

Call for projects 2027

LabEx EnergyAlps
Submission file



Context

The LabEx EnergyAlps brings together the UGA research community around the challenges of electrical energy, a key driver of the energy transition. This community is highly multidisciplinary, particularly supported by the PEM, PSS, and MSTIC research departments, as well as teams from CEA Grenoble.

The scientific challenges of EnergyAlps concern planning and control of resilient electrical systems, regulation and governance of energy systems, ownership of the transition, deployment of digital architectures for smart grid observation and management, and the development of efficient and sustainable power electronics. To enable the use of these technologies, EnergyAlps includes cross-cutting aspects such as data, methods, and multi-scale, multidisciplinary models.

To strengthen synergies within the community and produce groundbreaking research on under-explored topics with the potential to deliver significant advancements beyond the state of the art, EnergyAlps is launching a call for projects.

This call aims to fund small equipment/operating costs or internships (**seed funding pack**) and Postdoctoral positions (**post-doc pack**). Regarding PhD funding, the LabEx EnergyAlps will submit an application to the EU MSCA COFUND program in 2027. As a result, **no PhD funding will be offered under the 2027 Call for Projects**. Instead, the LabEx is launching a **Call for Expressions of Interest (AMI)** to identify potential PhD topics that could be funded by the COFUND program if the application is successful.

In summary, the three components of the 2027 call are:

- **Seed funding:** Submission deadline **12 November 2026**, response in December 2026.
- **Post-doc:** Submission deadline **14 December 2026**, response in April 2027.
- **Call for Expressions of Interest (AMI):** Submission deadline **14 December 2026**, response after notification of the COFUND application results (September 2027).

Seed funding Pack
Max €6,000 per project

This pack supports the launch of research projects. Funding may cover internships, small equipment, or operating expenses.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Scientific quality** (originality compared to the state of the art, clarity of approach and methods, relevance of the consortium and resources mobilized),
- **Expected impacts** for initiating more ambitious research projects related to LabEx themes,
- **Development of collaborations** within the UGA community on electrical energy challenges.

Timeline:

- Launch of call: **September 21, 2026**
- Deadline for full proposal submission: **November 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm**
- Funding decisions and project selection: **early December 2026**
- Project start: **early 2027**

Postdoc positions Pack

Max funding per application: between 12 and 24 months

EnergyAlps intends to support post-doctoral research to consolidate significant advances on its themes, benefit from the expertise of young researchers, and potentially prepare them for an academic career. Post-docs will last between 12 and 24 months. An additional €3,000 per project may be considered, subject to decision of the evaluation committee.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Scientific quality** (originality compared to the state of the art, clarity of approach and methods, relevance of the consortium and mobilized resources),
- **Role** of the recruited post-doctoral researcher,
- **Expected impacts** in relation to LabEx themes,
- **Development of collaborations** within the EnergyAlps community.

Timeline:

- Launch of call: **September 21, 2026**
- Full proposal submission: **December 14, 2026 – 1:00 pm**
- Project selection announcement: **April 2027**

Call for Expressions of Interest (AMI)

