



UNIVERSITÉ DE
MONTPELLIER

CALL FOR PROPOSALS BIOPOLIS 2023 –
TEAMING EUROPEAN PROJET

**RECRUITMENT
DOCTORAL STUDENTS
& YOUNG RESEARCHERS**

PROGRAM H2020

This call for proposals is part of a European project funded by the H2020 Teaming program entitled Biopolis¹. The Biopolis project aims to support the development of a Center of Excellence in research, development, and innovation in the fields of biodiversity, agrobiodiversity, and ecosystem services in Portugal. This center will be based on an existing laboratory, the CIBIO². The University of Montpellier - UM (and its associated institutions) is a partner in this capacity building project. The project funds mobility and events contributing to the development of the center, but mainly focuses on supporting human resources, including doctoral students and young researchers, who are the subject of this call for proposals.

OBJECTIVES

As part of the WP5 of the Teaming project, this call for proposals aims to hire doctoral students and young researchers on the Teaming project funds managed by UM, thus resulting in employment contracts with UM. We are targeting situations where these young recruits will train in Montpellier (under the supervision of one or more Montpellier researchers), as part of co-developed projects with one or more CIBIO researchers (co-supervision). These young researchers and doctoral students will participate in the transfer of knowledge from Montpellier to CIBIO, and in the development of the project at CIBIO (which could ideally lead to future recruitment at CIBIO).

In total (across all calls for proposals), UM can fund at least 5 PhDs and 20 years of young researcher contracts. As a result of the first call for proposals, 2 PhDs and 2 young researcher contracts have already been funded. The Montpellier Biopolis funds will also cover the mobility costs for young recruits, their supervisors, and Montpellier collaborators from France to Portugal. The mobility of Portuguese partners to France will remain the responsibility of the Portuguese funds and is not part of this call for proposals. Each recruit will also be allocated a determined amount to cover research and personal computer expenses.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

The 10 UMRs (Mixed Research Units) involved in Biopolis (AGAP, AMAP, CEFE, CEEM, CBGP, DIADE, IHPE, IPSIM, ISEM and MIVEGEC) are eligible for the call. The scientific project must correspond to one or both of the main axes of Biopolis³ (biodiversity, agrobiodiversity, and ecosystem services). All scientific disciplines are welcome.

¹ BIOPOLIS's website : <https://www.biopolis.pt/en/>

² CIBIO's website : <https://cibio.up.pt/en/>

³ The 3 main research axes of Biopolis are detailed here : <https://www.biopolis.pt/en/research-lines>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Projects from each unit are exclusively submitted by the Unit Directors. The applications must be in PDF format according to the attached template and sent to biopolis-aap@umontpellier.fr.

FUNDING AMOUNT AVAILABLE

This call will fund salary costs of one to three doctoral students (for three years each) and one to five young researchers (up to two years each). Each recruit will receive additional funds for research and for mobility to the Portuguese laboratory (see eligible expenses below).

TIMELINE

- **Official launch:** April 17, 2023 (Note: Pre-announcement was made to Biopolis correspondents in the UMRs on 12, April 2023)
- **Submission of proposals by Unit Directors:** by June 12, 2023, 12:00 PM
- **Final decisions:** end of June 2023
- **Start of recruitment procedures:** July 2023, in conjunction with doctoral schools (for doctoral students)

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Salary for a doctoral student (currently estimated at €125.5k for 3 years, in alignment with UM's pay scale) or a young researcher (currently estimated between €51k and €55k per year depending on level of recruitment and experience) for a maximum duration of 24 months; a maximum amount of €10k per year for research expenses, duly justified within the project, may include consumables, service providers, the purchase of a personal computer and missions other than visits to the Portuguese laboratory; a maximum amount of €9k per year, duly justified within the project, may include mobility expenses to the Portuguese laboratory (short and long stays) for recruits and their supervisors from Montpellier, and events organized in Montpellier as part of the project. These two allocations may be spent as needed over the duration of the project.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Resources will be allocated taking into account the following criteria:

- **Relevance of the project with regards to the Teaming project main scientific objectives**
- **Effective collaboration**
- **UM Contribution to the development of the project at CIBIO (scientific or technical skills, financial or material resources, and so on)**
- **Development perspectives for the CIBIO project, within this collaboration and/or more broadly**
- **Clarity and interest of the objectives and expected outcome**
- **Feasibility (material and financial) of the recruit's project**

An evaluation commission will assess the eligible applications and propose a ranking of the candidates for final selection.



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