



CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026

MY FIRST AIRC GRANT (MFAG) – Transition to independence

DEADLINE FOR PRE-SUBMISSION: MARCH 3, 2026

DEADLINE FOR FULL PROPOSAL: JULY 1, 2026

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AIRC MISSION

AIRC raises funds to support cancer research in Italy. Its mission is to understand, prevent and cure cancer through research and outreach activities. AIRC aims to find solutions to challenges in cancer research, awarding grants to the most deserving projects, as well as supporting training fellowships.

You can read more about our research funding schemes [here](#).

Guide to proposal preparation, FEA instructions, Eligible costs, templates, Keywords and results from the previous round of peer review are available at: <https://www.direzionescientifica.airc.it/funding-for-research/individual-grants/>

Foreword

Fondazione AIRC per la ricerca sul cancro ETS (from now on “AIRC”) is inviting applications for My First AIRC Grants (MFAG) in the area of cancer research. These grants are intended to encourage talented young researchers with a strong commitment to cancer research, who have never obtained an AIRC grant before, to submit their research proposals. The scientific activity must be carried out in a research organization located in Italy, organized under public or private law, whose primary goal is to independently conduct biomedical research (university, hospital or other research center). The grant will start on January 2, 2027 and will be supported for a period of five years (provided that AIRC has available funds and that the evaluation of the third year progress report is positive). The grant is up to € 150.000/year and will be awarded once in a lifetime.

With this “transition to independence” funding scheme, AIRC supports junior scientists and allows them to establish a record of independent research: to this aim, MFAG grantees will have to be the last and corresponding author of any publications originating from funded research. Failure to respect this commitment may result in withdrawal of the grant.

1. How to apply

A pre-submission inquiry is mandatory for MFAG grants. The pre-submission must contain a three-page Letter of Intent (LOI) with a description of the proposed work (including preliminary data) and of the projected achievements, together with a description of the qualifications of the applicant.

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and who present the most competitive pre-submissions will be invited to submit a full proposal.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants, henceforth defined also as Principal Investigators (PIs), cannot have more than one active AIRC individual funding at the same time.

Only one application per applicant can be submitted within the 2026 AIRC Calls for individual grants. Candidates who have an application submitted in response to any AIRC Call will not be allowed to apply for another one before receiving notification with the results of their current application.

The same research project cannot be presented by more than one applicant within any Call at any time.

2.1 Applicants

Applicants can be of any nationality and are expected to have operated to the highest standards of integrity during their whole career. PIs must be involved in the MFAG project for **at least 50% of their time** for the

entire duration of the grant.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- **hold a PhD or a Specialty degree attained between March 2016 and March 2024. If both degrees are held, eligibility is based on the date of the first degree obtained.** Exceptions to this limit are allowed only in case of research interruptions (see the “Research Interruptions and Justifications” section of the Guide to proposal preparation).
- **have at least three primary research papers as first/co-first, last/co-last or corresponding/co-corresponding author**, in press with proof of acceptance or published in the last five years (*i.e.* 2021-2026) in peer-reviewed journals; papers in press must be accepted for publication, not just submitted, by the pre-submission deadline. Long research interruptions due to maternity/paternity leave, illness or personal issues may impact an applicant’s productivity. For career breaks longer than 12 months, the five-year track record period will be extended. (see the “Research Interruptions and Justifications” section of the Guide to proposal preparation for details). Reviews, editorials, case reports, book chapters, letters to the editor without data, meeting abstracts and proceedings (even if they contain original data or are published on journals with Impact Factor) do not count for eligibility.
- **have never been awarded an AIRC individual grant before.**

A significant research experience in a competitive laboratory outside of Italy is not mandatory but represents a competitive advantage.

Applications by candidates who do not meet these requirements will be rejected (“trriage”).

PIs are not eligible to apply to this Call if their application submitted to the 2025 IG or MFAG Calls for Proposals received a score equal to or higher than 18 or 4, respectively.

