The ‘EMERGENCE’ call for research proposals is intended to support, over a period of 3 years:

**EITHER**
- a young researcher (CR/DR Inserm or CNRS or other French Institution), teacher in a French University (MCU/PU), clinician-scientist (MCU-PH/PU-PH), French or not, wishing to set up in France a group to develop an original research project on MS.

The allocated budget will support the creation and development of the research group, as operating credits, small equipment and / or contract salaries.

**OR**
- the creation of a national network to develop an innovative research project, initiate a new technology or validate a specific approach in MS.

The allocated budget will cover operating expenses, small equipment and / or contract salaries related to the collaborative project, as well as short-term scientific exchange missions between network partner laboratories.

**The allocated budget will be 150 k € per year for 3 years.**

**IMPORTANT DATES**
- **2020, March 31**: deadline for the online submission
- **2020, July 1**: selection of the projects by the ARSEP Scientific Committee
- **July**: possibility of interview(s) of pre-selected applicant(s)
- **August 2020**: publication of the decision
- **From November 2020**: Start of the contracts

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Young team**
- The call is open to scientists of any nationality who may reside in any country in the world at the time of application, **but**
- The project must be developed within a French research structure, supported by a University and / or a Public Research Entity (INSERM, CNRS, University, CEA, INRA, ...)
- The applicant must hold a permanent position in France (INSERM, CNRS, University, CEA, INRA, ...)
- The applicant will carry out his/her project as leader of a new independent team in a French research structure or individualized group affiliated to a recognized team in a French research structure. A letter of support by the host laboratory will be provided.
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- Any application from a laureate of a multi-year research contract (such as ATIP-Avenir, ERC, or other Foundation / Association) will not be eligible
- Physicians: only MD/PhDs will be eligible
- Applicants must have defended their PhD for more than 2 years and less than 10 years.

Network
- Network projects are open to groups in foreign countries, but the network should include at least two French teams with a major role in the project.
- The applicant must hold a permanent position in France (INSERM, CNRS, University, CEA, INRA, ...)
- Any application related to an existing network will not be eligible.

EVALUATION PROCESS
Scientific excellence is the sole criterion on the basis of which EMERGENCE grants 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 or network)

HOW TO APPLY?
Application procedure
The project file can be loaded from the ARSEP Foundation website: https://www.arsep.org/fr/220-calls-for-proposals.html

Online submission: www.arsep.org - section ‘Chercheurs’ no later than MARCH 31, 2020. The application form on the website must be completed by the principal investigator (coordinator).

Declaration of participation to a project must be signed by all collaborators involved in the proposed research.

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 extension of the deadline will be permitted, and no proposals will be considered after this date. Any non-compliant or incomplete application will be considered not eligible.
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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
- Regarding a new research group / team, please clearly indicate the composition of the group / team (including FTE numbers) and the originality of the research project in the context of the host laboratory.
- Regarding the creation of a network, please justify the scientific / clinical contribution of each partner and indicate the identity of participants to the project (including FTE numbers)
- For clinical studies, please pay attention to your control groups, the number of individuals, justification of statistics, numbers, ...
- Travel or meetings expenses must be limited.
- The budget is for laboratory expenses and cannot be used for indirect costs or overhead costs (defined as costs associated with Institution’s ongoing operating expenses such as facilities and basic utilities, purchase and repair of office equipment, administration fees, etc.).

IMPORTANT

The project file and all related documents must be written in English
Only one application per call is allowed.