



Call for Advanced Grants on Research

March 2 – April 17 2026





Objectives of the call



Consolidate the cooperation initiated under a **previous starting grant project** with a view to further developing and structuring cooperation, in particular by planning to **apply for competitive international calls for projects.**



1. A proposal must result **from one or more starting grant projects. 30% of the SG Teams (TL + PI) must take part into the new project.**
2. A proposal must involve at least **3 different UNITA Partners**
3. Projects must be **led by a member of the teaching staff or a researcher from a UNITA Full Partner, who acts as PI**
4. **Each university team is led by Team Leader.** Local **Team Members** can include teaching staff members, researchers, post-docs, and PhD candidates (referred to as Team Members).
5. Each **PI, TL and T M** can only participate in **one project.**
6. **UNITA Associated Partners and UNITA Geminae Partners** are encouraged to participate in this call and join the project teams, without requesting funding.
7. **PI and TL must maintain the status as an employee of their institution for the whole duration of the project.** If any TM leaves the project, the institution must appoint a replacement, who must be approved by all TL.

After the application deadline and before the evaluation and selection phase, compliance with administrative and eligibility requirements will be verified, in accordance with Article 8 of this regulation.



Process timeline



Launch of the call	March 2
Period for applications submission	6 weeks (April 17th at noon)
Administrative review	1,5 week + 1,5 week to amend only eligibility issues (May 8th)
Evaluation by Local Committees (First Phase)	1 month (June 9th)
Synthesis of the local evaluations	1 week days (June 19th)
Evaluation by International Committee (Second Phase)	During the Brescia WP4 staff week (July 1^{rst}-3rd)
Final Result notifications (with reasons for rejection)	1 week (July 10th)
Access to information about the results	July 20th
Project starting date (for eligibility of expenses)	From July 13, 2026
End date for eligibility of expenses and submission of the final report:	August 28, 2027



Evaluation and selection



Step 1 : Local committees

- VR for Research or a delegate,
- local responsible of each concerned Hub or a delegate
- a Senior Research Manager
- A representative from the UNITA Management Committee

Members of local committees cannot be involved in the projects evaluated



Step 2 : International committee
one representative designated by each university (Vice Rector/President on Research or a delegate).

- The scientific relevance of the project and coherence with the targeted international call. (25%)
 - Expected results of the project for the development of the sustainability of UNITA communities (20%)
 - The leverage effect of the project beyond the funding for local communities (15%)
 - A coherent and clearly formulated workplan. (10%)
 - The originality and value of the interdisciplinary approach. (10%)
 - Feasibility of the project. (10%)
 - Strong links with Geminae partners and/or actors from outside the academic world. (10%)
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- Results of the first phase of selection (Local Committees ranking).
 - The AG budget available in each institution and the representation of institutions in the funded projects

1. **Maximum budget** requested for a project : **10 k€ * nb of UNITA partners.**
2. **Maximum allocation granted** to an individual partner : **12 k€.**
3. The **amount awarded cannot be transferred to other partners.**
4. Distribution of funds among partners may vary according to the project and does not need to be evenly distributed.
5. In case of HES-SO : maximal amount would be CHF 10 000 per grant and will be given in CHF.
6. The proposed budget must be established in coherence with the proposed amounts indicated in the annex
7. **At the end of the evaluation process**, the teams whose projects are selected will receive confirmation of the **exact amount of funding the project will receive**, as well as the amount that will be allocated to each university that is part of the respective project.
8. Budgets are subject to the restrictions of each partner university, based on their internal regulations and also based on European regulations. **If situations of budget restrictions are identified**, which lead to a reduction in the value of project financing, the PI of a selected project will be notified, in order to express his/her acceptance or refusal to continue in the pro-gram.



Eligible expensive



- 1. Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs** for events or project meetings that take place in the countries of the UFP UNITA.
- Costs relating to the **hiring of students and/or research assistants**
- 3. Other costs** (Consumables **excluding all laboratory materials** (expenses for reagents, chemicals, lab equipment, etc. are not eligible) / Event costs, logistical costs and costs of organizing meetings (including costs for coffee breaks and working lunches) that take place in the countries of the full partner universities in UNITA. / communication & dissemination costs)

PI and TL from each partner university **will contact the UNITA OFFICE, to use the budget** in accordance with the internal regulations of each university.

