

Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia. 2015 IFCAH project grant support

Key Dates:

February 15th, 2015: Letters of intention (LOI) due date
March 30th, 2014: LOI decision notification
June 7th, 2015: Full application due date (for accepted LOIs)
October, 15th 2015: Audition of proposals
November, 2015: Award notification

Background

IFCAH is a private fund, aimed to promote research on Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH). In 2015, it launches its fifth call for proposals, in association with ESPE. A total amount of **350.000€** is associated to this program. **Participation is restricted to Europeans teams, except for those working specifically in the field of cellular and gene therapies.**

Specific goals

Increasing knowledge on pathophysiology of the disease

The projects could be directly or indirectly targeted on CAH, but the expected results should potentially help the knowledge of CAH.

Prevention, diagnostic and treatment of natural or iatrogenic complications

Impact on foetal development, growth, puberty, effects on metabolic and cardiovascular systems, male and female fertility, bone density, immunity, neuro cognition...

Proposition of new therapeutic targets and protocols

Pharmacotherapy, Development of gene or/and cellular therapy models: these projects will be particularly considered and could be funded by the French Muscular Dystrophy Association (AFM-Telethon).

Funding

Selected research projects will be supported **up to EUR150k** (total). Funding period will have to start at the latest 6 months after notification of the award and will not exceed three years. Funds will have to be used for expenses directly linked to the project, including specific equipment, operating costs or salaries of co-workers.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent academic degree and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, or comparable institution. Only one project from a research team will be considered. Applications for the renewal of an IFCAH's support are accepted but applications for a different project, from a team previously supported by IFCAH, will not be considered, up to the end of its former grant.

Selection procedures

The information given on LOI will enable the scientific board of IFCAH-ESPE to access the priority of the projects and to determine whether the proposed research merits a full application. Full applications will be requested from selected LOIs and submitted to peer-review. Final selection will take place after an oral project's presentation (on site in Paris or through video-conference) to the IFCAH-ESPE scientific board.

Additional information is available on www.ifcah.org

Specific forms for letters of intent can be obtained from cfp2015@ifcah.org