

Marseille Imaging Institute

« Marseille Imaging » Institute launches its call for project « **Research 2026** » in order to promote co-design initiative and innovation by fostering collaborations between researchers in data sciences, instrumentation and application fields in the following scientific areas:

- Ultimate Imaging
- Imaging-guided Therapy
- Innovative and disruptive technics
- Imaging for the greatest number

The institutes constitute a component of Aix-Marseille University supported by AMIDEX funding. The use of funding is therefore governed by AMIDEX financial rules and subject to evaluation.

The global budget allocated to the call in 2026 is 100 k€.

Type of project

- Innovative collaborative project in biological or medical imaging

Eligibility criteria :

- **Topic:**

PROJECT in line with the topic of co-design and the scientific axes of the Marseille Imaging Institute. Projects should **focus on biological or medical imaging**.

- **Co-conception :**

Projects must involve **at least 2 laboratories/units that are members** of the Marseille Imaging Institute (List on the submission form).

- **The project leader:**

- Member of the research units attached to the Marseille Imaging Institute.
- New permanent and/or postdoctoral staff are strongly encouraged to submit as well as members presenting new research axes.
- Special conditions: cannot have been a winner (PI or co-PI) on the last 2 calls (either in 2023 or 2025).

Documents

- Application form « *IMAGING – AAP Recherche 2026 – form* » duly completed
Forms must be submitted before **December 10th, 2025** by e-mail :

cecile.lavoute@univ-amu.fr

Eligible Expenses

The funding will be around €25k per project.

Important, the expenses must be allocated to establishment expenses (amU) following the AMIDEX budgetary rules according to the following masses:

- Equipment expenses: equipment costing between €800 and €5,000.. The purchase of computer equipment should be submitted to prior validation.
- Operating expenses: consumables, missions, etc.
- Staff expenses: the duration will be adjusted according to the cost charged.

Comments: the project leader must detail the planning of the budget according to the expenses by mass (Operation, Investment and Payroll) and by year (2026) by referring to the AMIDEX financial regulations and undertakes to comply with them.

Please contact us as soon as possible to check the advertised costs.

Evaluation

The innovation, the potential leverage effect towards larger projects (ANR/European) and technological valorisation will be important elements.

Applications will be evaluated and ranked by an Evaluation Committee made up of experts external to Aix-Marseille University according to 4 criteria marked out of 5.

- o Criterion 1: Relevance to imaging
- o Criterion 2: Innovation
- o Criterion 3: Impact of funding for units
- o Criterion 4: Potential leverage effect / technological valorisation

In the event of a tie between two proposals, criteria 2 and 4 will prevail.

Conditions of employment

- FINANCING
 - Projects are planned over a period of 12 months in the execution of tasks. The budget must be spread over the calendar year 2026 as close as possible to reality. Expenses must be made before October 30, 2026 with no possibility of deferral.
 - The executed expenses must be in line with the expenses listed and justified by the project leader at the time of submission.
- **IMPACT ET VALUATION**
 - The project leader undertakes to respond to all requests from the Marseille Imaging Institute on the impact of the project's funding.
 - Publications must be deposited in the A*Midex HAL amU collection, the University's open archive.
 - All scientific publications and communications related to the project that have benefited from the support of the Marseille Imaging Institute must mention the following sentence in the acknowledgements:

« Ce travail a reçu le soutien de l'État français dans le cadre du plan d'investissement France 2030, dans le cadre de l'Initiative d'Excellence d'Aix-Marseille Université - A*MIDEX (AMX-19-IET-002) ».

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Save the date :

- Submission of the submission forms before **December 10, 2025**, 11 :59 p.m. (Paris time) to the email address : cecile.lavoute@univ-amu.fr
- Results of the pre-selection : **January, 2026**.
- Final hearing : **January, 2026**
- Beginning of funding : **January, 2026**
- End of funding : **October 30th, 2026**