

Framework

2019 Action « Collaboration AMU-IRMC-CRFJ in the Mediterranean »

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1. Principles and objectives of this action

As part of the ambitious policy that Aix-Marseille Université has been pursuing for several years in terms of international relations, and more particularly in the field of scientific cooperation, AMU has undertaken to better coordinate its international actions with the major national research organisations with which AMU intends to pursue a more controlled site policy in identified regions and a more coherent policy with regard to international partners.

With this in mind, and in accordance with its strategy with the countries of the Mediterranean rim, a strengthened partnership with two joint units of French Research Institutes abroad – *Unités mixtes des instituts français de recherche à l'étranger (UMIFRE)*, namely the **French Research Centre in Jerusalem (CRFJ)** and the **Institute for Research on Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC)** in Tunis has been set up, led by the University's Research and Development Department. The aim is to contribute to the strengthening of research in the human and social sciences and to the development of international relations in the field of scientific research and higher education.

In support of the site policy and its strategy in the Mediterranean, the A*Midex Foundation, the initiative of excellence of Aix-Marseille and its partners, is launching the action "**Collaboration AMU-IRMC-CRFJ in the Mediterranean**", with the aim of encouraging and supporting the development of international - Mediterranean - collaboration of Aix-Marseille with the two *UMIFRE* **CRFJ and IRMC**.

Within this framework, a series of actions will be undertaken to jointly develop research and training. The present call therefore intends to contribute to **the structuring of links between the Aix-Marseille Université site and these two UMIFRE in the Mediterranean**.

The various actions carried out are based on the scientific structure of each of the Centres (UMIFRE):

For the CRFJ :

- Axis 1: Archaeology of the Southern Levant
- Axis 2: History, Traditions, Memory
- Axis 3: Israelis and Palestinians: contemporary spaces, societies and institutions, plus two cross-cutting workshops:
 - o Levantine archaeology and its archives: an object of contemporary history
 - o Jerusalem from here and elsewhere, duplication and networking of the "holy lands".

For the IRMC :

- Axis 1: Public Policy, Territories and Governance
- Axis 2: Societies undergoing reshaping: gender, religions, circulations
- Axis 3: Political changes and social mobilization
- Axis 4: Contemporary histories: history of the Maghreb in the 19th and 20th centuries, historiography, heritage, culture.

The partnership places particular emphasis on the approach to contemporary societies, around the following themes in particular:

- 1) Uses of archaeology in the contemporary world
- 2) Religious issues
- 3) Political Governance
- 4) Recomposition companies (Gender, Circulations)
- 5) Environmental issues in the Mediterranean

For each of these themes, if tripartite structuring is favoured, their bilateral declination (AMU / IRMC and AMU / CRFJ) is also possible. Thus, for example, and especially for tripartite projects, two fields will be privileged: religious and gender.

2. Target actions

Applications for funding will have to be positioned on one of the two following action strands:

Component 1 - Development of AMU-CRFJ-ICMR collaborative projects

This component aims to support collaborative projects involving the Aix-Marseille site, and at least one of the two UMIFREs. These collaborative projects may concern :

- The organisation of scientific events such as symposiums, conferences or seminars;
- The setting up of summer schools, itinerant doctoral schools (for research / research training);
- Support for the publication of joint works;
- And any other relevant scientific collaboration activity Aix-Marseille -UMIFRE, apart from mobility.

Component 2 - Financing of mobility of researchers and students for research / field missions (12 months maximum)

Researchers' mobility will be funded to irrigate bilateral (between Aix-Marseille Université and one of the UMIFRE) or trilateral (between Aix-Marseille Université and the two UMIFRE) collaboration. Researchers' mobilities concerning comparative fields are encouraged.

Missions have a maximum consecutive duration of 12 months and can be carried out from Aix-Marseille Université to the *UMIFRE*, or vice versa. The public concerned by the mobility is made up of **researchers/teacher-researchers, post-doctoral and doctoral students**. These mobility projects must be associated with one or more specific candidates mentioned in the application. For postdoctoral and doctoral mobility, the funding request must come from a researcher/teacher-researcher from the Aix-Marseille Université site, involved in the collaboration and supervising this mobility. The missions must be carried out in compliance with the **Mission Guide** published by the University for projects managed by the University. In this case, the funding granted may include the cost of the return journey, as well as a per diem corresponding to the country of mobility. If the A*Midex funding is not sufficient to cover all the mission costs associated with the mission concerned, the project is encouraged to seek additional sources of funding.

Applications for funding may also be submitted for the mobility of Aix-Marseille Université master students and A*Midex partners. These mobilities, organised by a professor-researcher from the University and A*Midex partners, may be organised through existing schemes - framed by texts: either an outgoing mobility grant (*cf. deliberation n°2016/07/19-15 of the AMU Conseil d'administration*) for mobility of more than 2 months; or a collective educational trip organised at the initiative of a teacher (*see note from the AMU Legal Affairs Department concerning student travel*); or through paid internships (governed by an internship agreement). In the case of student mobility, the application for funding must come from a researcher/teacher-researcher from the Aix-Marseille Université site, involved in the collaboration, who may have already identified the students concerned at the time of application, or select the students benefiting from the mobility during the project (in this case, it is expected that the application submitted will define the criteria for selecting the beneficiary students).