Deliverables



1. The selected projects must be completed before Friday, August 28 2027
2. Beneficiaries agree to provide information on UNITA's and European Union's support for their project. This will take the form of the **use of the UNITA and Erasmus+ logos on all communication media and during events linked with the project**. Beneficiaries also agree to present their work in case a restitution event is organized.
3. The UNITA OFFICES may ask to the Principal Investigator the status of the project's activities during the project lifetime (**brief interim progress report**).
4. **The final report must be submitted by the Beneficiaries. The deadline for the final report is also August 28th, 2027.** The final report should be sent to the task 4.2 committee (unita.office@univ-smb.fr & unita.office@unibs.it) and the UNITA OFFICE of the Principal Investigator university. Detailed information about the reports will be sent to all PI, at the beginning of the projects. The beneficiaries will have to produce a short description of the project and of their results for publication on the website of UNITA, according to a template provided.



Parallel application to the UNITA call for shared research infrastructure grants



Purpose

- Support shared research infrastructures
- Foster collaboration & mobility
- Strengthen scientific training



Eligibility

- Involve two or more UNITA partners
- Link with one or more of the research hubs
- Include funding for equipment usage or technical training



Funding

- Max €2,500 per project
- Equipment & infrastructure access
- Scientific/technical training
- Travel & accommodation



Calendar

- 1st Call: Jun 2025 – May 2026
- 2nd Call: Jun 2026 – May 2027

Detailed information are available on UNITA Website - [Research opportunities](#) – Have a look to the UNITA shared infrastructure [database](#)



Application

Applications are open from March 2nd until April 17th at 12.00 h

Applications shall be submitted through **the platform (LimeSurvey)**

Each application must be submitted by the Principal Investigator of the project



Advanced Grants application form

This online application form resumes some administrative information also requested in the detailed application word form.

You may **save and resume** your online application by using the 3 dots available at the top of the page (on your right). You will then have to register with a user name & password and receive an email with the link to get back to your application. **(Please keep them safe. We won't have any access to these personal informations).**

Please note that you won't receive any confirmation email at the end of your submission. However, a message of confirmation of submission will appear after sending your application.

THIS SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS.

The record of your survey responses does not contain any identifying information about you, unless a specific survey question explicitly asked for it. If you used an identifying access code to access this survey, please rest assured that this code will not be stored together with your responses. It is managed in a separate database and will only be updated to indicate whether you did (or did not) complete this survey. There is no way of matching identification access codes with survey responses.

Next

Project details:

- Title and acronym
- Keywords
- Connection with the hubs
- Number of UNITA partners
- Number of Geminae partners
- Number of Stakeholders
- SGs related to the proposal

Participant details

- Name, contact, institution and role of TLs

Budget request for each project partner

Application



One or more required questions have not been answered. You cannot proceed until these have been completed.

Continue without answering

Answer question

Some questions provide space for a maximum number of answers that may exceed what your project requires. If you do not fill in all these spaces, the system will notify you. In this case, click the button to continue without answering.

Title of the SG related to this AG proposal

! Please note that you have not answered this question. You may continue without answering.

Continue without answering to this question.

! Please complete all parts.

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Application Documents to upload



Each application must be submitted by the Principal Investigator of the project, containing the following documents:

- a) Application file (template fully completed)
- b) Budget allocation file
- c) Project's timeline: 1-year calendar of project's objectives and actions (Gantt Chart)
- d) Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Principal Investigator and CV of each Team Leader who is part of the team. CV should not exceed 3 pages, with major research projects and 10 most relevant publications.
- e) Letters of commitment from the stakeholders
- f) The acknowledgment signed by all team leaders and PI, attesting:
- g) full list of all the members of the research group





Application

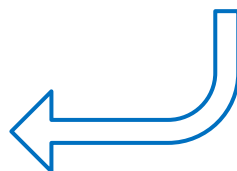
Documents to upload – application file

FIRST PART:

- project information
- participant details
- Geminae partner and Stakeholder details

SECOND PART:

- Context and objectives
- Consortium
- Methodology
- Leverage effect
- Justification of resources
- References



