



ANNUAL CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

REGULATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

ARSEP Foundation welcomes any basic and clinical research applications focused on Multiple Sclerosis, including for example: immunologic basis of MS, myelin biology, axonal degeneration, restoration of myelin and axonal integrity, susceptibility to MS, virology, infectious disease processes that may trigger disease activity, imaging technology, identification and use of surrogate markers, clinical research and therapeutics, and so on.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 31:** deadline for the online submission
- **1st Wednesday of July:** selection of the projects
- **August:** publication of the final list of laureates
- **From November:** Start of the contracts

ELIGIBILITY

For research grants:

- Research projects taking place outside of France can be funded by Fondation ARSEP provided they are integrated into a multicenter project including at least one French team with a major role in the project.
- A principal investigator (PI) can only submit one project **BUT** he/she can be a collaborator in another project.
- Funding will be granted for one year.
- A principal investigator (PI) can submit a project each year (no limitation on the number of years).
- Funding is for laboratory expenses, equipment, access to a technology platform... Funding for a technician or paramedical staff can be requested, but the amount for the salary cannot exceed 1/3 of the total requested amount.
- A fixed amount will be awarded: 50 000 € maximum per project.

For fellowships:

1. ARSEP support covers salary (35 000 € for a PhD fellowship; 57 000 € for a post-doctoral fellowship)
2. The support is for 1 year
3. The grant cannot be granted for more than 3 years and this, only, after resubmission of the project with each call for research proposals
4. The candidate should be less than 40 years old on March 31.
5. French nationality is not required
6. A principal investigator (PI) can only submit one project as a coordinator for grant or for fellowship



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PhD students can apply for fellowships only for their last thesis year (3rd or 4th year) and only if

1. The PhD student is student in a French university.
2. The absence of funding for the entire thesis can be justified or due to unusual circumstances
3. A 4th year is necessary for the completion of the thesis and is authorized by the French University. A letter from the University is requested.

Postdoctoral researchers can apply for fellowships only if:

1. the applicants reside in France, funding can be granted for the first year and possibly renewed,
2. the applicants apply for a foreign laboratory, funding can be granted only for the first year providing that the PhD has been performed in France

REMINDER: In respect with the French law, the duration of fixed-term contracts in public laboratories cannot exceed 6 consecutive years (for post-doctoral fellowship). If you have already completed 5 years, a letter from the employment institute is requested.

EVALUATION

Scientific excellence is the sole criterion on the basis of which grants, and fellowships are awarded.

Selection of the projects is based on the project originality, feasibility, the pertinence and the relevance of the methodology and the quality of the management (Ability of the applicant to manage the project and a team)

HOW TO APPLY?

ARSEP proposes 3 types of research supports

- 1- "Application for fellowship" to fund a doctoral or post-doctoral candidate in studies related to MS.
- 2- "Application for research grant" to fund a project,
- 3- "Application for research grant + fellowship" to support a project **AND** a doctoral or post-doctoral fellow for **working on this project**. Beware! If you ask for a grant and a fellowship associated to the grant, you must send **ONLY** this file.

Participation in a project must be signed by all collaborators involved in the proposed research.

Application procedure

Online submission: www.arsep.org - section 'Chercheurs' no later than **MARCH 31**. The application form on the website must be completed by the principal investigator (coordinator).



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Send a signed paper copy of the project file with the supporting documents requested to ARSEP headquarters: Fondation ARSEP - 14 rue Jules Vanzuppe – 94 200 IVRY SUR SEINE - FRANCE, no later than **April 9**.

No extensions on the deadline will be permitted and no proposals will be considered after this date. Any non-compliant or incomplete (unsigned paper version, missing or non-conforming parts, etc.) will be considered inadmissible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Applications must be written in English. More than 2/3 of the reviews are sent to experts outside of France.
- Do not forget to specify your abbreviations
- For clinical studies: pay attention to your control groups, the number of individuals and justify your statistics, numbers, ...
- Travel or meetings expenses must be limited.
- The budget is for laboratory expenses and must not be used for indirect costs or overhead costs (defined as costs associated with Institution's ongoing operating expenses such as facilities and basic utilities, the purchase and repair of office equipment, administration fees, etc.).



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