



CNRS-Momentum 2018

FAQ

Can the project fit into several themes?

No, you must choose a main theme.

In which language should I write my research project?

You can apply in either English or French: all documents to be completed are available in both languages, and interviews can be conducted in either language.

Are the three funding items cumulative?

Yes. If you are a CNRS researcher, you can ask up to 60 000 € for your research AND two years of salary for a post-doctoral/engineer or one year for a technician. If you are a non-recipient researcher, you may therefore request up to 60,000 € for research AND two years of salary for a post-doctoral/engineer or one year for a technician AND three years of salary for you.

How much is the salary?

All salaries (non-titular recipient, post-doctoral fellow, research engineer, technician) will be calculated on the base of the CNRS scale. As an indication, the gross monthly salary of a non-recipient researcher/postdoc is between 2600€ and 3600€ (experience of less than two years and equal to seven years, respectively); the gross monthly salary of a technician is between 1500€ and 3000€ (experience of less than three years and more than twenty years, respectively).

What expenses are eligible?

Are eligible operating and equipment expenses, as well as the costs of missions and the organisation of scientific events necessary for the conduction of the project. Staff costs (fixed-term contracts, doctoral students' salaries, internship grants, etc.) may not be financed from these credits, nor the purchase of equipment not directly required for the project. These funds are state funds and must therefore be consumed in full during the calendar year; they cannot be carried over to the following year. Finally, no overheads can be taken from the Momentum grant.

Can I delay the start date of the project?

Yes, provided that the project starts during the year 2019. However, the financing cannot continue after 31 December 2021, and the months prior to the actual starting date of the project will therefore be deducted.

Do I need to attach a document proving the agreement of the host laboratory director?

No attestation is required for non-recipients. Proposing a host laboratory is not an obligation: if you have not designated one, the CNRS will suggest a host laboratory. On the other hand, CNRS researchers must obtain a visa from their unit director.

I am an assistant professor, am I eligible?

No, the only CNRS researchers are eligible.

Does being a Momentum laureate prevent me from applying for a CNRS tenure position?

No; if you are a laureate and get a research position, your Momentum salary will be stopped but you will continue to receive the other funding.

What happens if I get another funding, ATIP, ANR, ERC, or faculty position?

Momentum funding cannot be combined with any other funding.

How will the results be communicated?

Candidates will be contacted individually by email at the end of the selection process.

No expertise will be provided; upon request and within two months after the information is provided to the candidates, the main comments of the assessments may be sent to them by e-mail.