3. Eligibility requirements

This A*Midex action is open to research and academic teams from all institutions of the A*Midex consortium, the CFRJ and the IRMC. However, projects must be led by a researcher/teacher-researcher from the Aix-Marseille Université site ("project leader"). The Project Leader will ensure the coordination and monitoring of project implementation and will be the A*Midex Foundation's referent for the project.

Projects must concern activities implemented or driven in 2020-2021.

4. Financial and management issues

The funding requested will have to take into account the real needs of the projects.

A maximum budget allocation of EUR 120 000 is foreseen for the action, broken down as follows:

- **Strand 1: maximum EUR 60 000 (total for the action). Maximum budget per project of EUR 15 000 over a total duration not exceeding 18 months; minimum budget: EUR 5 000.**
- **Strand 2: maximum EUR 60 000 (total for the action). Maximum budget per project of EUR 15 000 over a total duration not exceeding 18 months; minimum budget: EUR 5 000.**

The funding granted will be managed by a Research Unit at the Aix-Marseille site (opening of a budget line within the University's budget, A*Midex), except in special cases requiring direct payment of the funding to the UMIFRE, which will manage the funding if necessary. The acts of project management

(e.g. management of expenses, drawing up a hosting agreement or internship agreement for mobility, etc.) will be the direct responsibility of the laboratories involved.

Under this A*Midex action, only **operating expenditure** is eligible. This includes, by way of indication, the following eligible expenditure: costs of organising events, costs of participation in events, costs of missions and invitations, costs of publication of works (including editing and translation costs), communication and dissemination costs, mobility grants, traineeship allowances, etc. Staff costs (remuneration) are not eligible under this A*Midex action, nor are investment costs (including computer equipment).

5. Indicative calendar

Date of release: Week of September 16, 2019

Registration opening: Week of September 09, 2019

Deadline for submission of complete applications: 15 October, 12:00 CEST.

Review Committee Meeting: Week of November 04, 2019

Planned date for the awarding by the A*Midex Steering Committee: 18 November 2019.

Communication of results: end of November 2019

Envisaged starting date of the selected projects: as of January 2020

6. Selection Criteria

- 1) **Content of the project** : adequacy of the project with the objectives of this A*Midex action, in particular the structuring of the links between the Aix-Marseille Université site and these two UMIFRE in the Mediterranean, and the targeted themes;
- 2) **Implementation of the project** : quality and coherence of the proposed work plan (timetable, capacity of commitment of project leaders, available resources).
- 3) **Quality of the partnership** : relevance and added value of the collaborative project for the Aix-Marseille Université site and the two UMIFRE, and potential in terms of structuring the collaboration.

7. Selection process

- A review committee will be set up to evaluate the applications. This committee will be composed of internal and external members. Representatives of A*Midex management, the Research and Development Department (DRV) of AMU, the International Relations Department (DRI) and the management of the UMIFRE concerned will participate in this committee. It may also include the directors of AMU Institutes with links to the Mediterranean and one or two external experts. The A*MIDEX Steering Committee will select the winning projects based on the recommendations of the review committee and taking into account the available budget.

8. Application

Applications are to be sent to the address of the A*Midex Foundation management : amidex-direction@univ-amu.fr before **Tuesday 15 October at noon (12:00 noon) CEST.**

The results of the selection will be published online on the A*Midex website. Candidates will be kept informed by email regarding their application.

Each application must be submitted in a **single PDF document**, following the template provided by A*Midex and its layout instructions.

In order to be admissible, applications must be complete, in the format indicated, and submitted by the deadline date and time indicated.

9. Contact

For any information or question about this action: please consult the list of links below, or send your emails to the management of A*Midex : amidex-direction@univ-amu.fr and to Camille DURAN, Attractiveness and Internationalization Project Manager: camille.DURAN@univ-amu.fr

10. Useful links, documents and contacts

- More information about [Aix-Marseille Université](#)
- For information or any question about Aix-Marseille Université's international research strategy : Europe and International page; and contact: Amira Khellaf - University Research and Valorisation Department - amira.khellaf@univ-amu.fr
- More information on [A*Midex](#)
- More information on the [French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs \(MEAE\)](#)
- More information about [CNRS](#)
- More information on the [CRFJ](#)
- More information on [IRMC](#)
- [Per diem per country for missions](#)
- [Guide to the University's missions](#) (restricted access)
- [Financial Regulations A*Midex and Vademecum Finances A*Midex \(restricted access\)](#) :
Deliberation on outgoing mobility grants : will be provided upon request.
Note from the Directorate of Legal Affairs on student mobility : will be provided upon request.