

Association Francophone de la Maladie de Blackfan - Diamond (AFMBD)

The French Diamond Blackfan anemia (DBA) association is a non-profit organization gathering DBA patients and families to fight against this rare disease. DBA is a bone marrow failure to produce red blood cells. It causes DBA patients to become severely anemic. Most of them are diagnosed within the first year of life. Potentially, they can live long and healthy lives with heavy medical treatment: monthly blood transfusions or daily corticosteroid medication. When possible, younger DBA patients may undergo bone marrow transplant. There is still an urgent need for a better understanding of the disease and for a safer and more efficient therapy.

The association is proud to launch its second

« DBA Therapy » call for proposals

The AFMBD is proud to fund research projects and acknowledges that it is the hard work, coupled with the love and generosity of our families and friends, which enables us to continue our efforts. We are sincerely grateful for the commitment of the many donors that have supported our accomplishments.

A global funding of 60 000 euros will be dedicated to our second call for research projects in 2022. One to five projects will be financed according to their potential contribution to *the progress toward a therapy for DBA*.

The project may preferably deal with:

- target identification and validation for DBA drug discovery
- relevant in vitro assay for validated DBA targets
- relevant in vivo models of the disease
- search for small molecules as putative drug candidates
- development and clinical trials of drug candidates
- gene therapy

Project evaluation :

The projects will be evaluated by at least two independent experts. The final decision will be made by the AFMBD steering committee and ad hoc advisors.

The main evaluation criteria are the following:

- Adequation with the objectives of the call for proposals
- Scientific excellence
- Feasibility
- Action plan relevance
- Impact on the future treatment of DBA
- Importance for the project of the ADMBD financial contribution.



The principal investigator will have to provide a scientific and financial report one year after access to the funds. All publications related to the project will have to acknowledge the financial support of AFMBD. AFMBD funding will not open rights to industrial property.

Project submission:

Projects will have to be written in English in 4 to 10 pages, according to the frame below. They must be submitted as .pdf files to: mhibert@unistra.fr Submission deadline: July 31, 2022. Decision and fund availability: September 30, 2022.

Questions/contact : <u>mhibert@unistra.fr</u>; +33 677 04 46 75.



AFMBD - Call for Proposal 2022 Submission form

Project Title

Principal investigator: Name: Institution: Address: Mail:

Partners:

Telephone:

Name: Institution: Address: Mail: Telephone:

Summary

Please type your text here in Calibri or Arial 11. 15 lines maximum.

Proposal's context, positioning and objective(s)

Scientific and medical context:

Please type your text here in Calibri or Arial 11

State of the art:

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Objectives of the project in relation to Blackfan Diamond anemia THERAPY:

Please type your text here in Calibri or Arial 11

Strategy/methods: Please type your text here in Calibri or Arial 11

Action plan / Workpackages:

- Work package 1 (WP1): Please type your text here in Calibri 11
 Deliverable WP1:
- 2. Work package 2 (WP2): Please type your text here in Calibri 11
 - Deliverable WP2: ...

Etc. as needed.

Available models:

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Originality and feasibility: Please type your text here in Calibri or Arial 11

Partnership

Describe briefly the experience of the different partners and their respective contributions to the project.

Give 5 recent most representative publications for each partner.

Literature references related to the project

Financial request

The subvention may be used for personal, equipment or consumable costs.

Partners	Funds requested (euros)	Justification
Principal investigator		
Partner 1		
Partner 2		