2.2 Hosting Institutions

The research project must be carried out in a Hosting Institution, *i.e.* a research organization (such as university, hospital or other research center), irrespective of its legal status (organized under public or private law), **located in Italy**, whose primary goal is to independently conduct non-economic biomedical research and to disseminate its results. Possible revenues coming from non-economic research activity must be completely reinvested in non-economic research activities. Where the Hosting Institution also pursues economic activities, the financing, the costs and the revenues of those economic activities must be accounted for separately. Shareholders, members or other individuals that can exert a decisive influence upon the Hosting Institution cannot enjoy a preferential access to the intellectual property of the results generated by the non-economic research activity.

The Hosting Institutions must promote the highest standards of integrity in research, in compliance with the [AIRC policy on research integrity](#). AIRC is not responsible, and does not accept any liability, for scientific misconduct of personnel involved in a funded research project. For the funded project, the PI and the

Hosting institution shall commit to open science and FAIR principles as determined by the time of grant acceptance.

By signing the application, the Legal Representative of the Hosting Institution commits to allow the PI to be or remain affiliated with the Hosting Institution and carry out the proposed research project for the entire duration of the grant.

AIRC reserves the right not to fund proposals from PIs who, although jointly affiliated to an Italian institution and an institution abroad, do not meet criteria for substantial presence (**at least 70% of their time each year**) in the institution in Italy during the funding period. To make sure this requirement is met, supporting official documentation will be requested from all institutions the PI is affiliated with (see “Declaration on affiliation” section in the Guide to proposal preparation).

There are no restrictions on the type of position held by the Principal Investigator (PI) at the Hosting Institution. However, the PI shall be appointed under an employment contract that guarantees fair and adequate working conditions. Such a contract should include comprehensive social security provisions—such as contributions to pension schemes, health and accident insurance, and parental leave—fully compliant with national legislation and applicable collective bargaining agreements. Furthermore, these arrangements should reflect the principles and standards outlined in the [European Charter for Researchers](#), which promotes transparency, equity, and the recognition of researchers’ rights and responsibilities within the European Research Area.

In case the applicant is not yet affiliated to the Hosting Institution at the deadline for submission, the Hosting Institution and the PI **must have already negotiated the terms and conditions of his/her employment contract** and defined the recruitment procedure in case the grant is awarded, so that the project can start promptly on January 2027. Any change occurring in the relationship between the applicant and the Hosting Institution (e.g. termination, leave of absence, sabbatical etc.) or in the Hosting Institution legal entity or organization (e.g. changes in institution name, merging, Legal Representative turnover, changes in addresses) must be promptly notified to AIRC.

The Hosting Institution is expected to actively favour the independence of the PI and his/her group and provide proper working spaces, laboratories, equipment, qualified personnel and resources to allow the project execution. The Hosting Institution must provide a letter that confirms its commitment to foster the growth and scientific independence of the PI and his/her research unit, describing spaces, laboratories, qualified personnel and resources that will be available to the PI. The Hosting Institution must also guarantee that the PI will be allowed to dedicate at least 50% of his/her time to the MFAG project and to autonomously manage the resources received to carry out the research project. The PI is encouraged to apply for additional grants while supported by the MFAG. AIRC will evaluate on a case-by-case basis situation where the minimum 50% effort required for the MFAG may become incompatible with other grants on the same research topic the PI will apply to.

The letter of Institutional Commitments must include a pledge that **the PI must be listed as last and corresponding author** in publications stemming from research carried out with MFAG funds (see “Institutional Commitments” in the Guide to proposal preparation).

AIRC reserves the right to verify that these conditions are met. Failure to respect this commitment may result in withdrawal of AIRC support to the investigator.

2.3 Research plan

All proposed research plans must have a clear objective that is consistent with the AIRC mission and will likely lead to advances in cancer biology, prevention, monitoring, diagnosis, or treatment of tumors in the near term. Projects must have a duration of 5 years, with a budget consistent with this time frame.

