

PRIMA – Section 2 Calls
National Rules

Activities (Research and Innovation Activities (RIA) based on national rules) selected following transnational open and competitive calls for proposals organized by PRIMA Foundation and funded by the national funding bodies of Participating States

1. Name of the Funding Body:

National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-L)

2. Participation criteria

Eligible organizations:

CNRS-L Research Centers, Research Centers recognized by the CNRS-L, and Universities - with priority for universities who signed joint agreements with the CNRS-L and the CNRS-L Charter of Ethics.

Consortium:

The project consortium must comprise project partners from at least three different countries of which at least one from an EU Member State/Associated Country* and one from a Mediterranean Partner Country.

The CNRS-L will fund a maximum of two Lebanese partners per proposal.

Conditions of proposals:

- Each individual can participate in more than one project but can be the main investigator in only one project.
- Key researchers should be included by name (and position) in the proposal to enable evaluation of their qualifications and experience. Researchers who have not been included by name at the proposal stage should be identified by scientific expertise.
- Applications should be submitted by full time staff through their institution.
- The consortium should include one of the CNRS-L Research Centers when the topic of the proposal is also addressed by the National Centre For Geophysical Research or the National Centre For Marine Sciences or the National Center For Remote Sensing or the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission.

Letter of Commitment:

- Letters of Commitment from the hosting institution/s for 50% co-funding signed by the president of the university/institution should be sent to the CNRS-L before the online deadline of submission to:
 - Email to: rula.atweh@cnrs.edu.lb / enjeim@cnrs.edu.lb
 - Mail (Original Hard copy) to the following address:
Attn: Rula Atweh (Room 312) / National Council for Scientific Research, CNRS
59, Zahia Salmane street, Jnah / P.O. Box 11-8281, Beirut, Lebanon
- A template for the letter of commitment is annexed below
The letter should indicate the commitment towards:
 1. Hosting the project activities (facilities, equipment and technical functions for project implementation),
 2. Commitment of staff time and effort for the project,
 3. Financial (in-cash) commitment of the organization,
 4. Commitment for financial reporting to the CNRS-L

* Associated Countries: Turkey & Tunisia

3. Funding criteria

- The total Lebanese contribution for the present call is a maximum of 500,000 Euros (Cost sharing: 50% CNRS-L and 50% Lebanese Institutions).
- To be eligible for CNRS-L funding, all participating institutions are required to cost share 50% in any proposal.
- The CNRS-L contribution for each project cannot exceed **50%** of the total Lebanese requested budget, and a maximum ranging between 35,000 to 50,000 Euros per project.

4. List of eligible costs

Budget Lines	CNRS-L Upper Funding Limits (as Percentages)
<p>Personnel <i>Indemnities for temporary research assistants and technicians only. Permanent staff is not allowed to charge salaries or any additional indemnities from the present project.</i></p> <p>PhD Scholarships: Co-Tutelle and Co-Direction <i>* For inclusion of a PhD Student, the rules of the CNRS-L Scholarship Programme will apply. Please contact the CNRS-L for further details. PhD Candidates will need to undergo the selection process of the CNRS-L. It is recommended to co-fund the scholarship with other partners from the consortium.</i></p>	<p>30% of Budget</p> <p>(Upper limit can reach 50% of Budget only in the case that a PhD Scholarship is included.)</p>
<p>Event Costs <i>Expenses for local dissemination of results to the scientific community and society (organization of meetings and seminars). It is noted that activities relating to product commercialization or the protection of intellectual property rights are not covered.</i></p> <p><i>As the call for proposals highlights the importance of innovation, we strongly encourage participants to include, if possible, stakeholders, SMEs and Enterprises in their project events for the dissemination of their results, in order to be aligned with the call's purpose</i></p>	<p>10% of Budget</p>
<p>Travel Costs <i>Includes <u>ticket</u> costs & insurance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5 day trip) for project events/project coordination. (Economy Tickets)</i></p>	<p>25% of Budget</p>
<p>Per Diem/Daily Allowance <i>Includes Daily Allowance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5 day trip) for project events/project coordination. (Max. 180 Euros/Day)</i></p>	
<p>Invitation to Foreign Researchers <i>Includes both tickets and daily subsistence for foreign experts (NOT PROJECT PARTNERS) to the project (max. 5 day trip). (Economy Tickets & Max. 180 Euros/Day)</i></p>	
<p>Consumables and Supplies <i>Expenses for consumables that are necessary for project implementation.</i></p>	<p>20% of Budget</p>

<i>General office material, printing paper, ink, CDs etc. are not included. Computer hardware and software are not considered as eligible</i>	
Subcontracting <i>Can be included to subcontract a temporary expert/researcher (particularly for external expertise necessary for project implementation).</i>	10% of Budget
Documentation <i>Printing of publications, publication of articles in technical and scientific journals</i>	5% of Budget
Other Costs	5% of Budget
Durable Equipment	Can be included on Institution/s Budget (up to 10%) but are Not Applicable for CNRS-L Reimbursement.
Operating Costs	Not Applicable for CNRS-L Funding
Shipping Costs	
Communication Costs	
Indirect Costs/Overheads	

*For any additional information, CNRS rules on Grant Research Project and scholarships will be applied.
(www.cnrs.edu.lb)*

5. PRIMA National Contact points

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(Please Print on Official Letter Head of Your Organization/Institution)

Commitment Letter

On behalf of the (Name of University/Institutions); we submit to the National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-Lebanon), within the PRIMA Section 2 Call (2018) and within the following Research Topic: (Specify research topic as per PRIMA Section 2 Call for Proposals).

Title of the Proposal:

Acronym of the Proposal:

Consortium Partners & Countries:

- Lead Applicant (Partner 1):
- Partner 2:
- Partner 3:
- Partner 4:

(Please add/delete as necessary)

(In the case of more than one Lebanese Partners - a maximum of 2 - please complete the figures below as relevant to your institution only; kindly ensuring that all other Lebanese partners within this proposal submit their respective commitment letters.)

(Your Institution's) TOTAL Budget for the proposal: ---,---.00 Euros (100%)

Requested Contribution from the CNRS-L to (Your Institution): ---,---.00 Euros (50%)

Committed Contribution from (Your Institution): ---,---.00 Euros (50%)

In light of the above, the (Name of University/Institution) commits:

- a) To host the project activities, including placing all necessary equipment, facilities and technical functions for project implementation.
- b) Commit staff-time and efforts for the project (noting that no permanent staff salaries or indemnities can be charged to the project).
- c) To fund in real-cost (in-cash contribution) the amount stipulated above (Representing 50% of the Institution's share in the budget of the proposal).
- d) To submit to CNRS-L financial and administrative reports as per a grant agreement to be signed by partner institutions and the CNRS-L (for accepted projects only).

Name of Authorized Signatory
Signature & Date

NB: In the case that the project does not pass the external evaluation (administrative and/or scientific) and/or the selection process of the PRIMA; no financial commitment will be incurred by either the Lebanese Partner Institution above, or the CNRS-L