

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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## Two-stage project selection

1. Letter of intent
  - deadline for submission: February 28, 2016
2. For projects selected at the first stage
  - deadline for submission of complete proposal: May 15, 2016

Projects should be submitted electronically to [cecilia.bettinelli@aiom.it](mailto:cecilia.bettinelli@aiom.it). Other modalities of submission (by hand, via traditional mail) are not allowed.

## Eligibility of applicants

Principal Investigator (applicant) must be a medical doctor, with AT LEAST one of the following characteristics:

1. Specialty in Medical Oncology (completed or ongoing)
2. PhD in Medical Oncology.

The applicant should demonstrate to be part of a working team. The project should be conducted in a Hospital or University or a National Cancer Institute (IRCCS, *Istituto di Ricerca a Carattere Scientifico*).

The applicant must be AIOM member (mandatory condition).

## Objectives:

AIOM aims to support translational research in the field of cancer research. Projects supported should have a potential impact on clinical practice and patients' clinical management.

**With this aim, AIOM provides 400.000 euros, to be appointed to a single project or more projects. Projects should have a duration of 2 years.**

**Co-financing of research projects is allowed. If the overall budget of the project is higher than 400.000 euros, the applicant must specify the modality of co-financing the remaining amount.**

### Selection criteria

Projects must cover at least one of the following topics:

- Evaluation of prognostic / predictive markers, and markers of drug resistance (with drugs already approved in clinical practice; projects designed for new drugs development will not be supported)
- Evaluation of tissue / serum factors in the field of tumor immunology, and evaluation of factors related to immunogenicity in the different tumors.

Each project:

- Must demonstrate a scientific validity, supported by a referenced background and rationale, with a clearly stated study hypothesis
- Must describe the potential impact of results on clinical practice and patients' management
- Must be accompanied by complete requested material, within the specified deadlines
- Should be based on a cooperative working activity within a hospital, a university or a National Cancer Institute (IRCCS).

In the evaluation process, some further elements will be taken into account:

- CV of the principal investigator (that must be attached to the project)
- Publications (of the principal investigators and/or other participants in the project), on peer-reviewed scientific journals, in the last 5 years
- The ability to cooperate with other research groups, both at a national and international level, documented by publication and / or participation in research projects in the last 5 years.

### Exclusion criteria

- All projects with objectives that are different from those specified in the previous paragraph will be not considered
- Generic requests of support (without a specific research project) will not be considered
- All requests not accompanied by the requested forms in the specified deadlines will not be considered
- All projects already ongoing will not be considered
- All projects focused on the study of new drugs (or combinations or drugs) in terms of activity, tolerability and efficacy will not be considered (if the drug is already available in clinical practice, but the project is based on its evaluation in a different setting / indication, the project is not eligible).

### Submission modality

**Projects must be submitted in English, to allow peer-review by International experts.**

Letter of intent must be prepared according to dedicated form (“Lettera di Intenti” file) and instructions.

The complete project (for projects selected after the first stage) must be in English and must report the budget details, according to the dedicated instructions that will be available for the candidates who will pass the first selection (file named “Progetto completo” and file named “Budget”). All projects lacking, even in part, the requested forms will not be considered.

All the documents should be submitted electronically, within the below specified deadlines.

### Schedule

Submission of Letter of Intent	January 18, 2015 – February 28, 2016 (23 PM Italian time)
Pre-selection results	March 2016
Submission of final project	May 15, 2016 (23 PM Italian time)
Final results of selection	July 2016

### Technical assistance

For all information about compilation and submission of forms, please contact AIOM secretariat Cecilia Bettinelli ([cecilia.bettinelli@aiom.it](mailto:cecilia.bettinelli@aiom.it); +39 0270630279).

### Publication of selection results and modality of funding

The results of first stage of selection will be published on AIOM website, and each applicant will receive email notification from AIOM President.

For winning projects, the grant should be utilized and accounted coherently with the budget details declared, within defined deadlines.