

Call for proposals - Lymph&Co Research grant 2023

Lymph&Co Foundation

The Lymph&Co Foundation supports groundbreaking scientific research that may lead the way to the cure or the improved therapeutic management of lymphoma.

1. Aim of the call

Every year about 500,000 new patients are diagnosed with malignant lymphoma worldwide. While an increasing proportion of patients can currently be cured with various modern modalities of treatment due to scientific progress, unfortunately there is still a significant proportion of patients in whom cure cannot be achieved. Thus, the treatment of malignant lymphoma poses a huge unmet therapeutic need.

Lymph & Co's motto is "*Away with Lymphoma*".

The Lymph&Co Foundation supports outstanding researchers around the world who are looking for ways to better understand and treat these diseases. The Lymph&Co Research Grant is one of our instruments to support innovative research of unquestionable scientific quality with a potentially high impact for patients.

2. Call Topic

The aim of this call is to fund ground-breaking translational research on malignant lymphoma, malignant lymphoid neoplasia and related malignant blood diseases (particularly lymphoid disorders). Projects will be considered eligible that enhance our understanding and furnish insights or develop tools that will advance the treatment.

3. Application

3.1 Eligibility

Any research project meeting the criteria of sections #1 (Aim of the call) and #2 (Call topic) is eligible for funding.

Applications from individual researchers or research groups are welcome. Investigators (national or international) involved in translational research on lymphoma are invited to submit a research proposal. In particular, collaborative research proposals from various scientific groups (national and/or international) with complementing expertise are encouraged to apply for a research grant.

The main applicant must be employed by a university, university hospital or research organization. Commercial parties are not eligible for funding.

3.2 Submission of proposal (use Lymph & Co application form)

Applications should be submitted using the [application form](#) available on the Lymph&Co website.

There will be a two-stage submission procedure for applications: pre-proposals and full proposals. The call is scheduled to open on **3 July 2023**. The deadline for submitting the pre-proposals is on **7 September 2023**. The Scientific Advisory Board of Lymph&Co will carry out a scientific evaluation according to specific evaluation criteria. Based on this central evaluation, selected consortia will be invited to submit a full proposal by **11 January 2024**.

Applications must be sent to the secretariat of the Scientific Advisory Board of Lymph&Co by email (research@lymph-co.com) after filling in the submission form on the Lymph&Co website.

Time line

10 July 2023	Publication of the Lymph & Co Call for proposals
7 September 2023	Submission deadline for pre-proposals to research@lymph-co.com
13 November 2023 at the latest	Full proposal invitations sent to project coordinators
11 January 2024	Submission deadline for full proposals
Mid-May 2024 at the latest	Final funding decision to applicants
September 2024	Start of funding

3.3 Grant conditions and budget

Applications for funding for personnel and materials/infrastructure have a maximum of 1.0 M€. Funding is granted for a maximum of four years.

Applicants are only allowed as main applicant or co-applicant on one research proposal.

By submitting a research proposal, applicants agree to comply with the grant conditions imposed on acceptance of a grant. These conditions pertain to the open access policy, code of conduct, and ethical approval by relevant authorities. Applicants should also be willing to present their research project to donors of Lymph&Co and/or other interested parties. A full description of conditions can be downloaded from the Lymph&Co website.

3.4 Contact details

The only official communication line of the proposal is between the Lymph & Co Secretariat (research@lymph-co.com) and the project coordinator. The project coordinator will be the person contacted by the Secretariat during the application procedure, so he/she must forward this information to the other participants.

4. Evaluation

Proposals will be assessed according to specific evaluation criteria (see below).

Evaluation criteria:

1. Excellence

- a. Clarity and pertinence of the objectives;
- b. Soundness of the concept
- c. Innovative potential
- d. Feasibility of the project (adequate requested resources, time schedule, access to patients or patients' data and/or material)
- e. Competence and experience of participating research partners in the field(s) of the proposal (previous work in the field, specific technical expertise).

2. Impact

- a. Potential of the expected results for the future clinical applications including patients' needs;
- b. Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), to communicate the project to the patients and to manage research data where relevant
- c. Involvement of Industry and Patient Organization participation/engagement (when appropriate/applicable)

- d. Competence and experience of participating research partners in the field(s) of the proposal (previous work in the field, specific technical expertise).

3. *Quality and efficiency of the implementation*

- a. Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and time frame
- b. Budget and cost-effectiveness of the project (rational distribution of resources in relation to project's activities, partners responsibilities and time frame).