

SPS Research Open call 2026



Instructions

Schedule:

<u>Submission deadline:</u>	Monday March 2, 2026 (midnight)
<u>Results:</u>	June 2026
<u>Beginning of the projects:</u>	Autumn 2026

The global budget for this call is 240 k€ in 2026.

Through this open call, SPS will fund projects between 20 and 40k€ (with or without recruitment).

Original projects or projects lifting technical barriers will be favoured.
We encourage PIs to involve a research collaboration between SPS teams / platforms in their project.
Collaboration with French and/or international non-SPS teams is possible but the external teams will not be able to receive SPS funds.

Please note that an important evaluation criterion will be the feasibility of the project within the time period and with the human and financial support described in the project.

- > A Project Leader (PL) can only present one project.
- > The PL of a project selected on year N cannot submit a project on year N+1 or N+2.
- > Previous SPS funding received by the teams involved in the project will be taken into account as a criterion in the evaluation process.
- > SPS will fund no more than one proposal per team as PL in 2026.

Projects have to be written in ENGLISH.

PL will have the possibility to suggest potential reviewers who may have conflicts of interest (3 maximum, precise the name and lab).

Applications will be processed by the Research Working Group (collection of the projects, management of the expertise by external reviewers, suggestion of classification based upon the evaluation of the external reviewers). The classification suggested by the Research Working Group will be reviewed by the SPS Executive Committee who will make the final selection by consensus.

The PL of a selected project commits to providing any additional information requested by SPS about the project, during or after the project (notably as part of the SPS activity reports).

For any question, contact the Research working group: recherche-sps@inrae.fr

Attention:

The submission folder consists of two files:

- 1) **An abstract file:**
You must rename this file under the following convention
"2026_ResearchOC_Acronym of the project_Abtract"
- 2) **A file describing the project in detail:**
You must rename this file under the following convention
"2026_ResearchOC_Acronym of the project"

Both files must be submitted in pdf format.