

## Frequently Asked Questions

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- **Can an entity /research center apply to more than one panel?**

Yes, each entity /research center can support max 2 applications in a panel, but there is no limit on how many panels they apply.

- **What if the entity / research center does not have an ongoing collaboration agreement with ARAID at the time of the application?**

They can still support the applications, but are encouraged to sign the agreement as soon as possible, and not only in the event of incorporating an ARAID researcher.

- **How do I find the email of a Scientific Manager at a Host Institution?**

Each Institution should provide a contact person for ARAID applications, that can help you contact a Scientific Manager in your research area.

- **What is the total number of pages of the "Research Proposal" document?**

Regarding the limit, as in previous calls: there is no total limit.

You can use the first page with an image, an index, etc.

It is recommended not extending more than necessary, thinking about evaluators.

**IMPORTANT:** Sections 1-3 of Part B (scientific and technical description) of the Research Proposal must not exceed 5 pages in total considering the three sections in total (not five pages for section 1, five pages for section 2 and five pages for section 3)

- **Should preliminary data be added to the research proposal?**

It is not necessary to provide "preliminary data".

Likewise, it is not advisable to provide unpublished or confidential results. The viability of the project or new line of research can be argued based on the progression up to the time of the application, based on previous publications and projects.

Later, in the interview phase, all parties (Center, Researcher and Araid) will discuss what to expect and contribute, the professional development as well as the viability of the research report.

- **Can I include figures in the Research Proposal?**

Yes, they can be included in.

- **Is there a preferred TRL interval or progression?**

No, there is no specific priority on the TRL progression. This Call just requires identifying the starting and expected progression within 3 years in an ARAID contract.

- **How do I perform an ethics self-assessment?**

Please search for “how to perform an ethics self-assessment - Horizon Europe. For example: [this one here](#).

- **Are reference letters compulsory? Will they be evaluated? Is there a template for reference letters? Who does upload them?**

Reference letters are not compulsory but will be considered both at the external evaluation and in the interview.

The format of the reference letters is free, there is no template, but they must be uploaded in pdf.

Reference letters must be uploaded by the candidate to the call platform. If the authors of the reference letters do not want the candidate to read them, they can send them to [convocatorias@araid.es](mailto:convocatorias@araid.es)

Candidates may continue with their applications even if there are no reference letters

- **What type of letters of recommendation must be submitted?**

There are only two slots to upload two recommendation letters. There are two options: one letter about the candidate plus one letter about the project or two letters about the candidate.

- **Who should fill out the Expression of Interest?**

On the platform, who accesses at the invitation of the candidate is a researcher, group leader, ... at the Host Centre who completes the scientific/research part of the Expression of Interest (EI), and can sign and change the status of the EI to ‘completed’, to so that the candidate can complete and submit their application.

This same EI must be signed, in addition to the scientific person in charge, by the Director of the Centre (Director of the Institute, Dean of the Faculty...) and finally the Vice-Rector/Director of Research, who is the one who signs as the legal representative of Host Institution.

- **Once the Scientific Manager uploads the Expression of Interest, can the candidate modify his/her application?**

Yes, you can modify it, replace your documents if you wish...

**IMPORTANT:** Once the candidate clicks on the submit button, he/she will not be able to modify his/her application.

- **Can I print a pdf version of the application?**

Yes, on the application tool, there is an option to print the saved information into a PDF. You are encouraged to do this and keep it, just in case there are any technical problems.

- **In call 2025, does an automatic confirmation email arrive indicating that your application has been received and confirmed?**

Yes, once you have closed your application. If there is any problem, please contact us.

- **Do applicants have to send the application documents by ordinary mail or email?**

No. All documents must be uploaded to the platform.

- **Once the documents are uploaded and the application is closed, can the applicant access them?**

No

- **Is it mandatory to attach the AEI CVA or can it be in any other format?**

The Call requirements specify an abbreviated CV. You can use another similar format.

- **6 years of postdoctoral experience means after completing the doctorate or by having a sum of 6-year postdoctoral contracts?**

It is a postdoctoral research experience, in public or private entities. Return to research after a long break or non-research experience can be argued as merits in the application. Short periods between thesis defense, or between research contracts or due to relocation can be assumed as part of the research career. In doubt, please do contact ARAID.

- **Can several candidates be supported by the same responsible scientist?**

Yes, but only at one Research Center.

- **Is there flexibility in the requirements?**

Some panels may require a lower number of research years.

- **Does the application need to describe the expenses of the start-up Aid?**

It does not, but those expenses can be incorporated in the viability analysis, describing how they will facilitate a smooth start for the research proposal.