



# HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAM RESEARCH GRANTS

The International Human Frontier Science Program funds projects in basic research studying fundamental problems in life sciences with potential to move the frontiers. HFSP attaches highest importance to novelty, scientific merit, internationality, and interdisciplinarity. HFSP Research grants are provided for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories.

## Scientific Scope



The HFSP supports projects in **basic research studying fundamental problems** on all organizational and trophic levels of life sciences. The HFSP funds **novel collaborations** that bring together scientists with distinctly different expertise. The potential of a project to move the frontiers of life sciences and lead to a breakthrough, is a major criterion in the review of HFSP research grants, and it is understood that projects with this potential may entail **high risk**.

## Research Team



HFSP promotes **international, interdisciplinary, and new research collaboration**. Scientists applying for a HFSP research grant must be organized as an international research team (with emphasis on intercontinental collaborations). Applications from individual researchers are not eligible. The HFSP research team may include 2 to 4 (rarely 5) members; one member of the team is designated as the Principal Applicant and the others as Co-Applicants.

## Types of Awards



**Research Grants - Program** are meant to allow teams of independent researchers to develop new lines of research through a new collaboration.

**Research Grants - Early Career** encourage outstanding scientists in the initial period of their independent careers, to formulate novel and promising research projects. Typically, "Early Career" team members will have completed one or two periods of postdoctoral training and recently been appointed to independent staff positions.

## Award Sum



Budgets are not required. Awarded teams receive a **fixed sum**, over **three years**, depending on **team size** (awarded 2-member teams will receive 300,000 USD, 3-member teams 400,000 USD and 4-member teams 500,000 USD annually, if all members have their labs in different countries).

## Timelines



The first step in the application process is to initiate a **Letter of Intent on the HFSP website** by **18 March 2025** and complete its submission by **27 March 2025**, for awards to be announced in March 2026. In a second step, selected applicants are invited to submit a full proposal by mid-September 2025. Decisions on awarded grants will be announced end of March 2026.