Research plans should fall into one of the following general research areas:

- Angiogenesis
- Cancer genetics
- Cancer stem cells
- Cell adhesion, migration, invasion and metastasis
- Cell cycle control and cell division
- Cell death and apoptosis
- Chemotherapy
- Clinical research
- Computational biology
- Control of gene expression and epigenetics
- Diagnosis
- DNA damage and repair
- Epidemiology and prevention
- Gene therapy
- Hormone therapy
- Imaging
- Immunotherapy
- Infection, inflammation and cancer
- Metabolism
- Prognosis
- Radiobiology and radiotherapy
- Resistance to therapy
- Signal transduction and intracellular trafficking
- Structural biology
- Targeted therapy and new therapeutics
- Tumor immunology
- Tumor microenvironment

While rigid guidelines are not provided for this type of grant with the aim of fostering investigator-driven scientific progress, PIs should be aware that phenomenological, descriptive-at-best, proposals would not be favourably considered. As an example, proposals based on the following elements will receive **low priority and have very marginal chances of being funded**:

- studies that are essentially confirmatory in nature or represent marginal “variations-on-the-theme” of well-established concepts in cancer research;
- studies contemplating descriptive screenings of molecules and/or phenotypes without mechanistic insights and/or elements of innovative discovery. These include purely descriptive genomics and proteomic profiling studies that are not associated with a strong strategy for clinical application, or the generation of chemical compounds without validating their anti-tumor activities in pharmacological and biological studies;
- generation of reagents and/or optimization of technologies, or creation of services/technological facilities in the absence of a coherent and innovative research plan;
- chemical and/or viral carcinogenesis studies not embedded in the framework of mechanistic studies;

- requests for ongoing routine collection of current statistics, such as cancer registry or cell and tissue banks;
- descriptive epidemiological studies;
- health economics proposals;
- all phase III and IV clinical trials;
- all phase I and II clinical trials that are company-driven, with the PI or the Hosting Institution deprived of the intellectual property, of the possibility of publishing the results and of freely exchanging data, reagents and information. This does not exclude collaborative studies with industry.

As for **clinical and epidemiological studies**, AIRC has interest in the following types of studies:

- proposals aimed at studying interactions between environmental risk factors, genetic profiles and intermediate biomarkers;
- proposals aimed at studying the natural history of cancer by linking different phases of the disease to specific biological/genetic profiles;
- clinical studies of innovative procedures (e.g. molecular, imaging etc.), aimed at evaluating in clinical practice the efficacy of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, in terms of outcome and quality of life;
- pilot clinical studies of new therapeutic drugs, procedures or strategies;
- proposals aimed at a critical evaluation of last generation drugs and at elucidating their activity by mechanistic insights;
- clinical trials on types of cancer or treatment that generally receive low financial support from other funding agencies, such as studies on rare tumors and/or orphan drugs.

Proposals must contain thorough provisions of study design, statistical analysis and sample size.

For studies involving human subjects, human biological samples or animal experimentation, the approval of the relevant institutional or national authorities is mandatory. AIRC reserves the right to check compliance with this requirement anytime, up to ten years after the termination of the grant. AIRC does not accept any liability for harm to participants in AIRC funded trials.

Proposals for clinical studies that are property of companies producing drugs or diagnostic tools and that receive economic support from such companies will not be accepted. Drug supply and economic support from companies do not preclude AIRC evaluation, provided that the PIs have the full property of data and results, and that companies have no right to veto the publication of results anytime. A statement that the management of the study, data acquisition and analysis and data property are completely independent of any company producing/marketing drugs or diagnostic tools or with any type of economic interest in the study must be included in the application, together with the indication on whether the company provides its product(s) to the PI for free or not. Projects will not be funded without such information.

Should the project foresee the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to support data analysis and enhance research workflows, the adoption of such technologies must always respect intellectual property rights. Any content entered into AI systems, as well as any output they generate, should not endanger the ownership,

confidentiality, or legal protection of proprietary information. It is therefore essential to implement appropriate safeguards to ensure that the use of AI does not inadvertently expose confidential knowledge, unpublished results, or protected materials, thus preserving the integrity and protection of the project's intellectual assets.

The proposal must be original. Scientific overlap with other AIRC applications must be disclosed and justified in the "Declaration on originality of the application" form. **Submissions of proposals previously presented to AIRC by another PI will not be accepted.**

AIRC verifies documents with anti-plagiarism software. AIRC is aware that copying may be accidental and that parts of an application (e.g., materials and methods) may include duplicate material, originally produced by the PI for other goals than the present application. Nevertheless, **proposals that contain blatantly and substantially copied materials originally presented by other PIs will be rejected** (for details, please see the form "Declaration on originality of the application" in the appropriate section of the Guide to proposal preparation).

