

***CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION  
ON COVID-19: EU Member States, Associated Countries and China***  
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## FRANCE

### AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE

#### FLASH CALL COVID-19

**Deadline:** 23 March 2020

**Total budget:** 3 million euros (initial)

**Description:** the application process must be carried out by the scientific coordinator of the project on behalf of a group or a consortium. The peer review will be carried out by a scientific multidisciplinary evaluation committee, without external experts. A list of projects will then be selected by a steering committee on the basis of recommendations given by the evaluation committee.

Each project can be financed for a maximum of 200.000 euros for a period of 12 to 18 months.

#### **This call is open to Chinese participation**

<https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2020/aap-flash-covid-2020.pdf>

### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH AND MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

**Deadline:** expired

**Total budget:** 4 million euros

**Description:** 20 projects have been selected on a total of 33 proposals by the scientific council of REACTing, a consortium coordinated by INSERM (National Institute for Health and Medical Research). The call for proposals has been carried out under the aegis of Aviesan (Alliance for Life and Health Sciences).

#### **This call was not open to international participation**

<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid150211/covid-19-20-projets-de-recherche-selectionnes-pour-lutter-contre-l-epidemie.html>

<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid150212/l-effort-global-de-recherche-sur-le-covid-19-porte-a-8-millions-d-euros-afin-de-soutenir-et-coordonner-la-reponse-scientifique-a-la-propagation-du-virus-sur-le-territoire-national.html>

## GERMANY

### FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

#### RESEARCH ON COVID-19 IN THE WAKE OF SARS-COV-2 OUTBREAK

**Deadline:** 11 May 2020

**Budget:** Modules 1, 2, 3: up to 2 million euros per project; Module 4: up to 50,000 euros per project

**Description:** Funding will be provided for individual projects and, exceptionally, small research consortia (up to 3 partners). Funding will also be provided for individual projects by German applicants who wish to participate in international research consortia within the framework of the global research response to COVID-19 coordinated by the WHO. The funding covers a period of 18 months; the BMBF intends to share relevant data with international sponsors who are WHO-coordinated in GloPID-R. Funded projects must be application-oriented research and development: projects relying mainly on basic research are not eligible for funding. Cooperation with thematically related R&D projects abroad is possible, although the international partner(s) must in principle have their own funding for their part(s) of the project. However, if cooperation with a foreign working group is necessary for the processing of an essential work package, personnel and material resources in the form of a subcontract are eligible for funding.

The call is composed of four modules:

- Module 1 - *Combating COVID-19 through early clinical studies for the application of already known therapeutic approaches to Sars-CoV-2;*
- Module 2 - *Control of COVID-19 through new therapeutic and diagnostic approaches;*
- Module 3 - *Research that contributes to the understanding of the virus and its spread;*
- Module 4 - *Support of already ongoing research projects on coronaviruses.*

**This call is open to Chinese participation**

[https://www.dlr.de/pt/Portaldata/45/Resources/Dokumente/GF/2020\\_03\\_02\\_Call\\_announcement\\_covid19.pdf](https://www.dlr.de/pt/Portaldata/45/Resources/Dokumente/GF/2020_03_02_Call_announcement_covid19.pdf)

## SWEDEN

### SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL

## SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR VIRUS RESEARCH

**Deadline:** unknown

**Total budget:** unknown

**Description:** The Swedish Research Council is now mapping ongoing viral research being conducted in Sweden. Later this spring, it will be inviting researchers and other stakeholders to a workshop to jointly identify knowledge gaps and agree on the best priorities to strengthen Swedish research and knowledge in the area. The Swedish Research Council is then planning to issue a call for research on viral diseases for which treatment is currently lacking; the results of the workshop will help determine the focus of the call.

**This call will not be open to international cooperation, but researchers who are doing research in Sweden – including researchers with Chinese citizenship – will be able to participate.**

<https://www.vr.se/english/just-now/news/news-archive/2020-02-27-swedish-research-council-special-initiative-for-virus-research.html>

## NORWAY

### RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY

COVID-19 EMERGENCY CALL FOR PROPOSALS: PROJECT OUTLINES FOR CALL CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

**Deadline:** 16 March 2020 (proposal outline), 31 March 2020 (full proposal)

**Total budget:** 30 million Norwegian kroner (2.76 million euros)

**Description:** the call for proposals is based on the recent research priorities defined by the WHO. International collaboration with research groups in other countries, including those funded by GLOPID-R member organisations to foster larger-scale studies, is encouraged. Project outlines may only be submitted by approved Norwegian research organisations; these organisations may submit project outlines in cooperation with the public and/or private sectors, other public entities and/or private organisations. The Research Council can provide 1 to 5 million Norwegian kroner (92,600 to 463,000 euros) per project under this call. Each applicant must provide at least 20 % own financing.

