
Call for Research Proposals 2025

Sciences Po is announcing its annual internal call for research proposals for 2025 in order to finance specific and innovative research projects presented by the tenure-track and tenured faculty of Sciences Po. These proposals may cover a period of up to three years and may not exceed a total budget of €45,000.

The proposals will be reviewed by an international jury, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), which will meet in the Spring of 2025.

1. Objectives and evaluation

This funding is to fund research activities as such and do not provide funding in the form of “seed money”.

The projects are supposed to be collective or individual projects conducted by one or more members of the Sciences Po Faculty. Participation of external partners is allowed, but it should be funded by their own resources.

1/ The research proposal must present the planned research project, the methodology that will be used to conduct it, and the expected contributions.

2/ The research proposal must also clearly describe the research activities (data collection, travel, conferences, etc.) that this funding will allow to be carried out.

3/ Requests for research tools, infrastructure or conferences will only be considered if they clearly contribute to the project.

4/ The proposal may describe as an objective the preparation of an application for a larger European or national research funding; however, the project must be self-contained and offer a possible scientific contribution.

The evaluation will therefore be based on:

- the novelty and excellence of the proposed project;
- the feasibility and relevance of the proposed research activities and in particular the description of the methodological approaches used;
- the quality of the research team – both Sciences Po faculty and external partners.

2. Projects eligibility requirements

The eligibility criteria for projects selected by the Research Division are as follows:

- only Sciences Po's tenure-track and tenured faculty may be project leaders (CNRS or FNSP researchers, OFCE researchers, FNSP researchers-professors, and MESR researchers-professors employed at Sciences Po during the project period);
- the project leaders must use the proposed form and send a CV of the project leader(s) of maximum three pages;
- the complete proposal should not exceed 7 pages, including bibliography, and should be written in English; no annexes will be sent to the reviewers;

- as the proposals submitted are intended to receive funds to start or carry out new and original research, they cannot be directly related to the projects already financed by other internal calls (LIEPP, DS such as the “axes de la soufflerie”, Project Liberty Institute);
- all projects must be sent with the keyword “SAB” in the subject line to direction.scientifique@sciencespo.fr even if other people from the Research division may be in copy of the email;
- the funding starts in January 2026 or the second half of 2025 depending on the project’s needs.

3. Decision procedure and project management

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) reviewers will study all proposals and will send written evaluations to the Research Division. Two written evaluations will be communicated to the project leader(s) at the time of notification of the decision.

The funding will be managed by the research unit of the project’s principal investigator. **If the funding covers several years, each instalment must be used within the year, without the possibility of carry-over.**

Project leaders who are selected and have already received funding under a previous call for proposals will not have access to their new budget until the previous project is completed.

Successful applicants must submit an activity report at the end of each calendar year of the project.

4. Calendar

December 2024	Publication of the call for proposals
February 21, 2025	Deadline for submission of proposals
Spring 2025	Review of proposals by the SAB
Late spring 2025	Notification of evaluations and resources awarded