



Grand Programme de Recherche / université
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Call for Projects

GPR « HUMAN PAST »

Support for Early-Career Researchers

Launch of the CFP: April 20, 2026
Submission of projects: before **June 19, 2026, 11:59pm**
Arbitration during the PIs Board Meeting: July 9, 2026



CFP #1 Support for Early-Career Researchers GRAND PROGRAMME DE RECHERCHE "HUMAN PAST"

Project submission deadline is **June 19, 2026 (23h59)**

Applications (**one project per person**) should be sent to Melina Abdou (melina.abdou@u-bordeaux.fr) and the GPR co-leaders (dir.humanpast@u-bordeaux.fr)

OBJECTIVES OF THE GPR "HUMAN PAST"

Le GPR (Grand Programme de Recherche) "Human Past" is an interdisciplinary research project, funded by the Initiative of Excellence of the University of Bordeaux. "Human Past" gathers ~190 researchers from 4 laboratories (PACEA, AUSONIUS, Archéosciences Bordeaux, and EPOC) and 1 UAR (Bordeaux Proteome) associated with the University of Bordeaux (UB) and the University Bordeaux-Montaigne (UBM).

"Human Past" aims to document, characterize and understand the tipping points that triggered critical biologic and cultural changes in past populations. Covering a broad time span, ranging from prehistory to historical periods, our research aims to identify the steps that allowed a primate originally adapted to African ecosystems to evolve into a species that occupies and impacts every ecosystem on the planet. Biological and cultural systems are examined at different scales, using a variety of perspectives, with particular attention to phenotypic and genetic variation, cognition, technology, social organization, belief systems and the different biological and cultural adaptive strategies that govern human societies.

We focus our efforts on five interconnected questions: 1) What mechanisms have affected the genetic and phenotypic diversity of human and animal communities? 2) How have human societies interacted with their environment? 3) How and why do new cultural traits appear, propagate and disappear? 4) How did symbolic systems emerge and how did they affect social organization? 5) How can the study of cultural heritage improve our knowledge of the human past while at the same time promoting its protection and strengthen societal and community development?



OBJECTIVES OF THE CFP “Support for Early-Career Researchers”

This call for projects aims to provide occasional support for the activities of PhD students and early-career researchers on fixed-term contracts whose work falls within the scientific scope of the GPR “Human Past”.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO THE CFP “Support for Early-Career Researchers”

- Be a member of the GPR “Human Past”.
- Be on a contract lasting 12 months or more at the time of the call for projects and be able to use the allocated budget before the end of the contract.
- Eligible contract types: doctoral, postdoctoral, ATER, research engineer, etc.

Contracts such as assistant engineer, study engineer, and Junior Professor Chair are not eligible.

The co-PIs of the relevant WP(s) must be informed of the funding application.

SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION (1/2 PAGE MAXIMUM)

Describe the project and the scientific context in which the request is situated.

SCIENTIFIC JUSTIFICATION (1/2 PAGE MAXIMUM)

Describe the scientific objectives targeted by this project, justifying the funding request.

Describe the expected impact of the request in relation to the scientific objectives of the GPR ‘Human Past’ as well as on the career path and development of the young researcher.



FINANCIAL JUSTIFICATION (1/2 PAGE MAXIMUM)

Describe and justify the relevance of the resources requested for the implementation of the scientific action. Provide any information on possible co-funding, if relevant, and the status of this co-funding (approved, pending, etc.). Specify the timetable for the use of the resources requested.

Eligible expenses are:

- Operating expenses (consumables, missions, analyses, publication costs, small equipment costing less than 800€, services, etc.).
- Equipment expenses (>800€).

Applications for master internship grant and staff recruitment are not eligible.

BUDGET OF THE CFP

The CFP#1 has a budget of **25 000 €**.

The amount requested by a project may not exceed **2 000 €**.

TIMETABLE OF THE CFP

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They will be arbitrated at the PI Board meeting on July 9, 2026.

COMMITMENTS OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

- The allocated budget must be spent **before September 2027 and before the end of the successful candidate's contract**.
- All recipients of funding under this CFP shall submit a **brief report** on the use of the funds allocated before January 2028 and to participate in a **short presentation** at the GPR end-of-year presentation day.