



## Call for tenders

### INCENTIVE ACTION in Rare Diseases – 2026

To promote new collaborative projects within Marseille rare disease community, the MarMaRa institute offers a call entitled “**Incentive Action grant in Rare Diseases**”. The aim of this call is to support new innovative and high-quality projects based on the collaboration of researchers included:

- at least **two teams from different research units of the institute. Or,**
- at least **one team of the institute and an external team** (at national, European or international level), then **only half of the grant will be attributed to the MarMaRa affiliated team.**

The research project must be innovative and not be a continuation of an ongoing collaborative project. Preliminary data will be a plus, but not compulsory. Priority will be given to projects relying on complementary expertise.

Each project will be granted up to **30,000 € and for a maximum duration of 12 months**. Please 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. If the project includes an external team, the AMU’s team must be project leader and in charge of the financial management.

#### 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.
- In case of two applications from the same team for the same call, the applications ranked second will be evaluated by the scientific committee according to the budget available.
- Masters’ internships and PhD students must only be funded by the dedicated calls (“Master”; “End of thesis”).

#### Specific eligibility criteria:

- **All researchers from MarMaRa are eligible:** researchers (CR, MCU, DR, PU) and engineers (AI, IE, IR). Applications from junior researchers are highly encouraged. International collaborations, particularly with Mediterranean partners are recommended.
- **A team cannot apply for more than two research projects** and is limited to once as project leader and once as project partner.

- To be eligible a significant proportion of the team members (students, non-permanent, permanent staff) must have been involved in the institute's activities<sup>1</sup> during the last and current academic year. If not, you commit to participate for the current and next academic year.

### Evaluation:

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the projects. The evaluation criteria will be the scientific quality and implementation/feasibility (equipment, collaborations, staff involved, ...), of the project and of the participating teams.

### Documents required:

- Application form (document to download [on the website](#))
- CV and a list of publications of the project leader
- Detailed budget: eligible expenses include operating costs 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\_Incentive Action\_[Name]\_[Laboratory – team]\_APR26") 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: 01/06/2026**

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<sup>1</sup> Annual symposium, seminars, PhD program, WG CIVIS, WG 3M...