ADVANCED GRANT Application file

Project submission deadline
April 17th, 2026, at 12h00

Project Title :

Project acronym :

Layman's summary of the project (might be used for external communication purposes, maximum 2,500 characters)

Key words (maximum 5) :

Principal HUB connected to the project :

- Green Energies
- Circular Economy & Environment
- Inclusive Societies
- Digital Transition
- Global Health
- Cultural Heritage

Secondary HUB connected to the project (if applicable) :

Institution leader :

Nb UNITA partners :

Nb Geminae Partners :

Nb Socio-economic partners :

Principal Investigator (PI) details - UNITA partner 1

Last name of the PI :	
First name of the PI :	
Institution :	
Role in the institution :	



The document must be written in English, **it should not exceed 5 pages** (for paragraphs I to V, excluding paragraphs VI). It is recommended that a font that is easy to read be used. **Any application that does not comply with this page limit will not be reviewed.**

- I Context and objective(s) of the project**
Analysis of social, economic, regulatory, environmental, industrial, and other issues; State of the art; Scientific objectives; Innovative nature of the proposal
- II Consortium : Background from the starting grants and evolution**
Describe the preliminary results obtained during the starting grant. Justify the consortium. Specify any real engagement with other stakeholders.
- III Methodology**
Describe the planned schedule for the duration of the project (Gantt Chart); present the organizational elements planned for the conduct of the project
- IV Leverage effect ; Sustainability of the project development**
Selection and justification of the international call(s) envisaged at the end of the advanced grants project
- V Justification of resources**
Justify the resources requested. If applicable, include information on any co-funding resources
- VI References**
- List of support documents to download when submitting the project**
- Budget allocation file
 - Project's timeline : 1-year calendar of project's objectives and actions (Gantt Chart)
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 - Letters of commitment from the stakeholders
 - The acknowledgment signed by all team leaders and PI, attesting:
 - they participate in only one project
 - they are permanent staff for the whole duration of the project
 - they have acknowledged all the application rules
 - Full list of all the members of the research group



Application

Documents to upload – Budget file



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	UNITA Advanced Grants - Budget template						
2	Remarks : 1) To Teamleaders and Principal investigators from UNITA associated partners institutions (HES-SO, CHNU) : Please note that the amount of your grant will be given in the national currency of your country. 2) To Principal investigators : please note that the total amount of the proposal budget depends on the number of participants. The Maximal amount per participant being 12k€						
3	UNITA Full partners						
4	max. amount	- €	Travel, Accommodation & subsistence	Human resources (students and/or research assistants)	Other Costs (Consumables / Event costs / communication & dissemination costs)	TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED	
5	Number of Partners:						
6	Name Partner 1					- €	
7	Name Partner 2					- €	
8	Name Partner 3					- €	
9	Name Partner 4					- €	
10	Name Partner 5					- €	
11	Name Partner 6					- €	
12	Name Partner 7					- €	
13	Name Partner 8					- €	
14	Name Partner 9					- €	
15	Sub-total					- €	
16	Limit alert						
17	UNITA associated partners						
18	Max. amount HES-SO	CHF 10 000	Travel, Accommodation & subsistence	Human resources (students and/or research assistants)	Other Costs (Consumables / Event costs / communication & dissemination costs)	TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED	
19	Max. amount CHNU	see unita office coordinator					
20	Name Partner 1						
21	Name Partner 2						
22							
23							
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25	Co fundings		Amount requested in €	Amount obtained in €			
26	Regional cofinancing						
27	Private cofinancing						
28	Other public cofinancing						
29	*Add as many lines as necessary						
30	Total						
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NUMBER OF PARTNERS



MAX AMOUNT:
n. partners x 10,000 €

Maximum budget per individual partner : 12,000.00 €.
not need to be evenly distributed.

Application Documents to upload

UNITA Advanced Grant

Application's conditions acknowledgement

In this document, all project participants (principal investigator and team leaders) confirm that they are aware of the rules and conditions for participation in UNITA advanced grants projects.

