

‘Young Labs’ (YL) in the Anthropocene PRA

Guidelines for applicants

This document contains selected information which applicants may find helpful when drawing up proposals in the call.

Before proceeding with the proposal, please make yourself familiar with the call announcement and the call's terms and conditions, including the criteria of evaluation used by experts and reviewers.

1. Applicants, types of projects, duration

The call admits only entries from researchers employed by the Jagiellonian University who do not hold the title of full professor or a habilitated doctor degree and who:

a) have held a doctoral degree for up to four years (awarded no earlier than February 2017), who seek funding for launching a research collaboration and founding their first research team (‘My First Lab; MFL’),

or

b) have held a doctoral degree for more than four years and up to nine years (awarded between February 2021 and January 2017), and seek funding for maintaining or expanding an existing research collaboration, or initiating a new one, and for consolidating their position of a young leader of science (‘My Advanced Lab; MAL’); project duration: 12 or 24 months.

Under the YL call funding will be granted solely to research projects, and an applicant may solely be a person who over the period of project implementation will be counted in the N number in one of the disciplines covered by the Anthropocene PRA research areas (see https://anthropocene.id.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/strategia).

2. Project thematic scope

The thematic scope of the projects proposed for funding must address at least one of the three research domains specified in the Anthropocene PRA strategy and be related to at least one of the disciplines defined for the Anthropocene PRA) (https://anthropocene.id.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/strategia). It is obligatory for projects to meet the criterion of interdisciplinarity and the criterion of internationalisation, resulting from the 4*I principle of the EI.JU programme.

3. Schedule and project costs

The maximum amount of funding per proposal is PLN 200,000 (this amount includes also salary surcharges).

Disbursement of the funding awarded for the implementation of the projects recommended for funding should be planned as starting from 15 September 2021.

Remuneration in the projects;

for project manager: PLN 1,500 gross / month (1,794.60 gross + surcharge / month);

for investigators: PLN 1,200 gross (+ surcharges if applicable).

Salary surcharges amount 19.64 per cent. In the case of special JU staff, the surcharges are always obligatory, whereas in the case of persons receiving salaries based on a civil-law contract, the surcharges depend on multiple factors. Therefore, in accordance with the call's terms and conditions, the applicant should consult the cost estimate in terms of formal eligibility with an EI.JU office employee: Ms Anna Anioł-Mazurek (anna.aniol-mazurek@uj.edu.pl) or Mr Bartłomiej Konecko (bartek.konecko@uj.edu.pl)

5. Drawing up proposals

The proposals should be drawn up in English and submitted solely electronically by means of an entry form available at <https://strefaid.uj.edu.pl>.

Before proceeding with the proposal, we suggest that applicants log in to the application system, and make themselves familiar with the proposal's electronic entry form, and the criteria used by experts and reviewers when evaluating the proposals.

The proposal's entry form shall be filled out with (among others) the following information:

- application type, select: grant: 'My First Lab, MFL' or grant: 'My Advanced Lab, MAL;'
- applicant details: full name, applicant type (selection from a list), Anthropocene PRA research discipline represented by the applicant: selected from a list, date of doctoral degree award;
- information on the project: project title, project type (only research project), project abstract (character limit);
- research domains: as defined for the Anthropocene PRA (to be selected from a list);

- research disciplines: the project must fulfil the criterion of interdisciplinarity, although when indicating the disciplines select at least one discipline assigned to the Anthropocene PRA;
- Scopus subject areas: to be selected from a list;
- project implementation time: in the case of ‘My First Lab’ – only 24 or 30 months, in the case of ‘My Advanced Lab’ – only 12 or 24 months;
- detailed description project aims, significance of the project, state of the art in thematic scope of the research, research concept and methodology, concept of the project intended as continuation to pre-existing research (including information on potential partners and a funding institution) (pdf file, up to 10 standard pages i.e. normal margins: 2.5 for all, Times New Roman 12, spacing 1.5);
- the applicant's experience conducting research: list up to 5 research achievements from the entire period of academic activity (e.g. the applicant’s research / publication achievements, fellowships abroad, participation in research projects as principal investigator / co-investigator, papers delivered on specialist conferences. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** CV is not to be attached to the proposal!);
- members of the project team: members of the project team (e.g. investigator 1 – JU staff, investigator 2 – staff from outside JU, investigator 3 – doctoral student), investigators’ expected abilities;
- information on access to equipment: Provide information on whether the applicant enjoys access to infrastructure necessary for the implementation of the project, or whether they planning to purchase it under the project funding, or whether they are planning experiments using own services / services by third parties(character limit);
- project's relevance to the EI.JU programme goals, the ‘4*I’ principle, and the programme indicators (character limit). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The project must fulfil the criterion of interdisciplinarity and the criterion of internationalisation (the ‘4*I’ principle):
- the project topic’s relevance to the PRA thematic scope (character limit);
- project implementation plan and schedule: define individual tasks: name of the task, start and end dates (in months of task implementation), task cost (including personnel costs), task description, cost justification;
- project’s expected products / results: **IMPORTANT NOTE:** select from the list the obligatory project deliverables resulting from the call’s terms and conditions (e.g. submission of a research funding proposal to an external institution) and (if applicable) other, declared in the proposal (see the call’s terms and conditions).