

Call for research projects 2024

L'Université Paris Cité and Sciences Po are launching a new call for scientific proposals for 2024, with academic objectives and financially supporting specific and innovative research projects. These proposals can cover a period of two years and a half (mid-2024 to December 2026) and cannot exceed a total budget of 45,000 euros. The proposals will be examined by an international jury, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), which will meet according to the schedule presented below.

1. Aims and evaluation:

These resources aim at financing fundamental research operations as such and do not provide for funding under the form of "seed money".

We define a "fundamental research project" as a project carried out by one or more members of the permanent Faculty of Sciences Po and l'Université Paris Cité, around an innovative research question or a new "breakthrough" approach. Cooperation with external partners is possible; however, the latter must find their own funding.

1. The scientific proposal must describe the proposed research project, the methodologies which will be implemented to carry it out and the expected contribution in relation to the state of knowledge.
2. Project leaders will have to show how the research they wish to undertake will be a major innovation, an asset for the visibility of research at Sciences Po and l'Université Paris Cité, likely to make the institutions even more visible on an international scale and present the complementarity and added value of collaboration.
3. The scientific proposal must also clearly mention the research activities (transcriptions, missions, surveys, etc.) that are intended to be carried out and funded by this call.
4. Requests for funding for the purchase of research tools (such as software) or for participation in conferences will only be considered if they clearly contribute to carrying out the research.
5. The proposal may mention as an objective the preparation of a response to a larger European or national call. However, the submitted project must be self-sufficient and result in a scientific contribution (publication, etc.).

The evaluation will therefore focus on:

- the innovative nature and scientific excellence of the planned project as well as its inclusion in well-identified theoretical perspectives;
- the quality of the teams involved, their complementarity and the added value of their collaboration;
- the feasibility and relevance of the planned activities and in particular the description of the methodological approaches used.

Projects can be monodisciplinary or interdisciplinary. All scientific themes are eligible. However, some key themes and methodological orientations are identified: environmental and digital transformations, health, education policies, discrimination issues and methodological pluralism.

2. Project eligibility conditions

The eligibility criteria for the selected projects are as follows:

- only permanent members of the faculty can be project leaders;
- projects must be led by a researcher or teacher-researcher from Sciences Po, or co-led by researchers or teacher-researchers from Sciences Po and l'Université Paris Cité. In the first case, it must involve a team from l'Université Paris Cité;
- project leaders must use the proposed form in order to facilitate the work of evaluators and send a CV of the project leader(s) of maximum three pages;
- the complete proposal must not exceed 7 pages, including bibliography, and will be written in English: no annex will be sent to the evaluators;
- as the proposals submitted are intended to receive funds allowing the start-up or carrying out of new and original research, they cannot relate to projects already financed by other internal calls;
- only projects received before the closing date indicated in the call will be taken into consideration in order to allow the evaluations to proceed smoothly;
- all projects must be sent to marisol.vazquezcuevas@sciencespo.fr, even if other contacts from the scientific department may be copied on the email; for any questions, it is advisable to reach out to Madame Vazquez Cuevas as well.

- the budget must describe the project costs per partner. Expenditures are eligible until December 31, 2026.

3. Conditions of allocation

The evaluators meeting within the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of Sciences Po will study all the proposals and will transmit a written evaluation of the proposals for which they are rapporteurs. Two written evaluations will be communicated to the project leader(s) when the decision is notified.

The funds delivered will be entrusted to the management of one of Sciences Po's research units (the main project leader's). If the financing relates to 2024, 2025 and 2026, each financial envelope must be consumed within the year, without the possibility of deferral.

The selected proposal's main project leader must submit an activity report at the end of their project, or at the latest, January 2027.

4. Calendar

December 15th, 2023	Publication of the call for proposals
February 15th, 2024	Deadline for sending proposals
Spring 2024	Evaluation of proposals by SAB
End of spring 2024	Notification of assessments and resources awarded

5. List of SAB members

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is made up of 8 academic figures external to the establishments and will be invited upon receipt of validation of this call for complementary projects.

For this call, the Council's conclusions will be shared between the DFR of Sciences Po and the VP Research of l'Université Paris Cité, who do not take part in the vote.