

## **PRIMA – Section 2 Calls (2021)**

### **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, Universities and Research Centers with joint funding agreements with the CNRS-L.

##### **Consortium:**

The project consortium must comprise project partners from at least three different countries of which at least one from a participating 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.**

**Duration of the Project: Maximum 3 Years**

##### **Conditions of Proposals:**

- **Eligible Universities/Institutions/Departments (*not the researcher*)** can apply to more than one project.
- **An individual researcher, can apply as Project Coordinator (of the Consortium) or as a Lebanese Project Partner.**
  - Each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Project Coordinator (of the Consortium)** in only 1 project (across both Sections 1 & 2).
  - When applying to PRIMA Section 2, each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Lebanese Principle Investigator** (Project Partner) in only one project; but can be **co-investigator** in more than one project.
  - An individual researcher with a running PRIMA Project cannot apply for CNRS-L funding.
- Both the Institutions and the Principle Investigators should avoid applications within similar proposals; proposals will be considered similar if 75% of the project in terms of objectives, methodology and consortium composition are identical.
- 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.

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\* Associated Countries: Turkey & Tunisia

### **Letter of Commitment:**

Letters of Commitment from the hosting institution/s for 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](mailto:rula.atweh@cnrs.edu.lb) / [enjeim@cnrs.edu.lb](mailto: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 / Postal Code: 2047 8601 / 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

*For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; a new/updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L.*

### **3. Funding Criteria**

- To be eligible for CNRS-L funding, all participating institutions are required to cost share in any proposal.
- **Projects with a Lebanese Project Partner:** Lebanese Project Budgets can reach up to 45,000,000 LBP (cost-shared between the CNRS-L and Participating Institutions). With a Maximum Requested Contribution from the CNRS-L of 15,000,000 LBP and a cost-share component of 30,000,000 LBP by Participating Institution.
- **Projects with a Lebanese Consortium Coordinator:** Lebanese Project Budgets can reach up to 90,000,000 LBP (cost shared between the CNRS-L and Participating Institutions). With a Maximum requested contribution from the CNRS-L of 30,000,000 LBP and a cost-share component of 60,000,000 LBP by Participating Institution.
- *While researchers will be required to submit their budgets in Euros (on the PRIMA Submission Platform); if accepted, CNRS-L Contracts and Funding will be provided in LBP within the limits above.*

All PRIMA applications follow a 2-stage process. Please note:

- No detailed budget is required for **Stage 1** of application; only a requested total amount for funding and cost-sharing (See Commitment Letters).
- Proposals proceeding to **Stage 2** of Application will have to submit a budget during the second phase. (Please contact the national contact point during stage 2 – see contacts below - for further details on the requested budget tables).
- Financial Reporting during and at the end of the project needs to cover the full project amount, not just the CNRS-L provided budgets (For costs claimed on CNRS-L account, original invoices have to be submitted, along with *copies* of invoices claimed on institutional cost-sharing amount).

#### 4. List of eligible costs

*For the 2021 call, flexibility will be considered on the Percentages per Budget Category; however, all expenses must be eligible as per the categories below.*

Budget Lines	CNRS-L Upper Funding Limits (as Percentages)
<b>Personnel</b>	
<p>Indemnities for temporary research assistants (non-PhD) and technicians only. <i>Permanent staff and/or co-investigators from other institutions are not allowed to charge salaries or any additional indemnities from the present project.</i></p> <p><b>PhD Scholarships: Only Co-Tutelle and Co-Direction with a Partner Institution in the Project is Eligible.</b></p> <p>For inclusion of a PhD Student, please note that rules and rates of the CNRS-L PhD Scholarship Programme apply.</p> <p>Candidates (at least 2 candidates to be submitted) will need to undergo the selection process and receive pre-approval of the CNRS-L once the project is accepted for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration fees not eligible,</li> <li>• PhDs indemnities must not exceed 7,500,000 LBP/Year for a maximum of 6-month duration in Lebanon</li> <li>• The other 6 months spent abroad, must be negotiated and covered by the hosting project partner.</li> </ul>	<p>Upper Funding Limit (NOT Including PhD): 30% of Budget</p> <p>Upper Funding Limit (Including PhD): 50% of Budget</p>
<b>Consumables</b>	
<p>Expenses for consumables that are necessary for project implementation (Glassware, Chemicals, Samples, etc...)</p> <p><i>General office material, printing paper, ink, CDs etc. are not included. Computer hardware and software are not considered as eligible</i></p>	20% of Budget
<b>Travel and Subsistence</b>	
<p><b>Travel Costs</b></p> <p><i>Includes <u>ticket</u> costs (economy class) &amp; insurance for travel of Lebanese Partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination. Maximum number of participants per mission: 2 researchers</i></p>	25% of Budget

<p><b>Per Diem/Daily Allowance</b>  <i>Includes daily allowance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination.</i></p>	
<p><b>Field Trips and Field Work (Local Travel)</b>  Rate per Day (Not per Person), Based on Distance &amp; All Inclusive (Car, Fuel, Meals and Participants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 100 KM: 100,000 LBP</li> <li>• Above 100 KM: 150,000 LBP</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Costs</b>	
<p><b>Event Costs</b>  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.  Cannot cover travel tickets, accommodation and other expense of international participants.</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>	10% of Budget
<p><b>International Conferences</b>  Only accepted when presenting a paper, related to the project, within the proceedings of an International Conference. (Paper needs to be submitted to the CNRS-L at reporting).</p> <p>Participation of Lebanese Project Coordinators, Principle Investigators or active members of the project whose name appears on oral presentations/proceedings.</p> <p><i>(Temporary personnel not eligible; neither are BA/MA students)</i></p>	10% of Budget  <u>Lebanese Project Partners:</u> Participation in only 1 Conference  <u>Lebanese Consortium Coordinator:</u> Participation in 2 Conferences.
<p><b>Subcontracting</b>  Temporary expert/researcher (particularly for external expertise necessary for project implementation).</p>	10% of Budget
<p><b>Documentation</b>  Printing of publications, publication of articles in technical and scientific journals</p>	5% of Budget
<p><b>Other Costs</b></p>	5% of Budget
<p><b>Durable Equipment</b></p>	Not Eligible for CNRS-L Funding; or

<b>Operating Costs</b>	Calculations of Cost-Share
<b>Shipping Costs</b>	
<b>Communication Costs</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs/Overheads</b>	

*For any additional information, CNRS rules on Grant Research Programme and PhD Scholarship Programme will be applied. ([www.cnrs.edu.lb](http://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 (2021) 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: .....

Lebanese Principle Investigator: .....

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 LBP

Requested Contribution from the CNRS-L to **(Your Institution)**: ---,---.00 LBP

Committed Contribution from **(Your Institution)**: ---,---.00 LBP

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.
- 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.

For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; an updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L.