**This call is open to Chinese participation**

<https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2020/emergency-call-proposals-project-outline-covid-19/>

## SWITZERLAND

### SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (SNSF)

#### *SPECIAL CALL ON CORONAVIRUSES*

**Deadline:** 25 March 2020

**Total budget:** 5 million Swiss francs (4.73 million euros)

**Description:** the SNSF is supporting projects involving research into coronaviruses to tackle the current crisis and prepare for likely future epidemics. The call takes into account the agenda set by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and is in line with the priorities defined by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH). The SNSF will forward the project proposals to international experts for evaluation. Applicants may request up to 300,000 francs (282,700 euros) for projects lasting up to 24 months. Bigger grants are conceivable, provided the applicant has good reasons for requesting a higher amount. On completion of the project, research data must be made available for researchers and authorities worldwide and without delay.

**This call is open to Chinese participation**

<http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/programmes/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx#News>

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE FOR THE CLINICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE 2019-NCOV EPIDEMIC

**Deadline:** expired (12 February 2020)

**Total budget:** 47.5 million euros

**Description:** With the additional amount from the Horizon 2020 programme, the Commission is scaling up the emergency call launched in January to fight the COVID-19 outbreak to €47.5 million. This allowed to select 17 projects (out of a total of 91 proposals) involving 136 research teams from across the EU and

beyond, which will start working on developing vaccines, new treatments, diagnostic tests and medical systems aimed at preventing the spread of the Coronavirus.

**Chinese participations to this call are 4 in total, spanned across 3 projects**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/sc1-phe-coronavirus-2020>

**INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE (IMI)**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON THE CORONAVIRUS**

**Deadline:** 31 March 2020

**Total budget:** 45 million euros (+45 million euros from pharmaceutical companies through in-kind contributions)

**Description:** funding will come from the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme, and will fund the involvement in the projects of organisations such as universities and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Large pharmaceutical companies that are members of EFPIA and IMI2 Associated Partners will not receive EU funding through this Call, but are expected to contribute to the projects with their own resources and funds. Proposals will be assessed by independent experts, and the funding will go to the consortia with the highest scores. Applicants who want to score well will need to demonstrate their ability to develop tests and/or treatments for COVID-19, and maximise the added value of the IMI2 public-private partnership by including contributing partners in their consortium.

**This call is open to Chinese participation**

<https://www.imi.europa.eu/apply-funding/open-calls/imi2-call-21>

**CHINA**

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF CHINA (NSFC)**

*BASIC RESEARCH OF TRACEABILITY, PATHOGENESIS, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF 2019-nCoV*

**Deadline:** expired (13 February 2020)

**Total budget:** about 30 million Chinese yuan (3.8 million euros)

**Description:** This special programme encourages inter-disciplines to adopt new scientific research paradigms in solving key scientific issues to provide theoretical and technological support in the prevention and control of COVID-19 infections. The programme will fund about 20 projects with a budget of 1.5 million yuan (192.000 euros) each. Project funded will have a duration of two years.

**The possibility of participation of international researchers or entities is not mentioned**

#### *COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – RESPONSE, TREATMENT AND IMPACT*

**Deadline:** 20 March 2020

**Budget and description:** the aim of this programme is to conduct foresighted, basic, retrospective and evidence-based joint research surrounding four topics: prevention and control, governance mechanisms, economic impact and social management under major health emergencies. Projects funded will have a duration of one year; each of them will be funded for 500.000 to 800.000 Chinese yuan (64.000 to 102.000 euros). A mechanism of continuous funding will be tried under this programme: projects selected will be continuously funded if outstanding results are achieved.

**This call is open to international participation**

#### **MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MoST)**

##### *R&D OF ON-SITE RAPID TESTING PRODUCTS FOR 2019-nCoV*

**Deadline:** expired (13 February 2020)

**Total budget:** unknown

**Description:** the projects focus on the urgent needs for on-site rapid testing of COVID-19. The scientific data generated by the projects should be submitted timely to MoST, and be accessible to all the project participants, scientists and general public.

**This call is only open to research institutes, universities and enterprises registered in mainland China**