Information about the proposed research (name of the PI, title and abstract), if funded, will be published on AIRC journals and websites, the websites of potential co-funders also contributing to the funding scheme, and other public databases collecting data on national and international funding in cancer research, such as ICRP (International Cancer Research Partnership), in the full respect of the EU General Regulation 2016/679 on data protection; it may also be shared with donors who wish to support specific research projects with donations or bequests.

2.4 Resubmissions and revised applications

Applicants may resubmit a proposal that was rejected, provided that all the Call eligibility criteria are met.

The full submission must include a response to the reviewers' comments in the "Revision" online form (available for applications submitted in the last five years). This requirement applies only to applicants whose proposal was rejected at the full submission stage in the past calls.

Applicants whose applications was previously rejected at the pre-submission stage, should briefly comment in the pre-submission how they modified their project according to the comments received (if available). In case of invitation to submit a full proposal, the applicants must consider it as a new submission.

Please note that PIs whose pre-submission enquiry will receive a score \geq to 4 within the 2026 MFAAG Call for proposals will not be eligible to apply to any of the next AIRC Calls for individual grants (i.e. 2027).

3. Intellectual Property, exploitation and dissemination of results

With the purpose of ensuring that the research funded by AIRC has the best chances to result in new medical

interventions for patients (i.e., new therapeutic or diagnostic processes), when outcomes of research programs are candidates for practical exploitation, the recipient Hosting Institution shall comply with the following principles:

- Intellectual property and patents resulting from research funded wholly or partly by AIRC will be solely owned and managed by the Grantee and Hosting Institution.
- The Hosting Institution shall use its best efforts to ensure proper protection, under applicable intellectual property laws, to research results that show therapeutic or diagnostic potential irrespective of whether the research was funded wholly or partly by AIRC. In such cases, the Hosting Institution shall ensure adequate and prompt action both for timely protection and subsequent exploitation;
- Intellectual property and patents resulting from research carried out with AIRC grants will be solely owned and managed by the grantee and the Hosting Institution.
- The Hosting Institution, through its Legal Representative or a designated individual (i.e., Tech Transfer Officer, Principal Investigator, or Program Manager) shall inform AIRC in writing of any new results undergoing intellectual property protection (including, *inter alia*, patent filings or patent applications, utility models, registered designs, trademarks, copyright registrations, etc.) and of any valorization initiative, such as licensing agreements, spin-off formation, or any other forms/types of potential commercial exploitation of such results. Whenever these activities fall within the duration of a funding period, relevant notice shall be given *via* the administrative annual report. Otherwise, such notice shall be given within 10 working days *via* registered letter with return receipt or PEC addressed to airc.direzione-scientifica@pec.it;
- Subject to requirements necessary to ensure effective patent protection, the Hosting Institution shall use its best effort to disseminate research results through scientific publications and shall duly acknowledge funding by AIRC;
- In addition to scientific publications, funding from AIRC shall be given prominent notice, whenever possible, in all forms of public dissemination of news concerning the funded research;
- Unless otherwise agreed in specific agreements with AIRC, the results of research funded by AIRC must be primarily directed towards generating scientific and medical progress. In the ultimate interest of patients, this shall ensure valorisation processes that maximize the impact of new medical interventions (i.e., distribution of new diagnostic and therapeutic processes). The Hosting Institution shall promptly inform AIRC in writing about any royalties and/or revenues deriving from the results of AIRC's supported activities, it being understood that such royalties and/or revenues shall be reinvested in independent, non-profit oncological research;

At any time during regular business hours and upon at least 5 working days prior written notice, AIRC shall have the right to (i) monitor all funded institution's intellectual property-related activities, either directly or through a third party independent expert bound to confidentiality, and (ii) require the Hosting Institution to enter into an appropriate revenue sharing agreement, to be discussed on a case-by-case basis, should the funded institution enter into any valorization agreement with third parties.

AIRC shall further have the right to adopt any measure or start with any legal action it deems necessary or appropriate to safeguard, protect, or enforce its rights and legitimate interests.

All funded initiatives shall strictly and fully comply with [AIRC's intellectual property policy](#) principles, as in force and as may be amended from time to time, and the funded institution shall be bound to implement, without delay or exception, any requirement, guideline, or modification arising therefrom.

