



Deadline	<b>Tue 19 Mar 2024: Initiation of Letter of intent (LOI)</b> <b>Thu 28 Mar 2024: Submission of LOI (IOCB deadline Mon 25 Mar 2024)</b> <b>Mid-Sep 2024: Full applications – on invitation only</b>
Call name	<b>2025 HFSP Research Grants</b>
www	<a href="https://www.hfsp.org/funding/hfsp-funding/research-grants">https://www.hfsp.org/funding/hfsp-funding/research-grants</a>
Focused on	International collaborative, interdisciplinary and cutting-edge basic research in the life sciences. <b>HFSP promotes new interdisciplinary research collaborations across the world.</b> <b>Research Grants - Early Career</b> All team members are expected to direct a research group (for no longer than 5 years) and must have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD or equivalent) – up to 10 years before the deadline for submission of the LOI. They must be in a position to initiate and direct their own independent lines of research. “Postdocs” are not eligible to apply. The HFSP award is not intended to create scientific independence; this is a decision of the research institute prior to the application. Applicants should clearly list periods of parental leave (or similar) in the CV giving start and end as well as the number of months to benefit from an extension of the eligibility criteria. <b>Research Grants - Program</b> Awarded to teams of independent researchers at any stage of their careers. The research team is expected to develop new lines of research through the collaboration. Applications including independent investigators early in their careers are encouraged.
PI	The PI representing the international team must be located in one of the HFSP countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus (EU part), the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, the Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Co-Applicants can be located in any country.
Eligible organisation	The PI must be working at a non-profit academic institution. The team may include members from for-profit organizations if their expertise is necessary for the project. However, such team members may not receive any funds and will not be considered in calculating the amount of award.
Target group	Consortium of 2–4 team members. Teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories. Different branches or campuses of the same university (e.g., NYU in New York and Shanghai) or organization (e.g., EMBL or MPI) are counted as the same affiliation. Clear priority will be given to <b>intercontinental</b> collaborations. <b>Teams with 2 members from the same institution are not eligible to apply.</b>
Expected outputs	Not specified (publications, etc.)
Call opens	January 2024
IOCB deadline	<b>Mon 25 Mar 2024 Submission of LOI</b>
Final deadline	<b>Thu 28 Mar 2024: Submission of LOI</b> <b>Mid –Sep 2024: Full applications – on invitation only</b>
Evaluation results	Results of LOI assessment – early July 2024 Results of Full-proposals assessment –March 2025
Signature of agreement	NA
Earliest date of implementation	Dec 1, 2025 (at the latest)
Latest date of implementation	Nov 30, 2028 (at the latest)
Sustainability	none
Reporting	A financial report based on lists of all expenditures from the HFSP award will be required for the full three years of the award, organised by the PI at the end of the grant. PI must submit final Scientific Report to HFSP on behalf of the whole team. In addition, all invoices, pay-slips, etc. must be retained for at least two years after the end of the grant period in case of audit. Reporting practices may be subject to modification during tenure of the grant if required by the HFSP Board of Trustees or auditors
Project duration (min-max)	<b>3 years</b>

