

Call for research projects (*Seed-funding*)

Context

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Mountain Research (ICMR) is a pilot project of the University of Lausanne for a period of 4 years (2018-2022). It aims to reinforce knowledge on the specific issues of mountain regions (climate change, economic vulnerability, regional planning, for example) by addressing them through different methodological approaches supported by both the natural sciences or the human and social sciences. It achieves these objectives by supporting interdisciplinary research projects, conducting thematic syntheses and organizing scientific events.

The ICMR focuses on nine main research topics: <https://www.unil.ch/centre-montagne/home/menuinst/recherche.html>

The activities are carried primarily on the Vaud Alps and the Valais Alps, including the plain regions linked to them (Rhône River plain): <https://www.unil.ch/centre-montagne/home/menuinst/territoires.html>

Call for Research Proposals

To encourage the start-up of new interdisciplinary projects, the ICMR is offering funds (*seed-funding*). Limited to max. CHF 25,000 per project, these funds must be used as a priority for the start-up of interdisciplinary projects (networking in particular), carried out as a priority in the two study regions. Projects funded should, as far as possible, lead to a more ambitious research project, funded externally. The funds requested may be supplemented by other sources of funding. Three types of projects are funded: fundamental research projects, applied research projects and projects that promote research results.

Projects will be evaluated by the ICMR Board, based on the following criteria: (1) scientific interest (in relation to the Centre's priority themes); (2) interest for the study regions ; (3) interdisciplinary nature.

Rules

1. Projects are open to ICMR members (according to the list <https://www.unil.ch/centre-montagne/home/menuinst/membres/membres-unil.html> at the time of the call). The project is submitted by a respondent, who is one of the UNIL members of ICMR. Other UNIL researchers or other institutions, as well as associate members of ICMR (<https://www.unil.ch/centre-montagne/home/menuinst/membres/membres-associes.html>) can be part the research group.
2. Proposals (written in French or English) must be submitted as a **single pdf file** to Christelle Monnet, Secretary of CIRM (christelle.monnet@unil.ch) **until 28 October 2018**. The file will include:

- the attached administrative form duly completed;
 - a description of the project (**max. 6 pages**, according to the attached form) including the title, scientific objectives, organisation of the research, expected results and a paragraph describing the modalities of the interdisciplinary research;
 - the composition of the research team;
 - a curriculum vitae of the project leader (max. 2 pages);
 - any supporting documents.
3. The funds can be committed from 1 January 2019 and should in principle be used in 2019. They can concern both salaries and research costs (equipment, travel, seminars, etc.). A scientific report must be submitted no later than 3 months after the end of the project.

More information:

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Application Form

Project Leader

Name:

Surname(s):

Address UNIL :

E-mail:

Phone:

Research Team

Name, Surname	Status <i>(Prof., researcher, PhD student, etc.)</i>	Institute or Faculty Institution <i>(Associate member)</i>	E-mail

**Si nécessaire, rajouter des lignes.*

Budget

Total project's budget	Sum (CHF)
Describe the main budget items (for salaries, including UNIL social security contributions ; https://www.unil.ch/srh/home/menuinst/infos-administratives/donnees-salariales.html)	
External funding	Sum (CHF)
Budget requested to ICMR	Sum (CHF)
Expected budget commitment period	

** Note: it is possible to use another form of presentation than above.*

Project Description (max. 6 pages)

1. Title
2. Scientific objectives (state of research, scientific question, hypotheses, etc.)
3. Research team's expertise
4. Research organization (project structure, schedule, etc.)
5. Main expected results and originality of the project (including for the study regions)
6. Modalities of interdisciplinary research