4. Disclosure of Financial Conflicts of Interest

PIs are required to disclose any financial conflict of interest with the proposal as described in the AIRC policy on [Financial conflicts of interest](#). Reviewers will be asked to determine if the conflicts declared may affect the objectivity and integrity of the proposed research plan. Appropriate measures will be taken against applicants who have deliberately or recklessly failed to disclose conflicts of interest, including: the termination of the grant, the obligation to return grant money to AIRC, the ineligibility to apply to future AIRC grants and the exclusion from AIRC review panels and other bodies.

5. Funding

Grants awarded within this Call are for a 5-year period: they will officially start on January 2, 2027 and terminate on January 1, 2032. **The grant is up to € 150.000/year.** Funding for the fourth and fifth year will be granted, provided that AIRC has available funds and that the evaluation of the third year progress report is positive.

First year of funding. Once awarded, the grant is assigned to the PI to carry out the project described in the application. Funds will be made available to the Hosting Institution under terms and conditions that AIRC will provide once the application is approved. Funds must be at the grantee's disposal within 30 days from the time the Hosting Institution has access to them.

Each year. The PI must submit a renewal request. Funding for subsequent years will depend on the submission of the renewal requests, which will have to be endorsed by the AIRC Board of Directors, provided that AIRC has available funds. At the end of each funding period (one year + three months), an administrative report must be submitted.

Year 3. During the third year of the project, along with the renewal request, the PI will have to submit a detailed scientific progress report that will be evaluated. A site visit might be scheduled as well. Funding for the last two years will be granted only after a positive assessment, provided that AIRC has available funds.

Year 5. A scientific final report will be required and will impact on the evaluation of future AIRC grant applications.

The PI is fully accountable for the budget allocation in compliance with AIRC's [grant management guidelines](#) and the Hosting Institution's purchasing procedures.

The Hosting Institution must provide the PI with the necessary infrastructure (lab/office space, personal computers, furnished labs, major equipment, etc.), personnel, administrative and grant management assistance, and employ him/her for the whole duration of the grant.

Transfer of grant money to other laboratories either in Italy or abroad is not allowed.

AIRC supports 100% of the additional costs generated by a funded project.

The following costs are [eligible](#):

- Direct research costs:
 - a) Consumables and supplies
 - b) Small bench instrumentation
 - c) Services
 - d) Maintenance
 - e) Publications
 - f) Meetings and travel
 - g) Personnel: support for up to two units of personnel, (only PhD students, early-stage researchers, research nurses and technicians) at 100% of time on the project. In case the Hosting Institution covers the PI's salary, the grant can support up to three units of personnel working 100% of their time on the project. AIRC recommends that personnel working on the project is hired under an employment contract with adequate and equitable social security provisions (contribution to pension funds, health and accident insurance, parental leave, etc.) in accordance with existing national legislation and with national or sectorial collective bargaining agreements. Furthermore, these arrangements must reflect the principles and standards outlined in the [European Charter for Researchers](#), which promotes transparency, equity, and the recognition of researchers' rights and responsibilities within the European Research Area. Personnel already holding a permanent position at the Hosting Institution at the time of the grant award cannot be paid with the grant money.
 - h) Salary for the PI (partial or full): it can be requested only if strictly necessary, *i.e.* in case the Hosting Institution cannot afford to pay his/her stipend. In this case, the salary support will be negotiated with and given to the PI by the Hosting Institution, which will have all the administrative responsibility.
- Indirect costs
- Overheads

Further information about the terms and conditions of the grant, including renewal requests, scientific and

administrative reports, will be provided once the application is approved. Hosting Institutions might be asked to set up an [agreement](#) with AIRC regulating the terms and condition of the grant.

AIRC reserves the right to site visit the PI's laboratory and Hosting Institution anytime while the grant is active and to audit the administrative management of the project anytime and up to ten years after the project is concluded.

6. The Review Process

6.1 Eligibility check

All applications are checked for compliance with guidelines and eligibility criteria; those that do not conform will be rejected at this stage. Eligibility is determined based on the documentation in the application; **applications cannot be modified after the electronic submission deadline.**

Eligible applications undergo a peer review process that ensures an expert, fair and independent evaluation of their scientific quality. Only the most scientifically meritorious applications, identified through the peer review process in a rigorous and objective manner as described below, will be funded.

