

Call 2026 EMBRC-France for Scientific Access Support

The 'Centre National de Ressources Biologiques Marines' (EMBRC-France, www.embrc-france.fr) is launching its 8th Call for Projects to support projects requiring scientific support, in order to encourage the discovery and use of its various biological resources (macro or micro-organisms collected in situ, cultivated or stored in the aquaria), services and expertise.

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Project leaders must meet the following conditions :

- Being a researcher, teacher/lecturer/professor, engineer, postdoctoral or doctoral student working in a national (external to the RI) or international public research or higher education establishment.
 - Being an employee of this public establishment, from the submission of the application until the end of the project.
- These eligibility criteria also apply to any person participating in the project likely to be hosted by the RI.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The overall budget for RI funding is expected to be €100,000, which would make it possible to fund between 5 and 10 projects based on previous calls.

Stays on site must terminate before the end of June 2026 and must not exceed a total duration of 42 days per project. This duration can be shared between several participants (i.e. 1 person for 6 weeks, 2 people for 3 weeks, 3 people for 2 weeks) and split over several periods. Projects may require access to platforms and services of 1, 2 or 3 marine stations, and stays can be distributed in this way, up to a total of 42 days.

For each project, EMBRC-France covers the costs of the following services:

- > Costs of access to EMBRC-France services required for the development of the project: means of access to ecosystems, biological resources, technological platforms* and technical support, equipped host laboratories and common consumables, host offices;
- > Accommodation and catering costs.

*EMBRC-France covers all or part of the costs of access to technological platforms within the scope of the EMBRC-France offer; the RI favours projects for which access to ecosystems and/or biological resources is coupled with access to technological platforms. EMBRC-France can also support participants in accessing other national RIs whose integration into the project would add value to its success. For example, EMBRC-France does not cover sequencing costs but can play a relay role towards the national RIs competent in this field.

CALENDAR

June 23, 2025

Publication of
the Call

September 19, 2025

Deadline of applications

mid - Decembre, 2025

Results of the selection

SELECTION

The applications will be examined and selected by the EMBRC-France Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Priority will be given to applications submitted by new users, but, above all, the scientific quality, feasibility and prospects of collaboration leading to future uses of RI will be taken into account. The SAB is made up of scientists from outside the National Center for Marine Biological Resources (information available on the EMBRC-France website: <https://www.embrc-france.fr/fr/qui-sommes-nous/embrc-france>).

During the construction of the application, it is a requirement that the leader(s) must interact with local EMBRC-France RI staff responsible for biological resources, platforms and services, in a co-construction approach, which must appear in the setting up of the project.

The results of the evaluation will be made public in mid-December 2025.

The leaders of the chosen projects will receive a hosting agreement that they must sign before starting work. This contract lists the services and consumables supported by EMBRC-France. Any additional request remains the responsibility of the applicant and may be subject to invoicing.

This contract commits the bearer to:

- Give a seminar on site during the stay,
- Cite EMBRC-France in any communication or publication resulting from work having used the services of EMBRC-France, using the following wording: 'This work benefited from access to the [Name of Operator/Site], an EMBRC – France and EMBRC-ERIC Site. Financial support was provided by [funding source(s)]'.
- Send to nathalie.turque@embrc-france.fr within two months following the end of the project, an activity report according to the framework provided, which will be attached to the response to acceptance of the project.
- Agree to participate in a restitution workshop, where the applicant will be given the opportunity to present the project, the results and perspectives to the scientific community (eg. reinforced or new collaborations, developments, etc.), to thus highlight the RI's support for scientific and technological development and how the RI visit impacted the project. If the applicant is unable to participate, the applicant may delegate a person from their team. The workshop will take place in hybrid mode, thus allowing participation by videoconference.

COMPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION FILE

To apply, the project leader must, **before September 19, 2025**:

-Complete the application form describing the project available on the EMBRC-France website <http://www.embrc-france.fr>

-Select the services necessary for the project from the EMBRC-France offer, following the steps of the online procedure.

-Attach the application form after finalising the selection of services and also send it by email to nathalie.turque@embrc-france.fr - In the case of a multi-site application, attach the form for each of the EMBRC-France sites applications.

EMBRC-France strongly encourages all candidates to also interact with the Infrastructure scientific affairs manager (nathalie.turque@embrc-france.fr) during the construction of their project.

If you have any problems submitting your application, please send your questions to access@embrc-france.fr