
CALL FOR PROJECTS 2026

LIST OF QUESTIONS

You can answer to this Call for Projects in English, French or Spanish.

INTRODUCTION

Established in 2020 by bioMérieux—a global leader in in vitro diagnostics operating in over 150 countries—the bioMérieux Endowment Fund for Education was founded under the leadership of its President, Mr. Alexandre Mérieux, a strong advocate for children’s rights and equal opportunities, both in France and around the world.

The Endowment Fund is a nonprofit organization serving the public interest, with a mission to identify, support, promote, and develop initiatives of a humanitarian, social, health, and/or educational nature. It operates in France and across all countries where bioMérieux is present, aiming to support the most vulnerable populations in meeting their basic needs and facilitating their social inclusion and upward mobility.

Driven by a commitment to equal opportunity, the Endowment Fund aspires to reduce inequality through and within education, helping every child find their rightful place in society.

To fulfill this mission, the Endowment Fund carries out its work both directly, by addressing needs through its own initiatives, and indirectly, by supporting and partnering with nonprofit organizations that share its values and goals.

As part of its strategic vision, the Endowment Fund has developed a focused action plan—implemented in France and internationally—to advance education for children aged 0 to 8 who are experiencing vulnerability and/or poverty. This plan is structured around six key priorities:

- *Inclusive education (disability/illness)*
- *Access to education, nutrition, and health*
- *Socio-emotional development*
- *Parenting support*
- *Academic and extracurricular support*
- *Cognitive and language development of young children*

To implement this action plan, the Endowment Fund has launched a 2026 Call for Projects, based on specific eligibility, selection and renewal criteria, including:

- *Stability and reliability of the applying organization*
- *Relevance, quality, and alignment with the Action Plan—especially regarding the target child population*
- *Geographic proximity and relevance of the project*
- *Clarity and coherence of the project’s implementation plan and budget*
- *Measurable objectives, impact, and evaluation mechanisms*
- *Involvement of bioMérieux team members*
- *Innovation within the project’s approach*
- *Strength and quality of the partnership relationship*

Eligibility criteria

- Name of the project you are submitting
- Will your organization be the one implementing the project described in this application?
 - Yes (no intermediary)
 - No, I am an intermediary and this project is being carried out by another partner

- If you are an intermediary and the project is being carried out by another partner, can you confirm that your organization will be solely responsible for carrying out the project? *If not, please provide all the documents and information requested in the "Eligibility criteria" section and in "The nonprofit organization" section for the organization responsible for the implementation.*
- Is your NPO a structure of general interest with the same characteristics as French organizations eligible to the French Patronage System (Art. 238 bis, 1. of the French General Tax Code)? Yes/No. If your answer to this question is no, then your project is ineligible. Being an NPO of general interest is mandatory.
 - *For your organization to be of general interest according to the French Patronage System, it must meet the following criteria:*
 - *It is a non-profit organization (no profit sharing among its members).*
 - *It is a disinterestedly run organization (no remuneration to its officers and directors).*
 - *It is an organization that does not conduct profit-making activities as its main activity and is therefore exempt from business taxes.*
 - *It does not act for the benefit of a limited circle of people.*
 - *For NPOs outside Europe (EU) only: it conducts humanitarian actions i.e., actions required to meet the essential needs of populations in situations of distress or misery and to contribute to their social integration.*
 - *Please take careful note of the French tax regulations governing patronage and of the above-mentioned conditions of general interest that must be fulfilled by your organization (attached to the declaration of general interest). Please note that organizations that do not fulfill these conditions are not eligible for support from the Endowment Fund.*
 - *Please note that organizations that are customers (business activity) of the company bioMérieux are not eligible for support from the Endowment Fund.*
 - *Please find attached:*
 - *Our self-evaluation grid for general interest to be carefully completed and signed,*
 - *Our Declaration of General Interest template that we need you to fill out and sign,*
 - *Our Budget Table template (to be uploaded in the "Budget" section)*
 - *Our Project Timeline template (to be uploaded in the "Project" section)*
- Upload Self-evaluation grid for general interest character
- Declaration of General Interest
- Signed Articles of incorporation/association and by-laws of the NPO
- Are you a US-based organization?
 - If yes, please upload the most recent 990 form
- List of Board Members (names and positions within the organization)
- Do members of the Board of Directors receive financial compensation for their service?
 - if yes, please specify their names, the positions for which they receive financial compensation (Board Member or other positions) and whether they have voting rights on the Board of Directors?
 - if no, please provide a certificate, if possible, from an independent auditor attesting that the Directors do not receive financial compensation for their service.
- If applicable, please provide a certificate attesting to the organization's exemption from business taxes.
- Are you an organization based in France? Yes/No
 - If your answer to this question is no, do you need authorization from the local authorities to receive donations from foreign organizations? Yes/No
 - If your answer to this last question is yes, please provide this authorization

- Do the organization's articles of association or bylaws provide for the distribution of its assets in the event of dissolution? If not, can you provide a justification for these rules, particularly indicating to which entity or person the organization's assets are transferred?
- Will the project benefit the education of children aged 0 to 8 from very highly disadvantaged economic backgrounds? If not, your project is ineligible due to the age of the beneficiary children (must be between 0 and 8).
- Who are the direct beneficiaries of the project?
 - o Children aged 0 to 8 / Families of the children / Professionals of education / Other
Please specify who the direct beneficiaries of the project are.
- Will the project be executed close to a bioMérieux site?
 - o *By 'close to a bioMérieux site', we mean that the project site can be reached and returned from within a single day using either a car or public transportation. Note: in France, projects must be implemented as close as possible to bioMérieux sites (maximum 1 hour travel time).*
 - o If yes, which bioMérieux site is it located close to?
 - o If no, project is ineligible due to its location.
- Have you identified a bioMérieux Sponsor to support your application and monitor the progress of your project? (if it is selected for funding)
If no, the project does not qualify for funding as no bioMérieux Sponsor has been identified.
- Your bioMérieux Sponsor
 - o Title
 - o Last name
 - o First name
 - o Country of residence
 - o bioMérieux work site
 - o Position
- Is your Sponsor a member of your Non-Profit Organization?
 - o If yes, what is his/her role within the organization?
- Will your project start on September 1st, 2027, at the latest? If not, the project is ineligible due to its proposed start date

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this application questionnaire carefully. All required information must be provided directly in your responses. Additional documents may be used to support your answers, but they cannot replace the responses themselves nor constitute the application.

Please note that, as part of the Call for Projects, you may be invited to clarify your application during a meeting with the Endowment Fund team.

Your Non-Profit Organization (NPO)

- Name of the NPO
- Address
- Organization's web address
- Social media presence
- Number of employees (and if applicable, how many active volunteers)
- Has your NPO applied in previous Endowment Fund Calls for Projects? (not eliminatory)
- What is the legal form of your organization? (Association loi 1901, ASBL, 501C3, etc.)
- If applicable, please specify the registration number of your non-profit organization.
- Details of the person submitting the application
 - o *The person in charge of the applications and partnerships of your organization*
 - o Title
 - o Last name
 - o First name
 - o Role in the NPO
 - o Phone number + email address
- Contact details of the person signing the Partnership agreement
 - o *the person with the capacity and authority to sign on behalf of the organization.*
 - o Title:
 - o Last name - First name:
 - o If delegation of powers, please provide document.
- Point of contact for the project within the organization
 - o *The person who will coordinate the project follow-up within your organization if selected*
 - o Title
 - o Last name
 - o First name
 - o Role in the NPO
 - o Phone number + email address
- Does the person responsible for the project follow-up within your team speak English (or French)? (This is not a disqualifying criterion / We ask this question to identify the person who will be working on your project within the Endowment Fund's team.)

Your NPO's history and mission

- Your organization's vision, mission, values
- Number of years of experience your NPO has in implementing this type of project

- When was the organization created?
- Tell us how it started.
- Most recent annual report
- Description of the activities and services provided by your organization, in particular for children.
- Are these activities free of charge for the beneficiaries? If not, please indicate the pricing criteria
- Does the organization have an educational mission for children?
- If yes, please describe this educative mission (i.e. the acquisition of essential knowledge, foundational skills, elements of general culture, and basic educational principles that enable children to develop their personality, moral values, critical thinking, and integrate into social and professional life)
- Does the organization hold government accreditation or authorization to operate, particularly in the field of education?
 - o If yes, which ones?
- Does the organization have a Child Safeguarding Policy in place?
- Is this project a renewal?
 - o If yes, will the renewal of this partnership enable your organization to reach a new stage of development or to amplify its impact? For this new phase, could you specify your action plan aimed at diversifying and expanding your activities and/or strengthening your financial autonomy?
 - o If no, how do you envision the development of your organization in the coming years?

Your project

- In which country will the project be deployed?
- In which region/city?
- Will your bioMérieux Sponsor be in direct contact with the organization on the field? If not, please specify who will serve as their direct intermediary, including their location, and whether they conduct occasional field visits.
- Please provide a clear and concise summary of the project you are submitting
 - o *What is the objective of the project? who are the intended beneficiaries? what impact do you expect to achieve, and where will the project be implemented?*
- What is the main priority addressed by your project?
 - o Academic and extra-curricular support / Access to education, nutrition and health / Cognitive and language development of young children / Inclusive education (disability, illness) / Parenting support / Socio-emotional development /
- What is the local context?
 - o *Why was the project launched? What is/are the need(s) that was/were observed on the field? How was the project conceived?*
- What is the objective of the project and what activities will be carried out to achieve this goal?
 - o *Please specify how, by whom, and how frequently the activities will be carried out.*
 - o *Please explain how these activities are essential to meet children's basic needs and to contribute to their social integration: child protection and development, literacy, schooling,*

learning to speak and write, artistic and physical education, children's social and emotional development (cognitive, motor and communication skills), disabilities, etc.

- What does a typical day/week of support look like for beneficiaries?
- How many beneficiaries are targeted by your project? (estimation)
 - o Number of children aged 0 to 8 supported by the project.
 - o Number of families supported by the project.
 - o Number of educators or education professionals trained by the project.
 - o Number of direct / indirect beneficiaries.
- Please describe the children who will benefit from the project, detailing the level of hardship, misery or distress they face (children from families living in extreme poverty, children without families / abandoned children in a situation of psychological, mental or medical danger, in need of urgent help, etc.).
Support your response with objective criteria (e.g. below the national poverty line or eligible for rationing, etc.).
- Can you provide supporting evidence or documentation demonstrating the difficult economic and social background of the project's beneficiaries? If yes, please specify what kind of documentation you can provide. If no, please explain why.
- What are the expected short-term impacts of the project?
At the end of the project, what is the expected number of direct and indirect beneficiaries? What benefits will they receive, and how will the local situation have improved?
- What are the expected long-term impacts of the project?
What impact will the project have on the beneficiaries' lives, as well as on their families and communities?
- How will the impact of the project be monitored?
 - o *What indicators will you put in place to monitor the various activities throughout the project?*
 - o *What methodology do you use to assess the results (outcomes), meaning the concrete changes observed among beneficiaries or in their environment thanks to the project?*
- Project dates:
 - o When will the project start?
 - o When will the project end?
- Project Timeline:
 - o Please describe the project deployment timeline
 - o Please upload your completed project calendar/timeline using our template.
- What is the envisioned future of the project after the funding period? How will it be sustained and integrated into long-term actions?
- How and when will the project engage local bioMérieux team members? Describe a few concrete actions. Only propose activities that you are certain you can implement if your project is selected.
- Is your project built to be easily duplicated and executed elsewhere?
- Will the project be carried out in partnership with local organizations? If yes, what will be the role of the partners you mentioned? Are these partnerships already established?
- Is there a similar organization in your area that carries out the same type of project?
- If yes, what is the specificity of your organization and/or project?
- Please provide details on the profiles of your current or future team members
- Video of the bioMérieux Sponsor(s) presenting the project:

This video must be made **BY** the bioMérieux team member(s) who wish to sponsor the project. The bioMérieux sponsor(s) should briefly present the non-profit organization, the project, explain why the Endowment Fund should support it and share his/her/their motivation to carry out the quarterly and annual monitoring of activities if the project is selected. The video must not exceed 2 minutes.

Budget of the NPO

- Please specify currency.
- Annual budget of the NPO over the past three years (enter information and upload NPOs' official annual budgets from the past three years)

Three years ago	Two years ago	Last year
Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency

Please note that the annual amount requested for the project submitted to the Endowment Fund cannot represent more than 50% of your annual budget.

- Certified financial statements for the past three years (including balance sheet + P&L + notes) in English or French
- What is your equity: please specify the amounts and sources
- What are the amounts earned: amounts/sources.

Project budget

- Project budget

Specify the nature of the expenses incurred (example: equipment purchase)

Costs related to the management of the project	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount

Costs related to the implementation of project activities	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount

- Download the budget excel spreadsheet provided, fill it out and upload it back onto the platform.

Project Co-funding

- Other secured funding sources:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total

Name of the co-funding organization	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Total	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount

- Share of other funding in the project's budget:
- Which other public or private funders are already committed to and/or have been contacted for this project, and for what amounts?
- Amount requested from the bioMérieux Endowment Fund for 1-3 years:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount

- Amount of project budget covered by the Endowment Fund:

Please note that:

- *the annual amount requested for the project submitted to the Endowment Fund cannot represent more than 50% of your NPO's annual budget.*
- *The Endowment Fund support can be between €30,000€ and €200,000€ over up to 3 years*
- *The Endowment Fund can fund between 10 to 80% of the total project budget*

Project selection and monitoring

The Endowment Fund oversees the implementation of the program from France, directly finances the actions carried out, and – through the reporting described below – must be able to justify all expenses incurred to fulfill the mission and execute the project.

If your project is selected, you will be required to ensure close monitoring of the project (activity monitoring and financial monitoring).

1) Project Activity monitoring

Activity monitoring must be carried out jointly between the non-profit organization (NPO) and the project partner (the bioMérieux sponsor who supported the project in the call for proposals). This work consists of four phases:

- **Initial report at project start:**
An assessment of the initial situation and a description of the activities and KPIs that will be tracked throughout the project.
- **Quarterly reports:**
A quarterly update on each activity and the related key performance indicators.
- **Annual report:**
A comprehensive assessment of the project during the year, including budget use.
- **Final evaluation:**
A full evaluation of the project, its impact, and its financial aspects.
Please note that conducting an impact evaluation with beneficiaries at the end of the project is strongly recommended.

➔ Are you able to ensure this level of project activity monitoring?

- If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.

2) Project annual Financial monitoring

Annual financial monitoring ensures that donations have been properly allocated to the project. It includes:

- A financial tracking table by cost category, comparing the planned budget with the actual expenses, including explanations of variances.
- The full list of invoices related to the project.
- Supporting documents for expenses (invoices, receipts, anonymized payslips, etc.) confirming the proper allocation of funds from the Endowment Fund.
- A signed statement from the NPO's legal representative confirming the accuracy and completeness of the financial monitoring (template provided).
- The organization's annual activity report and certified annual financial statements.

Each step must be entered into the secure online platform provided by the Endowment Fund. The NPO must log in and complete the required information to facilitate project monitoring.

➔ Regarding financial monitoring, we, the NPO, attest that:

- We can track the project's annual actual expenses in detail, by cost category.
 - If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.
- We can provide the full list of invoices related to the project.
 - If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.
- We can provide supporting documents for expenditures (invoices, receipts, anonymized payslips, etc.) to confirm the proper allocation of funds from the Endowment Fund.
 - If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.
- We can provide a statement signed by the NPO's legal representative confirming the accuracy and completeness of the financial monitoring? (a template will be provided if your project is selected)
 - If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.
- We can provide the organization's Annual Activity Report and certified annual financial statements.
 - If the answer is no, your application is not eligible.

Compliance

- Is the organization an existing or potential customer or supplier of bioMérieux?
- If yes, please describe the relationship.
- Is the organization linked with a government official?
- If yes, please provide name, position, and relationship details.
- Are any members of your NPO's Board of Directors or personnel directly employed by bioMérieux, or indirectly employed by an entity with a direct business relationship with bioMérieux, or related to a bioMérieux employee?

- If yes, please provide name, position, and relationship details.

Supporting documents

- Please upload here any additional document you consider relevant for the evaluation of the project.

Accepted formats: JPG, PDF, video

Additional materials may only serve as keys to illustrate or complement a response; they cannot constitute the application itself.

- By submitting this application, I confirm that all information provided is accurate. I also agree to all the conditions outlined above and commit to completing the follow-up process described in the application form, if selected.