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## Framework text

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### 1. Principles and objectives of the “International” call for projects

The A\*Midex Foundation, Initiative of excellence for the Aix-Marseille site<sup>1</sup>, launches its second “International” call for projects, with the objective of encouraging and supporting the development of international collaborations - beyond the Mediterranean area - with favoured partners in the fields of training, research and innovation.

*The objectives of the current call for proposals are to:*

- *Support long-term and ambitious international research partnerships*
- *Reinforce the international visibility of the Aix-Marseille site and exploit the expertise available in terms of doctoral training and research*
- *Help research teams located on the Aix Marseille site to progress in the international reference classifications and improve their visibility in reference international publications*

The call for projects aims to contribute to supporting high-impact projects which will be assessed annually to identify the impact and outcomes for the Aix-Marseille site.

The project must come under A\*Midex’s priority themed axes: Humanities, Life and health sciences, Advanced science and technology, Environment, or Energy, and be coordinated by scientific teams based at the Aix-Marseille site.

For this 2018 call for projects, the two strategic priorities are structuring and reinforcing international cooperation for the Aix-Marseille site.

They are implemented through the following **three targeted actions**:

1. Support for international research, development & innovation projects with a strong strategic potential
2. Development of internationally recognised summer schools
3. Support for international visibility of the Humanities through support for access to language services

Project leaders must **orient their project on one of these three actions**.

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<sup>1</sup> 8 establishments are founding members of A\*Midex: Aix-Marseille University, CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), Inserm (French National Institute for Health and Medical Research), CEA (French Atomic Energy Commission), IRD (French Institute for Developmental Research), APMH (Marseille Public Hospitals Group), Political Sciences faculty Aix and the Ecole Centrale Marseille (Marseille Engineering school).

## 2. Actions supported

### *Action 1 - Research, development & innovation projects with a strong strategic potential*

This action supports **bilateral or multilateral international partnerships** with foreign institutions which have been identified and are renowned for excellence in their field.

The target partner institutions are: universities, research centres, companies actively contributing to Research, Development and Innovation, or cultural institutions.

#### Eligible partnerships:

- Institutions **present in the target geographic and priority areas for the site<sup>2</sup>**
- **Exceptionally, partnerships outside the priority areas and geographic targets but justified for scientific and institutional reasons** (relevant international classification, national accreditation of institutions of excellence, the potential partner has strong expertise in an area required for the project, etc.)

The project presented must demonstrate the **added value of the partnership and its leverage effect for the research unit and for the Aix-Marseille site**. In particular, structured projects in the context of the institution's policy to enhance international visibility will be favoured (setting up of LIA, scientific themed network, etc.). To reinforce the structuring aspects of partnerships for the site, and to encourage interdisciplinarity, it is recommended that several units or departments be associated in these projects.

The projects supported must be eligible for co-funding by the foreign strategic partner. In line with the policy of the site and the international objectives of the A\*Midex Foundation, they must also **aim to be the subject of institutional framework agreements**.

### *Action 2 - Development of high scientific quality international summer schools*

This action aims to support the development of **ambitious summer schools** and thus promote the expertise of the Aix-Marseille site at an international level.

#### Project eligibility conditions:

- Strong international dimension (at least 50% of speakers and target audience)
- Contact with socio-economic and sociocultural partners
- Participants correspond to a mixture of professional categories (research Master's students, researchers, PhD students, company and institutional representatives, etc.)
- Work to be performed in a foreign language
- Interdisciplinary nature

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<sup>2</sup>List of priority areas and strategic partners attached

For further details on this action, project leaders are invited to consult the specific application form for this action.

### *Action 3: International visibility of the Humanities - Support for access to language services and publication*

This action aims to promote better international visibility of the Humanities<sup>3</sup>, to allow wider dissemination of the research work performed by the different scientific communities on the Aix-Marseille site.

