

EMERGENCE – 2025

Create a **new independent or autonomous team** on Multiple Sclerosis or associated disorders

REGULATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The 'EMERGENCE' call for research proposals is intended to support, over a **period of 3 years** 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 new independent or autonomous group** to develop an original clinical or fundamental research project on MS or associated disorders.

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

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

NOTE: This call for creating a young team will take place every 2 years (alternating with the creation of a national network)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **2025, March 31:** deadline for the online submission
- **2025, July 1st & July 2nd:** selection of the project(s) by the France Sclérose en Plaques Scientific Committee
- **July:** possibility of interview(s) of pre-selected applicant(s)
- **August 2025:** publication of the decision
- **From November 2025:** Start of the contracts

ELIGIBILITY

- 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 **new autonomous group attached to a recognized team** in a French research structure. The **host laboratory** will provide a letter of support and will confirm that the young team/group will get a **dedicated lab space**.
- Any present or previous mentors (of PhD / post doc fellowship, team leader) should not be a member of the applicant's team/group
- Any application from a laureate of an ERC or Impulscience program will not be eligible
- Applicants must have defended their MD or PhD for more than 2 years and less than 12 years when submitting the project (i.e. on March 31, 2025). For maternity, an additional period of 18 months will be granted for each child before or after the MD/PhD award.

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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)

HOW TO APPLY?

Application procedure

The project file can be loaded from the France Sclérose en Plaques Foundation website:
<https://www.arsep.org/fr/220-calls-for-proposals.html>

Online submission: <https://www.arsep.org/fr/220-calls-for-proposals.html> no later than **MARCH 31, 2025**. The application form on the website must be completed by the principal investigator (coordinator).

NOTE: before completing the information on the website, please read with attention “Guidelines on how to complete the online applications”.

The project file should be signed by the PI. For collaborators, please use the document “Signature of collaborators” and attach it with the project file or send it by email to scientific@francesep.org.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Applications must be written in English. More than 80% of the projects are sent to reviewers 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.
- 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 salary. It 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.).

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RAPPEL DE L'ENGAGEMENT DES CHERCHEURS ENVERS LA FONDATION **FRANCE SCLÉROSE EN PLAQUES**

La Fondation France Sclérose en Plaques soutient vos travaux de recherche grâce aux dons privés qu'elle reçoit : particuliers, mécènes, entreprises.

La collecte de fonds est difficile. C'est pourquoi, il nous paraît indispensable de faire savoir à tous nos donateurs que leur générosité a contribué de manière significative à l'obtention de résultats importants dans la recherche sur la sclérose en plaques et les maladies apparentées.

La Fondation France Sclérose en Plaques finance vos travaux de recherche, car elle croit en vos qualités de chercheurs et en votre potentiel scientifique. Son objectif est de continuer cette mission qui est de soutenir encore et toujours, un nombre grandissant de projets de recherche.

Le **soutien croissant de la Fondation** ne pourra se faire sans **la croissance de sa notoriété**. Pour cette raison, la Fondation sera très attentive au fait que ses actions soient visibles auprès de la communauté scientifique, des médias et des donateurs. Nous comptons sur vous pour que le soutien de la Fondation France Sclérose en Plaques soit cité chaque fois qu'elle est associée à des avancées de la recherche sur la sclérose en plaques et les maladies apparentées.

Comme cela est prévu dans les conventions établies entre la Fondation et les instituts de recherche dont vous dépendez, ainsi que dans les lettres d'acceptation que vous avez signées, **nous vous rappelons que vous vous êtes engagés à citer le nom de la Fondation France Sclérose en Plaques, et/ou à placer son logo, dans toutes les publications, communications orales et affichées qui seront réalisées grâce à ce soutien financier.**

L'absence de visibilité de la Fondation France Sclérose en Plaques dans les résultats de vos projets de recherche est très préjudiciable à nos efforts de collecte et de ce fait à notre soutien dans vos travaux de recherche.

REMINDER OF THE COMMITMENT OF THE RESEARCHERS TO THE FRANCE **SCLÉROSE EN PLAQUES FOUNDATION**

The France Sclérose en Plaques Foundation supports your research through private donations she receives, including individuals, sponsors and companies.

Fundraising is difficult. Therefore, the Foundation thinks that it is absolutely necessary to inform our donors that their generosity has contributed significantly to the achievement of important results in research on multiple sclerosis and associated disorders.

France Sclérose en Plaques Foundation supports financially your research works because she believes in your researchers' qualities and in your research scientific potential. Her objective is to continue this mission which is to support still and always a growing number of research projects.

The increasing support of the Foundation cannot be made without **the growth of her fame**. For this reason, the Foundation will be very attentive to the fact that her actions are visible for scientific community, media and donors. We reckon on you to communicate and to cite the France Sclérose en Plaques foundation whenever she is associated with advances in multiple sclerosis and associated disorders researches.

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As it is notified in the agreements established between the Foundation and the research institutes on which you depend, as well as in the letters of acceptance that you have signed, we remind you that **you made a commitment to quote the name of France Sclérose en Plaques Foundation and/or its logo, in all publications, oral communications and posters realized through this financial support.**

The absence of France Sclérose en Plaques Foundation visibility in the results of your research is very damaging to our efforts to collect funds and in fact to support your research works.

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