



# OVERVIEW ON 2024 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

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**Note:** This document is purely informative.

For details, please refer to AIRC calls for proposals that will be published in 2024 on [www.direzionescientifica.airc.it/funding-for-research](http://www.direzionescientifica.airc.it/funding-for-research)

## 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.

## FELLOWSHIPS

### Fellowship for Italy – Pre-Doc

Awarded to new graduates or PhD students, these fellowships are meant to help young researchers to learn the basics of research and gain experience at a leading Italian laboratory.

### Fellowship for Abroad – Pre-Doc

Awarded to new graduates or PhD students, these fellowships are meant for young researchers wishing to gain research experience at a leading institution outside of Italy.

### Short-Term Fellowship

Supports the career development of young researchers wishing to spend up to 3 months at an institution located abroad or in a different Italian region, by covering the expenses due to mobility.

### Fellowship for Italy – Post-Doc

Awarded to PhD graduates, these fellowships will support the career of young researchers who wish to broaden their scientific skills in cancer research at a leading Italian laboratory.

### Fellowship for Abroad – Post-Doc

Awarded to PhD graduates who have already gained experience in a laboratory in Italy, these fellowships allow for a further period of training in a research center whose facilities are considered at the forefront of oncological research.

Only one application per applicant can be submitted within the 2024 AIRC Calls for fellowships.

	Italy Pre-Doc	Abroad Pre-Doc	Italy Post-Doc	Abroad Post-Doc	Short-Term
<b>Duration</b>	1-3 years	1-2 years	1-3 years	1-2 years	1-3 months
<b>Budget</b>	25.000 €/y	Based on the Hosting Institution's salary scale	35.000 €/y	Based on the Hosting Institution's salary scale	Up to 1.500 €/month
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduates within 5 years from the completion of the Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduates within 5 years from the completion of the Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale)</li> <li>The institution of origin must be located in Italy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled in the last year of PhD/Specialty (completion by the end of April 2025); or</li> <li>Post-Docs or Specialists within 5 years from the completion of their PhD/Specialty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled in the last year of PhD/Specialty (completion by the end of April 2025); or</li> <li>Post-Docs or Specialists within 5 years from the completion of their PhD/Specialty</li> <li>The institution of origin must be located in Italy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD students, Post-Docs and MDs up to 40 years old</li> </ul>
<b>Call issued</b>	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	February 2024
<b>Deadline</b>	May 2024	May 2024	May 2024	May 2024	Open throughout the year. Applications must be submitted 3 months before the proposed starting date.
<b>Results</b>	December 2024	December 2024	December 2024	December 2024	
<b>Start</b>	January 2025	January 2025	January 2025	January 2025	

## GRANTS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### My First AIRC Grant (MFAG)

Awarded to talented young researchers who have already gained experience in cancer research, with this funding scheme scientists have the opportunity to develop and run their own project, gradually becoming autonomous and independent.

### Start-Up Grant

Awarded to talented young researchers who have already matured a significant scientific experience abroad, these grants will allow them to establish a new laboratory in Italy and manage their research activities in full autonomy.

### Bridge Grant

This one-year award is meant to bridge the gap between grants for junior and senior researchers. This extension-grant is awarded to the most meritorious MFAG or Start-Up grantees to help

finalize their studies, thus being better prepared for applications in response to funding schemes for established researchers (e.g., AIRC Investigator Grants).

### Next Gen Clinician Scientist Grant

It will foster a new generation of exceptionally talented physician scientists wishing to carry out an investigator-driven clinical research project with the final aim of optimizing clinical practice.

### Southern Italy Scholars (SIS) Grant

The AIRC SIS grants will foster the creation of new research units in Southern or Insular Italy. They will be led by talented scientists with a strong commitment to cancer research, seeking an opportunity of developing their independent careers and establishing a network of collaborations with research groups located in the rest of Italy or abroad.

## GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHED RESEARCHERS

### Investigator Grant (IG)

These projects are led by established and independent scientists, with funds covering both the cost of research and personnel working on the project.

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	<b>MFAG</b>	<b>Start-Up</b>	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Next Gen CS</b>	<b>SIS</b>	<b>IG</b>
<b>Duration</b>	5 years	5 years	1 year	5 years	5 years	5 years
<b>Budget</b>	100.000 €/y	200.000 €/y	100.000 €/y	~300.000 €/y	200.000 €/y	No limits
<b>PI salary</b>	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-10 yr from PhD/Specialty</li> <li>• 3 primary research articles as leading author in the last 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD/Specialty, ≤ 40 yr old</li> <li>• 2 primary research articles as leading author in the last 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holders of an MFAG or a Start-Up Grant in its final year of funding</li> <li>• 3 primary research articles as leading author in the last 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD, ≤ 45 yr old</li> <li>• 5 primary research articles as leading author in the last 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤ 45 yr old</li> <li>• 3 primary research articles as leading author in the last 5 years</li> <li>• Hosting Institution in Southern or insular Italy</li> <li>• Collaborations in the rest of Italy/abroad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 primary research article as last author in the last 5 years</li> <li>• A total active Impact Factor (IF) ≥30 in the last 5 years</li> </ul>
<b>Call issued</b>	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	May 2024	September 2024	February 2024
<b>Deadline</b>	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	June 2024	October 2024	March 2024
<b>Results</b>	December 2024	December 2024	December 2024	April 2025	May 2025	December 2024
<b>Start</b>	January 2025	January 2025	January 2025	July 2025	July 2025	January 2025



