

Call for projects 2026

LabEx EnergyAlps



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.

EnergyAlps is launching its 2026 call for projects, through three modalities available to the entire community:

- **Seed funding** : submission by November 10, 2025, results notification in December 2025.
- **PhD grants**: submission by December 15, 2025, results notification in March 2026.
- **Post-doc grants**: submission by December 15, 2025, results notification in March 2026.

The call aims to strengthen synergies within the UGA community and generate breakthrough research on underexplored topics whose results could lead to significant advances compared to the state of the art.

Seed funding Pack

Max €6,000 per project – total planned budget: €33,000

This pack supports the launch of research projects. Funding may cover internships, small equipment, or operating expenses for the 2026 calendar year.

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 22, 2025**
- Deadline for full proposal submission: *November 10, 2025 – 1:00 pm*
- Funding decisions and project selection: **early December 2025**
- Project start: **early 2026**

Postdoc grants Pack

Max funding per application: 12-24 months – (total funding of the call : 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 22, 2025**
- Deadline for letters of intent (*optional*): **November 10, 2025 – 1:00 pm**. Projects submitting a letter may receive support from the LabEx office. Letters will not be used for evaluation but will help the office anticipate support modalities.
- Full proposal submission: **December 15, 2025 – 1:00 pm**
- Project selection announcement: **March 2026**

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.

For PhD funding, the PhD supervisor must be affiliated with a UGA Doctoral School.

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>

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