The support provided by the A\*Midex Foundation to lecturer researchers takes the form of assistance for translation of research articles or collaborative works into a foreign language, projects will be selected based on the relevance to the disciplinary field. This support relates to the two following types of publications:

- 3.1. Translation of articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- 3.2. Translation of collaborative works to produce international publications

In line with the policy to support InSHS scientific publication, when awarding this support the A\*Midex Foundation insist on the quality of journal presentation and content, on organisational aspects and the procedures used to assess the articles published in the target journals, on the extent and quality of digital publication, and on the visibility and international impact of the publication.

Particular attention will be paid to the following quality criteria: visibility and referencing of the editor, scientific content, openness and diversity of the editorial body, quality and accessibility of the digital version of the journal, proportion of foreign subscriptions (**see the eligibility criteria in the documents annexed to the call for projects**).

### **3. Eligible candidates**

The call is open to research teams and academic teams from all institutions in the A\*Midex consortium.

Each project must be coordinated by a project leader who will ensure its coordination and monitor its implementation. Project leaders must ensure that the project is not the subject of a request for double financing. Project leaders who were previously awarded funding under the “International” (2013) and “Méditerranée” (2014) calls for projects are not eligible for these actions.

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<sup>3</sup> The term “Humanities” covers all the disciplines referenced by the A\*Midex Foundation in the context of its priority themed axis.

#### 4. Selection criteria

	<b>Action 1 Support for interational R&amp;D&amp;I projects</b>	<b>Action 2 Propose an attractive range of Summer schools</b>	<b>Action 3 Support international visibility of the Humanities</b>
<p><b>1) quality of the project and relevance to the action requested and the objectives of the Idex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excellence of the project</li> <li>- Project corresponds to an issue clearly identified at site level</li> <li>- Added value compared to existing solutions and innovative nature at national and international levels</li> </ul> <p><b>(...../60)</b></p>	<p><i>Examples of breakdown for criterion 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structuring international cooperation for the site</li> <li>- Builds on existing partnerships</li> <li>- Contribution to the structure of framework agreements</li> <li>- Excellence of the planned international partnership</li> <li>- Corresponds to site targets and national programs of excellence</li> </ul>	<p><i>Examples of breakdown for criterion 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution to the visibility of the site</li> <li>- Quality of the interventions</li> <li>- Mixing participant categories</li> <li>- International dimension of the action</li> <li>- Insertion in the doctoral training programme and study-to-work transition for participating PhD students</li> </ul>	<p><i>Examples of breakdown for criterion 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution of subject area communities to international publications</li> <li>- Increase in the number of international co-publications</li> <li>- Contribution to better international recognition and visibility of the research work</li> </ul>

<p><b>2) Quality of the project implementation</b></p> <p>(.../20)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality and coherence of the proposed workplan (schedule, capacity of project leaders to commit, available resources, objectives and expected results),</li> <li>- Quality of the planned partnership approach (reinforced links between various target audiences and socio-economic and sociocultural partners, relevance of the partner, etc.),</li> <li>- Capacity of the project to mobilise other resources (making use of human resources, resources made available, etc.) and funding from other sources (ANR, Europe, companies, local authorities, etc.),</li> <li>- Actions/budget balance,</li> <li>- Quality of the communication plan</li> <li>- Assessment/quality approach proposed</li> </ul>
<p><b>3) impact and transformative potential of the project</b></p> <p>(.../20)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transformative potential of the project,</li> <li>- Capacity for dissemination of the project and integration of the project in the overall context of the site (stabilisation, adoption of best practices, adoption by peers, etc.),</li> <li>- Expected impact of the project on various target audiences and knock-on effects (outcomes, new audiences, etc.),</li> <li>- Expected impact in terms of visibility and renown,</li> <li>- Consideration of the innovative capacity and integration of new knowledge for the site,</li> <li>- As applicable, quality of the strategy to exploit results (skill transfer, patents, etc.),</li> <li>- Coherence of the plan to make full use of results produced by the project</li> </ul>
<p><b>Total (.../100)</b></p>	

## 5. Funding

The funding requested must be in line with the real needs of the projects. A budget of €2,500,000 has been allocated for the 2018 call for projects, distributed as follows:

- €2,000,000 for action 1
- €250,000 for action 2
- €250,000 for action 3

The IDEX fund aims to provide financial support for the development of a project, but cannot ensure its continued functioning. Following this initial support, successful initiatives must find an alternative source of funding.