Allocation for the call	\$ 41 M to support 34 projects in 2023 (25 Research Grants + 9 Early Career RG)
Project budget (min-max)	Awards (per year) are fixed sums dependent upon team size: \$300, 000 = a team of 2; \$400,000 = a team of 3; \$500,000 = a team of 4 or more \$350,000 or \$450,000 = a team, where are 2 members from the same country. Two-member team with one member in a for-profit institution: \$150,000 In other cases, the for-profit member will not be included when calculating the amount of the award.
Success rate	HFSP awards 2023: 5,7 % of the submitted LOIs (34 RGs out of 596 LOIs)
Eligible costs	The HFSP budget is determined in US dollars. <b>Equipment:</b> purchase of equipment must be essential for the new collaboration which is proposed <b>Materials and supplies:</b> costs of reagents, animals, disposables, computer software necessary for the scientific collaboration <b>Services:</b> consulting services and computer services specific to the project, rental fees <b>Salaries:</b> only for research assistants (post-doctoral scientists, graduate students, technicians) essential for the new collaborative project, <b>no salary for PIs, Co-PIs</b> , students fees, institutional staff <b>Communication expenses:</b> publications (incl. Open access), article translations, mail, express courier services <b>Travel and per diem:</b> for team members and their personnel visiting other team members, HFSP trainings and meetings <b>Indirect costs (overheads):</b> up to 10% of the direct costs of the award The research institutions must provide the facilities and equipment necessary for members to carry out their proposed research. A <b>budget proposal is not required</b> at any stage of the application process.
Reimbursement	100 %
Mode of funding	Not specified
Language of application	English
Provider	International Human Frontier Science Program Organization, 12 quai Saint-Jean, BP 10034 67080 Strasbourg CEDEX, France; <b>Research Grants:</b> <a href="mailto:grant@hfsp.org">grant@hfsp.org</a> Tel: +33 3 88 21 51 26
Call identifier	<b>2025 HFSP Research Grants</b>
Call info	HFSP Research Grants support <b>innovative basic research</b> into fundamental biological problems with emphasis placed on <b>novel and interdisciplinary approaches</b> that involve scientific exchanges across national and disciplinary boundaries. HFSP Research Grants are team grants providing financial support to the team for three years. The amount paid depends only on team composition.
Conditions / Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists applying for a HFSP research grant must be organized as an international research team (with emphasis on <b>intercontinental collaborations</b>).</li> <li>• Applications from individual researchers are not eligible.</li> <li>• The HFSP research team may include 2 to 4 members</li> <li>• A proposal from a team with three or four members where two team members have their laboratories in the same country is eligible if the team can demonstrate that this collaboration is essential to maintain the frontier and interdisciplinary character of the proposed research.</li> <li>• All team members must have a research doctoral degree (PhD, MD or equivalent) and must lead a research group (however small).</li> <li>• All team members must be in the position to determine the course of the HFSP-funded project and have freedom to administer the awarded grant. "Post-docs" are not eligible.</li> <li>• Team members are expected to work in different disciplines and have their labs in different countries.</li> <li>• Secondary affiliations will be considered to determine eligibility of a team – i.e. a team of two members is not eligible if one of them has a secondary affiliation in the country where the other member works.</li> <li>• Two members from the same country have to clearly bring different disciplines to the project.</li> <li>• No individual may be an applicant on more than one letter of intent in the same review round.</li> <li>• Those who currently hold an HFSP research grant (as Principal Applicants or Co-Applicants, even during any no-cost extension) are not eligible to apply for a second research grant.</li> <li>• Awardees from 2020 and 2021 may apply for a new grant if it starts after termination of the current award, they must provide information about the objectives and outcome of the former project, together with a statement of its relationship to the current application.</li> <li>• Awardees must observe the highest ethical standards in conducting all research supported by the Program - all team members have to agree to conform strictly to the national and institutional codes of practice, regulations and laws.</li> <li>• HFSP will not claim any IPR that may be generated through the research it sponsors.</li> </ul>

Proposal consists of	<p><b>Letter of Intent</b> (see details – Writing a LOI 2025): Team members – list with contacts, Title of projects, Keywords, Disciplines, Abstract of overall project, Sub-projects of team members, Additional information: for example - Innovative elements, Interdisciplinarity, Collaborative elements, Key references, Personal information about team members</p> <p><b>Full application</b> (see details - HFSP RG -2025_Instructions full proposal):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Online form:</b> Title page, Principal Applicant and Co-Applicants data and supporting administrators, Publications – list of each applicant, Abstract of proposed research and keywords, Research Project: Overview of proposed research, Differences from ongoing research, Proposed research; Mail reviewers (6 referees), Bioethical considerations – ethics and IPR</li> <li>• CV of each applicants, Current and pending research support, Research regulations and approval,</li> <li>• Declaration of previous HFSP Research Grants</li> <li>• Publication and research support updates</li> </ul> <p>No budget proposals indicating the amounts per category of expenses are required.</p>
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Novelty:</b> i.e. projects that challenge existing paradigms by using novel approaches and techniques. To stimulate daring ideas and innovative approaches which entail risks, preliminary results are not required in research grant applications.</li> <li>• <b>Teams of scientists:</b> HFSP supports teams of normally 2-4 scientists. Team members should not have collaborated before, they will normally not have published original research together, and the project must be significantly different from their ongoing research.</li> <li>• <b>Scientific merit:</b> Projects should be potentially transformative in addressing important fundamental problems at the frontiers of the life sciences, or barriers to progress in the life sciences.</li> <li>• <b>Internationality:</b> i.e. novel international, preferably intercontinental collaborations that involve scientific exchanges across national boundaries.</li> <li>• <b>Interdisciplinarity:</b> The participation of scientists from disciplines outside the traditional life sciences such as physics, chemistry, computational biology, computer science, engineering, mathematics, nanoscience or psychology is highly encouraged.</li> <li>• <b>Early career scientists:</b> The HFSP places special emphasis on encouraging scientists early in their careers – this is expressed both in a special scheme for Early Career scientists and in encouraging scientists early in their careers to participate in the Program Grants.</li> <li>• The collaboration between <b>all team members must be absolutely necessary</b> to achieve the aims of the project.</li> </ul>
Research areas	Biological functions at all levels of analysis: for example - studies on genes and individual molecules, intracellular networks, intercellular association in tissues and organs, and networks underlying the complex functions of entire organisms, populations, or ecosystems.
Call workshop	not available
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us for consulting, discussion or help <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>
Download documents	<p>HFSP RG -2025_Summary</p> <p>HFSP RG -2025_guidelines</p> <p>HFSP RG -2025_Writing a LOI</p> <p>HFSP RG -2025_Instructions full proposal - <i>will be updated in summer 2024</i></p>