



2025

“AMIS FSH” CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

AMIS FSH is a patient association founded in France in 2002 with the following aims: (1) to break the isolation of patients; (2) to inform patients; (3) to promote FSHD research; (4) to network.

As part of its efforts to promote research in FSHD, AMIS FSH is launching an international call for basic or translational research projects on any topic that is innovative, high risk/high reward and could change the field if successful. These grants could be considered as "seed money" to help generate the preliminary data needed to apply for larger grants.

However, particular attention will be given to

- 1) Partnership projects involving several laboratories/teams working together.
- 2) Approaches that guarantee profitability and are patient oriented:
 - a) Better understanding of disease mechanisms (infantile forms, hearing loss, pain...)
 - b) Delaying the progression of the disease,
 - c) Improving well-being,
- 3) Therapeutic strategies that could be scientifically, financially and technically feasible in the long term.

"AMIS FSH" will distribute a total of 60,000 euros in 2025. The funded budget per project is limited to 25,000 euros per year. No contribution to the PI's salary and no indirect costs are allowed.

Applicants can be clinicians or scientists currently working on FSHD, or currently working in another field and wishing to switch to FSHD research.

A project can last 2 years and, if funded, the grantee will be required to submit a report after the first year. It will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and the Amis FSH Board will decide on its renewal.

The Amis FSH Association, in agreement with its Scientific Committee, may not use all of this grant and/or allocate a budget different from that requested by the project team.

Applications are processed as follows:

- 1) **One page letter of intent should be sent before April 1 to:**

grant_application_2025@amisfsh.fr

- 2) **By April 15, the Scientific Committee will have selected the Letters of Intent for which a full project could be submitted on forms which will be sent by e-mail to the selected applicants.**

- 3) **Full applications should be sent to the above email addresses by May 31**

- 4) **The projects will be evaluated and ranked by a scientific committee composed of Professors Alexandra Belayew (University of Mons, Belgium), Peter Jones (University of Nevada, USA) and Peter Zammit (King's College, London). The "Amis FSH" Board will select the best projects to be funded. The decision will be published by June 30 and the funds will be made available at the beginning of September 2025.**



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