

## **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia.**

### **2021 IFCAH project grant support**

**Key Dates:**

January 15, 2021: Letters of intention (LOI) due date  
February 2021: LOI decision meeting  
April 2021: Full application due date (for accepted LOIs)  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Audition of proposals  
July 2021: Award notification

### **Background**

IFCAH is a private fund, aimed to promote research on Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH). In 2021, it launches its eleventh call for proposals, in association with ESPE. A total amount of **350.000 €** is associated to this program. **Participation is open worldwide** and will, if possible, include teams based in Europe.

### **Specific goals**

**Increasing knowledge on pathophysiology of CAH.**

The projects should be relevant to CAH. The projects could include research on adrenal development, differentiation and homeostasis, but in any case, clinical relevance to CAH should be emphasized. Research on adrenal tumours and cancer is excluded from this call.

**Prevention, diagnostic and treatment of natural or iatrogenic complications**

Impact on foetal development, growth, puberty, effects on metabolic and cardiovascular systems, male and female fertility, bone density, immunity, infection, neuro cognition...

**Proposition of new therapeutic targets and protocols**

Pharmacotherapy, Development of gene or/and cellular therapy models.

### **Funding**

Selected research projects will be supported **up to EUR150k** (total). Funding period will have to start at the latest 6 months after notification of the award and will not exceed three years. Funds will have to be used for expenses directly linked to the project, including specific equipment, operating costs or salaries of co-workers (with the exception of salaries of senior permanent staff of academic and governmental agencies which are not eligible). Indirect costs or managements fees are not eligible and must be covered by another source.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must hold an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent academic degree and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, or comparable institution. Only one project from a research team will be considered. Applications for the renewal of an IFCAH's support are accepted but applications for a different project, from a team previously supported by IFCAH, will not be considered, up to the end of its former grant.

### **Selection procedures**

The information given on LOI will enable the scientific board of IFCAH-ESPE to access the priority of the projects and to determine whether the proposed research merits a full application. Applicants will have to inform on project positioning versus international competitors. Full applications will be requested from selected LOIs and submitted to peer-review. Final selection will take place after an oral project's presentation (on site in Paris or through video-conference) to the IFCAH-ESPE scientific board.

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