



Call for proposals

Academic RESEARCH /NON PROFIT ORGANISATION collaborative action in Rare Diseases – 2026

To promote collaborative projects between teams from the MarMaRa Institute and non-profit organisations dedicated to helping people with rare diseases, the MarMaRa institute is opening a call entitled “**academic research/non-profit organisation collaborative action**”. The aim of this call is to strengthen the links between research teams and patient groups by providing co-funding to support research projects.

In addition to the description of the [scientific project](#), each application must be accompanied by [a letter of support from a charitable association](#) indicating its commitment to support it and the [amount of its grant](#).

The budget of each project will be divided between the Institute and the association with [a maximum amount of 10,000 € from MarMaRa and an amount from the association equal to or higher than the amount paid by the institute](#).

Each project will be funded for a [maximum duration of 18 months](#).

Note that the partner in charge of the financial management must belong to a laboratory which has a financial manager certified for amU funding administration.

General eligibility criteria and evaluation rules:

- A team can apply a **maximum of two times to the same call** and the team leader will be asked to rank the applications.
- For TAGC members (laboratory not operating in teams) only four applications for the whole laboratory are accepted for each call session.
- **If a team submits two applications, or an NPO collaborates on more than two applications**, the second-ranked application will be evaluated by the scientific committee based on the available budget, and only half of the requested amount may be granted.
- Masters’ internships and PhD students must only be funded by the dedicated calls (“Master”; “End of thesis”).

Specific eligibility criteria:

- **All MarMaRa researchers are eligible**: researchers (CR, MCU, DR, PU) and engineers (AI, IE, IR). Applications from junior researchers are strongly encouraged.
- To be eligible a significant proportion (at least half) of the team members (students, non-permanent, permanent staff) must have been involved in the institute’s

activities¹ during the last academic year. If not, you commit to participate for the current academic year.

Evaluation:

MarMaRa's Scientific committee will evaluate and select the projects. The evaluation criteria will be the [quality and the feasibility of the scientific project](#). Particular attention will also be given to the expected benefit for patients.

Documents required:

- Application form (document to download [on the website](#))
- CV and a list of publications of the project leader
- Letter of support from an NPO
- Detailed budget: eligible expenses include operating costs, internship gratuity if needed, external expenses and small equipment for the running of the project. Please note that the funding must follow the AMIDEX financial rules.

Application must be submitted as a [single PDF file](#)

("MarMaRa_AO_Association_[Name]_[Laboratory – team]_OCT26") in this [AMUBOX folder](#).

Terms of engagement:

All scientific publications and communications which have benefited of the financial support of MarMaRa must mention the following sentence:

*This work received support from the French government under the France 2030 investment plan, as part of the Initiative d'Excellence d'Aix-Marseille Université - A*MIDEX (AMX-19-IET-007) through the Marseille Maladies Rares Institute (MarMaRa)*

Publications must be deposited in the A*Midex HAL amU collection, the University's open archive.

Deadline 19/10/2026

¹ Annual symposium, seminars, PhD program, WG CIVIS, WG 3M...