

Research Grants : Call for Proposals 2026

Context

The Fédération de Recherche et d'Animation Plasmas à Paris (PLAS@PAR) invites applications from its members to support research in plasma physics, covering fundamental processes, applications, numerical studies, experiments, and observations. PLAS@PAR welcomes applications from all eligible members of the community and particularly encourages submissions from researchers belonging to groups currently underrepresented in plasma physics. PLAS@PAR encourages collaborative research projects, and eligible proposals may include:

- Requests for **small equipment and operational expenses** not typically covered by the laboratory. Note that the Federation will not cover expenses for attending conferences, purchasing personal computers, laptops, etc.
- Support for **experiments conducted at large scale international research facilities**.
- **National and international collaborations**.
- **Outreach activities for the general public**.

Note on Exclusions: For this call PLAS@PAR does not fund support for invitations (visiting researchers) or contributions to events such as workshops or conferences.

Eligibility of Principal Investigators.

PhD students and postdoctoral researchers may submit a proposal as Principal Investigator (PI), provided that the application includes a signed letter from their supervisor confirming their support for the project.

Evaluation criteria

Scientific quality and relevance of the project to PLAS@PAR. Involvement of PLAS@PAR teams and collaborative dimension. National and international positioning of the research. Feasibility of the project within the allocated time frame. Ability to spend the allocated budget before the end of the year. Additional or co-funding opportunities.

Funding & Budget requirements

Funding requests must range between €2,000 and €15,000 per project. All requests for equipment funding must include a quotation demonstrating that the equipment can be ordered and delivered within the 2026 budgetary period.

Timeline

Submission deadline: 16 October 2026 at 12:00 (midday)

Applications must use the template provided (page limit is strict) and send it by email, in PDF format only, to: andrea.ciardi@obspm.fr

Shortly after the submission deadline: Announcement of projects funded by the Federation's Committee.

End of 2026: Deadline for completing expenditures.

Project Reporting and Acknowledgment

PLAS@PAR funding must be explicitly acknowledged in all scientific publications and presentations. The following acknowledgment should be included in any related work: "This work received financial support from the Fédération de Recherche et d'Animation Plasmas à Paris – PLAS@PAR."

A final report detailing the financial expenditures and scientific outcomes of the project must be submitted by the Principal Investigator (PI) in early 2027.