



Following our previous three calls (2019, 2021 and 2022) calls, the Pure Ocean Fund is pleased to open our 2023 Call for Projects. We will be, once again, supporting ambitious and innovative research projects in favor of biodiversity and the protection of marine ecosystems.

To scientists worldwide, we know that you hold the keys to our better understanding of the ocean and, potentially, the solutions for a healthy and sustainable future. We can't wait to discover your proposals !

[Submit your application online](#)

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THEMES : THE 4 PURE OCEAN CHALLENGES

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AMOUNT GRANTED

The selected projects will receive up to **40 000€/yr** (25 000€/yr on average), for a duration of **one or two years**, at the discretion of the **Scientific Committee**. A two-year long project may therefore

NATIONS 10 OCEAN DECADE CHALLENGES

- Understand and combat **marine pollutions**
- **Protect biodiversity** and **restore** damaged marine ecosystems
- **Strengthen the climate resilience** of marine ecosystems and people who depend on them
- Improve our **understanding** of the **ocean system**

ELIGIBILITY

- The candidate project must address one or several **Pure Ocean Challenges**.
- We seek and support projects in **all regions of the world**.
- There is **no age limit** to apply, but **early career applicants** are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Only **research institutes, universities or NGO's** may apply. The project may involve a **collaboration with private stakeholders** (companies, startups, etc.).
- Applicants should clearly outline their co-funding opportunities in their budget, as well as a minimum operating budget in the event that Pure Ocean cannot grant the full amount requested.

be awarded a maximum of 80 000€; support for some projects may be renewed for an additional year.

HOW TO APPLY ?

Please fill in [the online form \(English only\)](#). Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

For any question, contact Charlie Mathiot at science@pure-ocean.org.

KEY DATES

- Opening of the call on **Septembre 29th, 2022**
- Closing of the call on **November 15th, 2022**, midnight GMT.
- Applicants should be informed of mid-term results, laureates will be announced on **March 21st, 2023**.

SPECIFICITIES OF THE 2023 EVALUATION CRITERIA

CALL

This year, special attention will be given to projects :

Applications will be assessed against one criterion: **impact**, that is to say the tangible and lasting benefit provided by the realization of the project within the

based and/or carried out in the
Brittany-Atlantic region

targeting **polar ecosystems**

addressing the issue of **plastic pollution**

seeking to **quantify the blue carbon potential** of marine habitats

Projects not integrating these specificities, but meeting the eligibility criteria, are of course accepted.

framework of one or more of the Pure Ocean Challenges.

Indicators used to assess the impact of a candidate project:

- The project offers an **innovative approach** (technological, social, nature-based and/or exploratory innovation)
- The project **addresses** one or several **Pure Ocean Challenges** in a precise and relevant way
- The **specific objectives** of the project and the **means** to achieve them are clearly defined and achievable within the project duration
- The project involves active participation and **collaboration** of multiple stakeholders*, and fosters **inter/transdisciplinarity**
- The project includes a **dissemination plan** tailored to share results with the various target audiences, as well as the actions necessary to engage with them

* If the project has a local/regional scope, at least one of the stakeholders must ensure a local/regional anchoring and local populations' involvement.