The maximum funding awarded will be:

- **Action 1/ Bilateral research & development projects: between €80,000 (incl taxes) and €200,000 (incl taxes) per project for two years**
- **Action 2/ Summer schools: overall budget between €25,000 (incl taxes) and €80,000 (incl taxes) per project**
- **Action 3/ International visibility of the humanities: overall budget: for articles, between €10,000 (incl taxes) and €30,000 (incl taxes); for other publications, between €30,000 (incl taxes) and €80,000 (incl taxes) per project for two years**

## 6. Eligible costs

Eligible costs are defined by the A\*Midex financial regulations ([link to download regulations](#)). For the current call for projects, PhD stipends and costs related to equipment are not eligible.

## 7. Duration of the funding

Depending on the type of action supported, the duration of the funding varies. Funding is not renewable for any of the projects.

- 2.1 Bilateral research projects: Two academic years, not renewable, i.e., from 1/Sept/2018 to 31/Aug/2020.
- 2.2 Summer schools: duration of the school from two weeks to a maximum of one month
- 2.3 Enhancing international visibility of the humanities: support awarded for help with translation of a document once, not renewable (pilot nature of this action)

## 8. Schedule

- Launch of the call for proposals 12:00pm 20/Mar/2018
- Opening of the platform for enrolment and submission of applications: 20/Mar/2018
- **Deadline for enrolment - Phase 1 (OBLIGATORY process): 12:00pm 14/June/2018 (Paris timezone)**
- **Deadline for submission of completed applications: 12:00pm 13/September/2018 (Paris timezone)**
- Review of applications: October to December 2018
- Expected date for announcement of awardees: February 2019
- Expected start date for successful projects: February to March 2019

## 9. Selection procedure

1st step: the project will be assessed by two international experts

2nd step: the A\*Midex Foundation will assess the feasibility of operational implementation of the project.

3rd step: the A\*Midex steering committee will select the successful “International” projects

## 9. Eligibility criteria

### How to apply

#### Phase 1: enrolment - “Sign up”

Candidates are invited to click on the “[sign up](#)” button available on this page. They sign in, using their login and password, to the candidate area of the “International” call for projects.

**At the latest by 12:00pm 14/June/2018**, they must have completed the required fields (name of project leader/ Learning and teaching department(s)/ Project title/ Project acronym/ Themed axis/ Disciplines/ Keywords (1 to 3 words) / Project summary (around 5 lines).

**Enrolment is an OBLIGATORY step in the process. However, it is not used for selection.**

#### Phase 2: submitting the application - “Complete my application”

Project leaders who enrolled to the call for proposals are then invited to submit their final application **at the latest by noon on 13/September/2018** (via the link indicated in the e-mail confirming their enrolment OR by clicking on “[Complete my application](#)”) by uploading the following:



- The contents of their application (model No.1\_contents of the application);
- Their budget (model No.2\_justification of costs);
- Appendices: the letter from the head of the research unit, CV with bibliographic references for the project leader, letters confirming financial support or collaboration from partners.

The documents must be saved by clicking on the appropriate “Save” button at the bottom left of the form.

To submit an application, it is necessary to click on the “submit” button at the bottom right of the submission form. The status of the application will change from “open” to “submitted” when the application has been uploaded. No addition will be possible after the deposit platform has been closed after the indicated deadline.

## **10. Communication of results**

The results will be published online on the A\*Midex website. Candidates will be informed by e-mail of the selection results.

## **11. Additional information - Contact**

The application must be drawn up in English due to the international assessment procedure.

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All the elements relating to the aims and modalities of the call for proposals can be found in the framework document for the current call.

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