6.2 Pre-submission evaluation

AIRC has appointed a dedicated MFAG Study Section composed of outstanding non-Italian experts with complementary expertise covering the various cancer research areas. The Study Section is in charge of the entire review process, including the evaluation of the pre-submissions. The identity of the reviewers will not be disclosed.

In all stages of the review process, reviewer assignments will be made in compliance with conflict of interest and appearance of conflict rules to ensure a review free from inappropriate influence. When accepting to evaluate an application, reviewers agree that they will maintain the confidentiality of the application and associated materials they have received. The [AIRC policy on conflict of interest](#) is available on our website. Each pre-submission is evaluated by the members of the Study Section who select the most meritorious, based on the review criteria listed below, and assign a score on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is "Exceptional" and 5 is "Inadequate". All applicants will be notified on the outcome of the first round of evaluation.

6.3 Full proposal evaluation

Full proposals are independently reviewed by three members of the Study Section with expertise in the specific area of the research plan, who act as *primary reviewer*, *secondary reviewer* or *discussant*. The primary reviewer might also ask to recruit a *reviewer specialist*, should he/she think that the expertise available within the Study Section may not be sufficient for a thorough assessment of the research proposal. The reviewer specialist is recruited from a panel of about 600 well established international investigators working in institutions outside of Italy. Each of the three members of the Study Section provides a score, while the reviewer specialist only expresses a priority for funding.

The review criteria are:

- significance and impact on cancer;
- innovation;
- approach, feasibility and scientific rigor of the proposed research;
- PI's international standing, leadership, track record of publications and commitment to cancer ;
- quality of the Hosting Institution: environment, international standing, resources, facilities, infrastructures and commitment to support the independence of the PI;
- adequacy of the budget requested.

Should there be a substantial involvement of collaborators in the proposed studies, reviewers will be asked to determine if the application is indeed for an individual grant, with the scientific leadership and independence maintained by the PI.

When all evaluations have been submitted, reviewers are invited to read the critiques by the other reviewers who evaluated the same proposals and, if they deem necessary, to make additional comments. When all reviews are completed, applications are ranked in order of scientific merit (the *preliminary score*, which is used to rank the applications at this stage, is calculated as the mean of the scores received from the three reviewers who evaluated the application). Proposals are thoroughly discussed by all members of the Study Section during the plenary session. The final ranking, which is based on the *final score* of each application, is calculated as the mean of the scores received from all members of the Study Section during the discussion. Shortlisted candidates might be interviewed.

The final ranking and the financial availability of AIRC will determine the recommendation for funding, to be endorsed by the AIRC Board of Directors (*Consiglio di Amministrazione*).

All applicants will be notified of the final decision on their application with an official communication from AIRC (the notification date is reported in the "Deadlines" table), and they will have access to the reviewers' comments. **The funding decision cannot be appealed.**

Please note that PIs whose pre-submission enquiry will receive a score ≥ 4 within the 2026 MFAAG Call for proposals will not be eligible to apply to any of the next AIRC Calls for individual grants (i.e. 2027).

7. Deadlines

Deadlines are strictly enforced: applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Deadlines for applications (by 17:00 Central European Time, of the indicated dates).

Pre-submission enquiry (mandatory)	Publication of Call and application form release	January 30, 2026
	Online submission	March 3, 2026
	Online submission with digital signature of the PI and Legal representative	March 17, 2026
	Notification of results	May 30, 2026
Full proposal (only if pre-submission approved)	Full submission form release	May 30, 2026
	Online submission	July 1, 2026
	Online submission with digital signature of the PI and Legal representative	July 15, 2026
	Papers in press *	September 1, 2026
	Notification of results	November 30, 2026
	Start of grants	January 2, 2027

* Requests about papers in press from applicants that did not meet the eligibility criteria at the time of the pre-submission deadline will not be considered. Communications regarding such papers in press will be forwarded to all reviewers evaluating the proposal. Please refer to the “Guide to proposal preparation” for details.

The PI and the Legal Representative must digitally sign both the pre-submission and the full proposal: refer to the [FEA instructions](#) (“Firma Elettronica Avanzata”) for details. **If the digitally signed applications are not submitted by the indicated deadline, they will not be sent out for review.**

Deadlines for renewal requests, administrative and scientific reports will be communicated in the award letter.