

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS - ORGANISATION PROCEDURE

Organisation procedure

The purpose of calls for proposals (CFPs) is to evaluate and select proposals with a view to grant allocation by the French National Cancer Institute. They relate to all fields of research (clinical, biological, social and human sciences) and also to those of public health and patient care. The Institute organises two categories of calls for proposals: calls for which the selected proposals are funded directly by the Institute and calls for which funding is to be allocated through grants from the French ministry of health via regional health boards (ARS).

There are two types of calls: calls for proposals (open or theme-based) and calls for applications (structuring or designation).

Calls for proposals (CFPs)

The Institute selects and funds proposals in the fields of research, public health, patient care and quality of life, in accordance with the proposal evaluation procedures in place. The Institute also launches joint CFPs (ARC for cancer research, French National Cancer League, health boards, etc.) and also conducts the evaluation process, in partnership with the French General Directorate for Healthcare Provision (DGOS), "PHRC cancer" (programme for hospital clinical research) and "STIC cancer" (Support for innovative and costly projects) programmes.

Calls for applications (CFAs)

Within this framework, the Institute selects and funds proposals. A CFA may relate to a designation of organisations working in the cancer field. Indeed, under the authorities bestowed upon it, the Institute, in accordance with article D. 1415-1-8 5° of French public health regulations, "identifies and evaluates, by means of the procedures defined thereby, where necessary within the framework of a designation, organisations working in the cancer field". As such, the Institute's Board of Directors has adopted [a generic identification procedure applicable for any identification, designation or recognition.](#)

Ethics of the proposal evaluation procedure

Proposals are reviewed by **reviewers** and, depending on the CFPs, by **external evaluators**. The reviewers reporting to the evaluation committee collectively discuss the evaluations of the proposals and draw up a ranking. Based on this ranking and in view of the financial resources, the Institute CEO decides whether to allocate funding to the proposals according to the order of ranking.

User representatives contribute to the collective discussion for the purposes of health democracy.

Due to the particularly competitive nature of CFPs, the Institute must ensure impartiality of the [proposal evaluation and selection process](#) and ensure compliance with the [ethical measures stipulated by the code of ethics.](#)

Evaluator compensation

See reference document "compensation Scale"