from independent external reviewers and experts from the AFM-Telethon Scientific Council.
- Upon conclusion of the review process, the AFM-Telethon Board of Directors will select the projects to be funded.
- Research projects submitted to the 2023 AFM-Telethon scientific call are eligible but if they are selected in both calls, only one of the submitted projects will be funded.

#### HOW TO APPLY

- Instructions regarding the submission of applications are available on the [AFM-Telethon website](#).
- Access to [the applicant portal](#).
- If you have any queries regarding the call or the application process, please contact both Christine Rougeau and Stéphanie Lorain (crougeau@afm-telethon.fr and slorain@afm-telethon.fr)

**CALL OPENING: 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS: DECEMBER 2023**

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