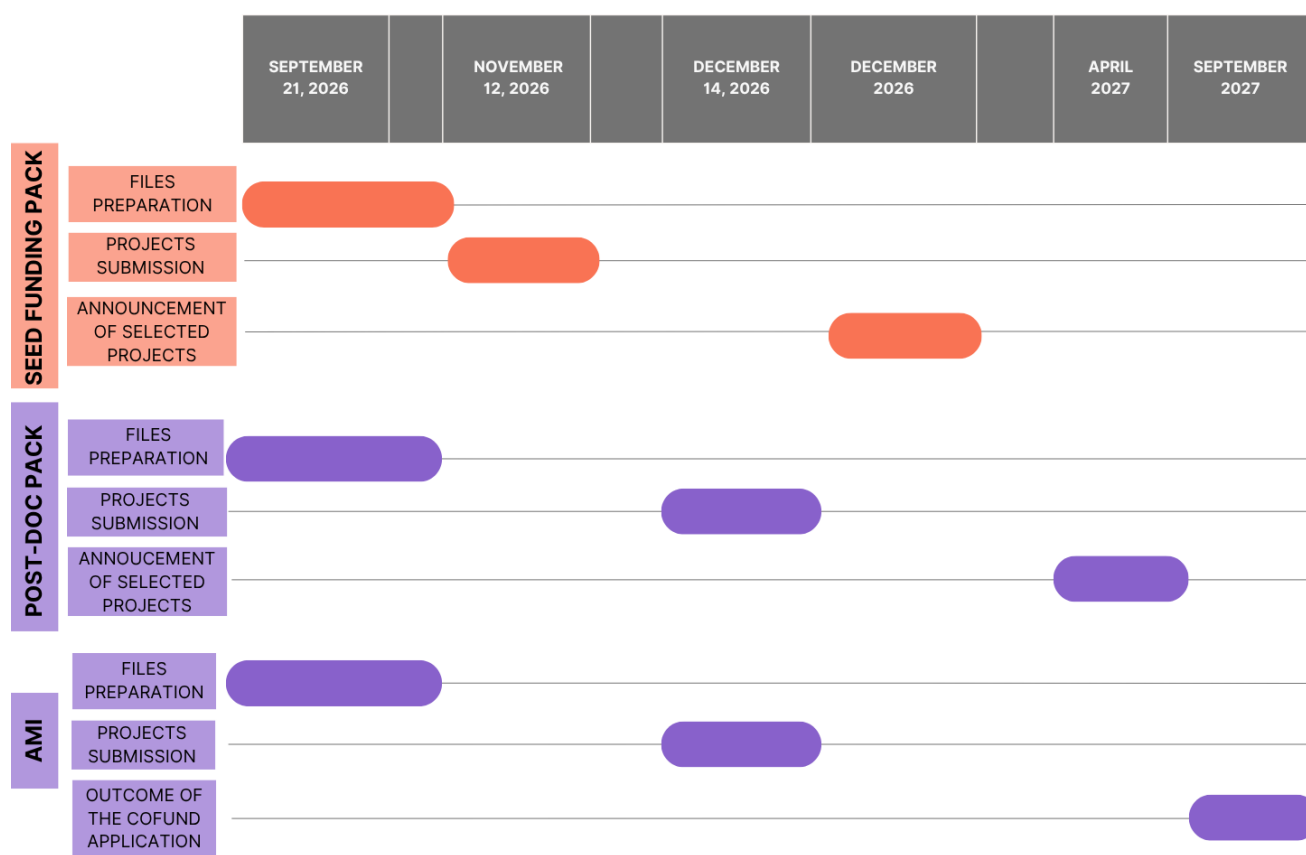
This Call for Expressions of Interest (AMI) is a preparatory step designed to identify research themes aligned with those of the LabEx, as well as supervisors interested in COFUND-type funding. Proposals submitted under the AMI will not undergo immediate evaluation but will contribute to the development of the scientific project. Feedback to project leaders will be provided after the notification of the COFUND application results. If the COFUND application is successful, the selected

topics may be integrated into the future doctoral program. If the COFUND application is not accepted, the LabEx will inform the project leaders about potential alternative funding options for their proposals.

Timeline:

- Launch of call: **September 21, 2026**
- Deadline for expressions of interest: **December 14, 2026 – 1:00 pm.**
- Feedback on projects : **after the outcome of the COFUND application (september 2027).**

Call planning



General terms and conditions

Project management:

The project coordinator must be a permanent active member (researcher, faculty member) of a UGA research unit or of CEA Grenoble.

The research unit director's visa is mandatory. All project proposals are eligible, with no quota per unit.

Projects including national or international academic partners outside UGA's research departments, or socio-economic or cultural actors, are eligible. However, only activities conducted by UGA research units or CEA Grenoble research teams will be funded.

Synergy requirements:

Projects must meet two obligations:

- Involvement of a research unit from a UGA research department.
- Effective collaboration with at least one other UGA research unit and/or a CEA Grenoble research team.

Mandatory documents:

Details are provided in the annexes. All documents must be in Calibri font, size 11 pt, single-spaced, in English or French.

Submission:

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file before the deadlines. Late submission will not be evaluated. Documents must be uploaded to the LabEx website : <https://energyalps.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/appels-projets>

Contact

For any questions regarding the 2027 call for projects, please do not hesitate to contact the following email address: energyalps-direction@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr.