



*Fondazione per la Ricerca
sulla Fibrosi Cistica - ETS
italian cystic fibrosis research foundation*

Calls for Applications Italian CF Research Foundation 2025

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Italian CF Research Foundation

1997 Year of establishment

2 Main goals: to fund cystic fibrosis research and to disseminate information on cystic fibrosis

41



Milion euros invested in research

495



Research initiatives

196



Funded Institutes

1040



Supported researchers

Return of Investments

915



Scientific publication

10



Patents

1



Orphan Drug Designation

2



Agreements with Pharma

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Calls for Applications

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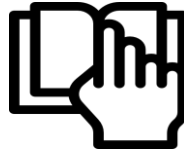
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Opening : 16 December 2024

Closing: 31 January 2025

Scientific areas of fundable projects

1) Understanding and treating CFTR basic defects

- understanding CF pathophysiology and comorbidities;
- new modulators and gene/RNA editing therapies
- alternative targets to CFTR

2) Personalized therapies

- New in vivo and ex vivo models/assays

3) Respiratory tract infections

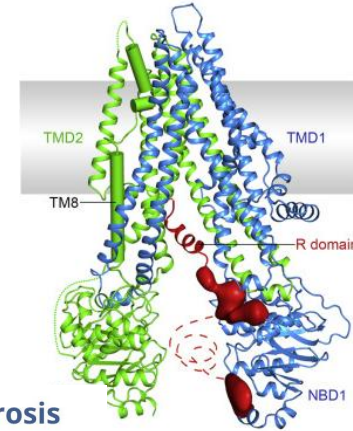
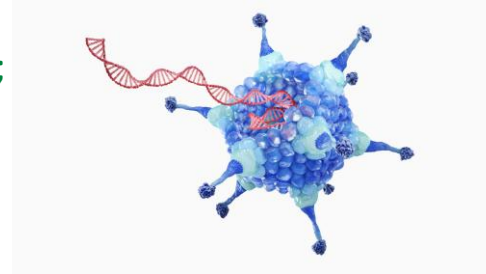
- New antimicrobial strategies
- Procedures/diagnostic tests

4) Inflammation in cystic fibrosis

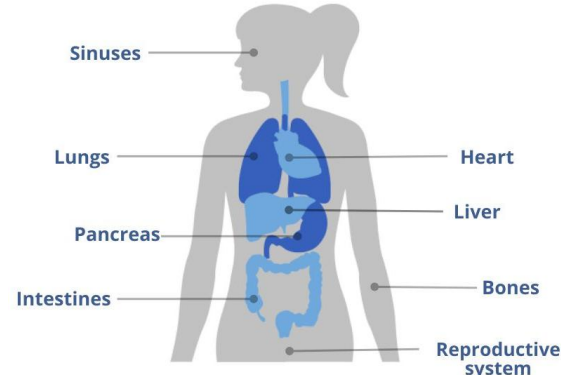
- Basic research on inflammation in CF
- Development of new effective antiinflammatory drugs

5) Clinical, epidemiological and psychological research

- post-marketing studies in the real life;
- assessment of comorbidities;
- studies on the correlation between climate changes, environment and the health of persons with CF.



Organs affected by Cystic Fibrosis



Web platform for both Calls

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For more information:

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Forms for applying on cystic fibrosis research projects 2025



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Form(s) available

Below you will find the form(s) available for the submission of your application. Click on the "Submit an application" button to start the procedure.

FFC Grant Application 2025

Submission deadline: 31/01/25

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Gianni Mastella Call for Applications

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Web platform for application submission

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FFC Grant Application

Copy from existing project

- 1 General information
- 2 Project overview
- 3 Research Plan: Background, Specific Aims & Rationale
- 4 Preliminary Results
- 5 Experimental Plan and Methods
- 6 Curriculum vitae
- 7 Role and Contribution of Coordinator and Partner(s) in the project
- 8 Features and facilities of the unit
- 9 Outside Expertises/Services
- 10 Lay Summary
- 11 Budget
- 12 Cover letter and scientific report
- 13 Administrative documentation - Upload Area
- 14 Validate and Download PDF

14 boxes to be filled in for both calls



Validate the application at any time to check for errors or empty boxes



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General Call FFC Ricerca 2025 - eligibility

- **PI:** must be affiliated with a **Host Institution (HI)** in a country that contributes patients to the **European Cystic Fibrosis Registry (EU+)** →
- **Multi-center projects are allowed**

PI	Partner(s)	Collaborator(s)
Italian	everywhere	everywhere
EU+	everywhere + at least 1 Italian	everywhere + at least 1 Italian

- PI and partners must have a **permanent position**;
- PI must have **at least 3 papers** as first/last/corresponding author in the last 5 years.



Call FFC Ricerca 2025 – Budget

➤ Budget and duration

- € 70.000 for one-year project
- € 130.000 for two-years project
- € 200.000 for three-years project

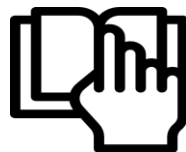
Eligible costs

- Small research equipment: max 7% of the total budget.
- Consumables and animals.
- Fellowships or research contracts (for graduates and technicians)
- Travel and scientific meeting participation: max 4% of the total budget.
- Publication expenses: max 2,5% of the budget
- Costs for patients: insurance coverage and travel costs.
- Overheads: max 3% of the total budget
- Occasional professional or technical services, expenses for clinical consultancy or patentability analysis: max 20% of the total budget.

Ineligible costs

- Salary for PI, Coordinators, Partners and internal or external collaborators
- Furniture and stationery articles.
- PC and other hardware.
- Software not specifically related to the project.
- Basic lab or clinical equipment (such as freezers, incubators, ovens, centrifuges etc.).
- Equipment repairing or technical assistance fees.
- Office materials

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«Gianni Mastella» Call: funding young investigators

The call is named after Professor Gianni Mastella, CF physician and scientist, co-founder of FFC Ricerca in 1997 and scientific director until his death in 2021.



- The GM call is addressed to **young untenured researchers**
- The **budget** includes:
 - a research contract for up to **3 years**;
 - coverage of costs for **research activity**;
 - the costs for a **training period**.
- Two GM options are available.

«Gianni Mastella» Call: two options

Two funding options for young investigators:

- «Gianni Mastella» Starting Grant – GMSG (under 40)
addressed at investigators already operating in the field of CF, designed to facilitate the researchers scientific independence
- «Gianni Mastella» Research Fellowship – GMRF (under 33)
To start a career of a young researcher in the field of CF

GMSG and GMRF: eligibility and features

		Starting Grant - GMSG	Research Fellowship - GMRF
Eligibility	Age of the PI	<40	<33
	Permanent position of PI	no, contract provided by the grant	no, contract provided by the grant
	PhD or MD degree	yes	no
	Publication needed	at least 3 as first/last/corresponding author	at least 1 publication in the field of CF
Features	Duration of the project	3 years	3 years
	Budget available	180.000 euros	100.000 euros
	Contract included	yes	yes
	Training period included	yes, max 6 months	yes, max 6 months
	Recommendation letter	yes	yes
	Partners allowed	no	no
	Evaluation procedure	peer-review	peer-review

Evaluation criteria of peer-review process

- creativity and originality,
- potential value for the development of new knowledge,
- possible clinical implications,
- appropriateness of the study design,
- support of preliminary results,
- reliability of methods,
- feasibility in the context,
- feasibility in the indicated timeframe,
- adequacy of the economic resources requested,
- clarity and completeness of presentation



Relevant dates of FFC Ricerca's Calls



2025
CALL IS
OPEN

CLOSING CALL
31st January, 2025



FFC Scientific Committee
+ FFC Scientific Board

PLENARY DISCUSSION



OPENING
NEW 2026
CALL

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec



ADMINISTRATIVE
EVALUATION AND
PEER REVIEW

WINNER
NOTIFICATION



PROJECT
START



XXIII CONVENTION OF
CF INVESTIGATORS



FFC Scientific Board + FFC Scientific Committee +
External referees

For FFC Researchers

Funded researchers join the **FFC Ricerca Network**:

- Access To **FFC Ricerca's Facilities**



- Participation to the annual **FFC Ricerca's convention**



The Research Facilities



CYSTIC FIBROSIS ANIMAL CORE FACILITY (CFACORE)

Alessandra Bragonzi (IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan)

A centralized structure for the management of experimental models that simulate cystic fibrosis in animals.



CYSTIC FIBROSIS DATABASE – CFDB

Roberto Buzzetti (FFC Ricerca)

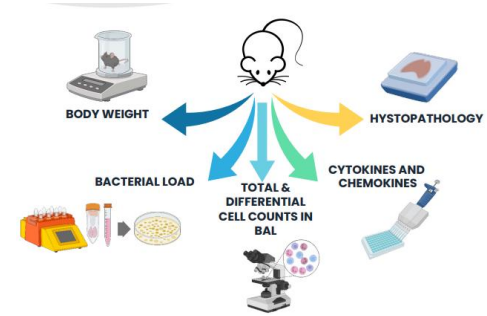
An updated database that classifies scientific publications on the effectiveness of clinical interventions in cystic fibrosis.



PRIMARY CELL CULTURES – SCP

Valeria Capurro (Istituto G. Gaslini, Genoa)

A laboratory dedicated to the preparation and distribution of primary cultures of respiratory epithelium from people with or without CF.



CFDB – Cystic Fibrosis DataBase

<https://www.cfdb.eu/>

Isolation of cells from bronchi



SERVICE:

Expansion



Cryopreservation



The Research Facilities

Save
the date

Next FFC Ricerca webinars

- Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00 – **Primary Cells Culture Facility** with Dr. Valeria Capurro (G. Gaslini Institute, Genoa)
- Thursday, January 16 at 12:00 – **CFaCore**, with Dr. Alessandra Bragonzi (San Raffaele Hospital, Milan)

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SERVICE:

Expansion

Cryopreservation

The Convention of FFC Ricerca's Investigators

2024

XXII CONVENTION OF CF INVESTIGATORS IN VERONA



Thanks for your attention

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