



CNRS-AFRICA RESIDENTIAL RESEARCH SCHOOLS

The CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) is launching a series of calls for proposals to promote scientific cooperation with and on the African continent. As stated in the CNRS multiyear cooperation roadmap, the objectives are to meet the various needs expressed by our scientific communities as well as the priorities set up by African partners.

The present call is for the organization of CNRS-Africa Residential research schools in a partner institution in Africa, with an aim to facilitate knowledge transfer by combining courses ranging from basic concepts to the most advanced research results, as well as mastering tools and methodology.

This call is open to **all disciplines** with priority given to projects responding to contemporary dynamics, societal challenges and African partners' priorities. Multi-disciplinary and methodology projects are encouraged.

Each CNRS-Africa residential research school gathers two (2) Principal Investigators (PIs), one affiliated with a CNRS laboratory and one working at an African academic institution. **This first call will fund ten (10) CNRS-Africa residential research schools.**

Framework of the award

- Duration: 2 weeks
- Number of awards: up to 10
- Location: on the premises of the partner in Africa or at a local institution in Africa
- An openness to other regional partners sharing the same priorities and stakes will be very much appreciated
- The research and educational activities should align with local research priorities and training needs

Duration of the award

Funding will be made available during the spring of 2023 and may be used in 2023 and 2024.

Eligibility

- Researchers working in a CNRS laboratory, in particular Early Career Researchers.
- Post-doctoral level or above researchers employed by an academic institution in Africa, with a formal link to a research group/department/faculty in their home institution.
- A PI cannot submit more than one application in the framework of this call.
- Both PIs must demonstrate support from their Head of Department or equivalent through a supporting letter.
- Both PIs must demonstrate ongoing collaboration (organization of schools/workshops, joint seminars, publications or participation in collaborative projects).

Activities

PIs should organize a summer/winter research school providing an introduction to recent research, methodology or tools. The event should seek a multi-disciplinary approach and gather an international audience in order to facilitate networking. It should also tackle capacity-building challenges.

PIs should endeavour to provide long-term access to course materials, including for use after the event. A plan to capitalize the work done during the event will be much appreciated.

Funding

Each CNRS-Africa residential research school will receive **30 000€ for travel, room booking, board and lodging and necessary equipment**. Salary and consultancy fees are excluded.

Priority should be given to support for students and South-South mobility.

Proposals may also include an outlined plan for raising external funding (e.g. academic partner in Africa, EU collaborative grants, national research agency grants, academies, etc.).

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a committee according to the following criteria:

- Scientific and educational quality & originality of the project
- Scientific merit of the teams
- Synergy between the teams
- Fair gender balance in the organizing and scientific committee and among speakers and participants.

Application

Applications (10 pages max) should be written jointly and submitted as a single file in pdf format under the title (2022_CNRS-Africa-Research-School_NamePI1_NamePI2) on the platform CoopIntEER available at: <https://www.cooperation.cnrs.fr/coopinteer/> (Platform open from 1st Dec)

What to do on CoopIntEER (CNRS PI only):

- Access the platform using your CNRS Janus credentials and select the dedicated call.
- Fill in the following sections only: *Porteur de projet; Propriétés générales; Porteur de projet à l'étranger; Instituts* (in case you wish to be evaluated by a different institute than the one your laboratory is attached to).
- In the sections *Résumés, Programme scientifique, Résultats and Publications* just type "see PDF" in each compulsory box and attach your PDF file named as described above
- If at any moment the application requires other information, kindly type "see PDF" in the compulsory boxes in order to move to the next section.
- For your information, once you have finalized your application, the Director of your laboratory will automatically receive a request for validation. Please note that without this validation, your application will not be deemed as submitted. We strongly advise you to link with the Director of the laboratory to ensure this is done before the deadline.

Please direct any question to: derci_ami@cnrs.fr

Provisional Timeline

- Call circulation: 23 November 2022
- Submission: 20 February 2023
- Notification: March 2023
- Residential school: from June 2023 to end 2024

Proposal template

The proposal must consist of the following parts:

PART 1: Title Page

Title of the proposal, key words, names of the Principal Investigators, laboratory/department names and number (if applicable) and their contact addresses, telephones, and e-mails. Please specify on the Title Page of the application "This application is submitted for consideration in the "CNRS-Africa Residential Research School Programme".

PART 2: Description of the research school: supporting arguments and executive summary

Themes and objectives of the school; course description; originality and scientific value; scientific methodology; list of tentative speakers and attendees and organizing teams; ways of capitalizing the work done during the event.

PART 3: Planned activities and provisional budget

Describe the planned activities and provide a timetable for the two weeks. Include a provisional budget.

PART 4: Research profiles of the teams

Please attach in annex a list of complete citations of no more than 10 publications related to the project for the team. This list is not taken into account for the page limit. Authors from the respective laboratories must be clearly indicated on the author lists with superscript or parenthesized letters corresponding to the respective countries, for example Dupont JP (FR).

PART 5: Short curriculum vitae of both PIs as well as a brief history of their cooperation and the added value of organizing such a school.

PART 6: Ethics

Does the project raise ethical questions? If yes, please describe them and how they are dealt with.

Also to be included in the same submission (but as individual documents) :

- A letter of support from the institution employing the African partner.

NB: Note that the validation of the CNRS Laboratory Director will be automatically requested online so no additional confirming letter is necessary from their part.