In particular, participants certify that:

- they agree to be part of this project, respecting the activities described in the application.
- they are not applying, as PI or team leader, in any other UNITA advanced grant project. As such, they cannot benefit from other UNITA advanced grant funding in any other project.
- they are permanent staff for the whole duration of the project
- they are aware of all the conditions under which the funding will be granted and how it will be used, precised in the call

Signatures of principal investigator and all team leaders:

Please indicate the following information: Name, surname, institution, signature

Principal investigator:

Team leader 1:

Team leader 2:

Team leader 3:

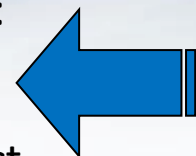
Team leader 4:

More if applicable

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	Advanced Grant GANTT Chart template																
2																	
3																	
4	Project title																
5	WP1	Title	Partner's name		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	
6		A1.1															
7		A1.2															
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9	WP2	Title	Partner's name														
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13	WP3	Title	Partner's name														
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16	WP4	Title	Partner's name														
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20		Legend:															
21		TT Meetings	ex.: 1p/univ 2 days														
22		Worskops/Events	ex.: 2p/univ 2 days														
23		Other Activities															
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The acknowledgment signed by all team leaders and PI, attesting:

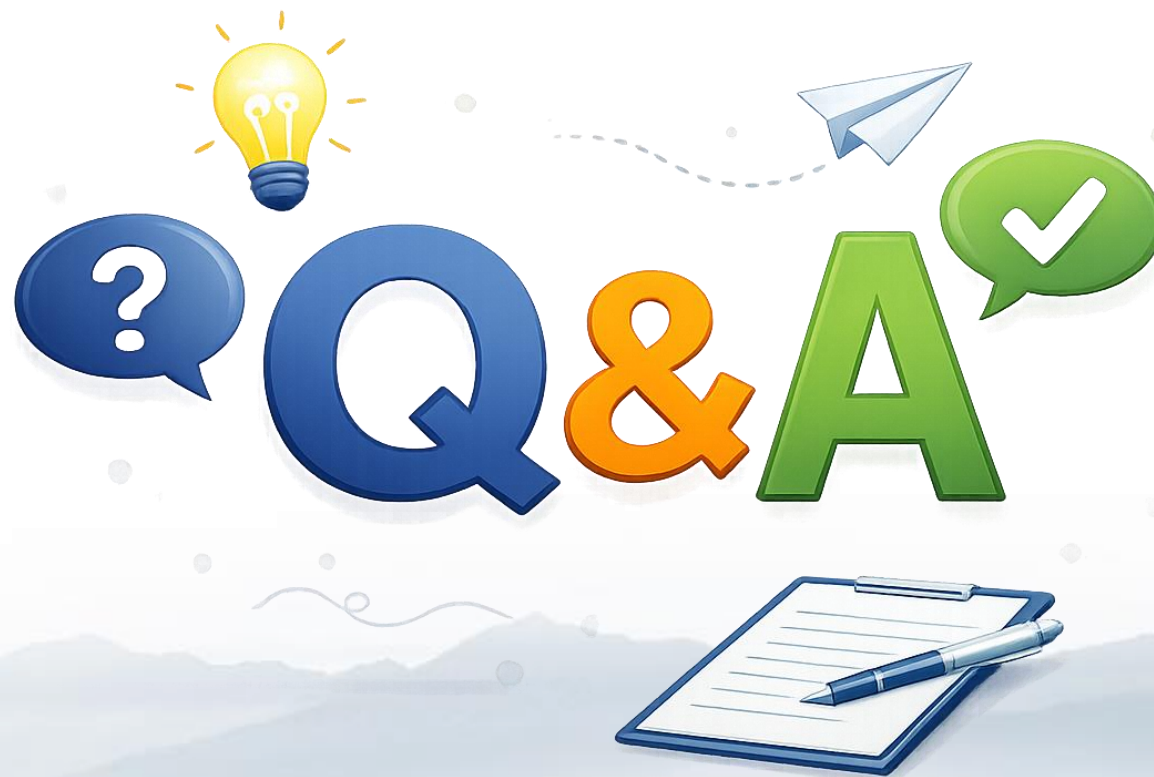
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Available files

- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **List of funded Starting Grants**
- **Contact of local HUB representatives**





Obrigado pela sua atenção

Grazie per l'attenzione !

Merci de votre attention!

Vă mulțumim pentru atenție

Gracias por su atención

