

Call for projects 2020

Who are we?

Pure Ocean is an endowment fund created in 2017 in Marseilles, France. Its main mission is to support innovative applied research projects around the world, contributing to the protection of fragile marine ecosystems and biodiversity. Beyond the funding of research projects, Pure Ocean organizes conferences and promotes races and sporting challenges to raise awareness of the critical situation of our Oceans.

Priority themes

- **Monitoring and discovering:**
 - Changes in ocean life (productivity, biodiversity, distribution or ranges of any species) & in ocean characteristics (temperature, acidity, currents, chemical cycles).
 - Molecules, enzymes and micro-organisms, processes, models of medical interest in marine life (virus, bacteria, ...)
 - Impactful diseases & new disorders: harmful algae blooms, coral viral infections, fish diseases...
- **Achieving sustainability** of any marine resource exploitation (algae, energy, ...) including possible development of new pharmaceuticals & medical treatments (biomimicry,...)
- **Restoring and/or increasing the resilience** of fragile marine ecosystems and biodiversity at any scale, with any technique/methodology.

Scientific Committee

About 30 projects will be preselected by the Pure Ocean team before being judged, according to specific selection criteria, by our scientific committee composed of:

Gilles Boëuf (President of the Scientific Board of the French Agency for Biodiversity)

Abdelmalek Faraj (Director of National Institute for Halieutic Research, Morocco)

Françoise Gaill (Scientific committee coordinator for Ocean and Climate Platform, France)

Kartik Shanker (Faculty member of Indian Institute of Science, India)

Anna Zivian (Senior Research Fellow at Ocean Conservancy, USA)

Eligibility

Pure Ocean is looking for projects in five major areas of the world: Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and polar regions. There is no age limit to apply, but younger applicants are particularly appreciated. We will also pay attention to gender equality amongst and between research projects. Only research institutes, universities or NGO's may apply.

Selection criteria

- Co-construction – Reflects inter- or transdisciplinary, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among a variety of stakeholders (e.g., research institutes, government agencies, non-governmental organisations, private sector, grassroots movements, local communities).
- Engagement – Demonstrates passion and determination along with the gathering of all relevant and realistic resources to reach effective global change.
- Innovation – Improves our current way of interacting with the planet by developing new visions, techniques and methods. 3 areas of innovation will be considered: technological, social and ecological (inspired by nature).
- Impact – Corresponds to one or more of the priority themes described above with clearly-defined short, medium, and/or long-term impacts (both quantitative and qualitative impacts as well as any intangible impacts that the project may have).
- Applicants should demonstrate co-funding opportunities in their budget.
- Projects with a potential for replicability may be a plus.

Amount granted

The selected projects will receive up to 80k€ and on average 50k€, for a duration of one year or two, at the discretion of the Scientific Committee. Support for some projects may be renewed for an additional year.

How to apply?

An application form is available online <https://forms.gle/9NYpr378hCyvKbnF8> . Please fill in the form in English only. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. For any questions contact Deborah or Laura at contact@pure-ocean.org.

Key dates

- Call opens on Tuesday 18th of February 2020
- Call **closes on Thursday 30th of April by midnight GMT.**
- Applicants should be informed of official results by the end of 2020.