

NEXT GENERATION INTERNET

OPEN CALLS OVERVIEW

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ENRICHERS
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FIRST, LOOK AT THE REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants of **any nationality** but **residents/taxpayers** in an **EU Member States** or **Horizon Europe Associated Country** or in **Switzerland**.
- Applicants **employed by a “legal entity”** established in any of those countries or created under **EU law**, or **self-employed** (e.g., project owners).
- Holding a **valid passport** and **being eligible for US/CA visa**.
- **Researchers** (scientific-technical; social sciences and humanities; multidisciplinary) and **Innovators/Entrepreneurs** in the **Next Generation Internet domain**: IoT, 5/6G, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, Quantum computing...
- **Master’s degree for Researchers** and **Bachelor’s degree for Innovators/Entrepreneurs** (practical/associate degree might also be considered...)
- Nature of organisation: universities, research centers, non-profit organisations and charitable foundations, start-ups, SMEs, large companies (EU law) related to NGI domains.

BENEFITS, ADVANTAGES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWS

- **70-90 Enrichers** (successful applicants) will be supported in total.
- Fellowship **from 3 to 6 months in USA or Canada.**
- **Collaboration with US/CA top-class hosts organisations** ⇒ enhancing knowledge-sharing, establishing long-term collaborations on NGI domain.
- **Travel funding & visa costs reimbursement** (including insurance required for the visa) up to €3000 upon cost justification.
- **Monthly lumps sum allowance** ⇒ € 3800
- **Preparatory and support activities** ⇒ pre-departure bootcamps (**April 2023**), mentorship programme, Peer-to-Peer collaboration discussions, community building activities.

THREE TRACKS FOR EACH OPEN CALL



Paired teams (host and applicants already identified each other)



Challenges (host provides topics, applicants to be identified)



Open ideas (applicant provides topics, host to be identified)



NGI technologies for Ukraine (open for all eligible participants; in paired teams, challenges and open ideas)

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- **Guide for applicants** - to read / follow by applicant and host organization;
- **Application form** on F6S Platform - to fill in by applicant;
- **Statement of commitment** (only for Paired Teams) – to fill in and sign by host organization;
- **Memorandum of Understanding** (only for Open ideas and Challenges) - to fill in and sign by host organisation and our Programme.

Application form – 1st call for Paired Teams

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1° CALL FOR PAIRED TEAMS



- Applicants shall submit a proposal to advance their ideas along with an **already identified US or Canadian host organisation** that already agreed to host the Fellow.
- The proposal covers one of the several **NGI-related technology and application topics**.
- Applicants are **responsible to find a suitable host organisation** willing to establish a research or innovation collaboration.
- **Statement of commitment** – mandatory document to be signed by the identified host organisation.
- Submission of applications via **F6S platform**.



Deadline: **January 31st, 2023, 23h59 Brussels time**

1° CALL FOR OPEN IDEAS



- Applicants submit a proposal around their ideas, **selecting three preferred hosts** among the provided list of organisations collaborating with the NGI Enrichers programme.
- The proposal covers one of the several **NGI-related technology and application topics**.
- Mandatory **Pitch deck** - a brief presentation of the project to be uploaded on F6S during the application. The template will be provided by NGI Enrichers.
- To join the NGI Enrichers Programme, the interested host organisations should sign a **Memorandum of Understanding**.
- NGI Enrichers will facilitate the **best match** between the applicant and the host organisations based on the proposed idea.
- Submission of applications via **F6S platform**.



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1° CALL FOR CHALLENGES



- US/CA Host organisations collaborating with the NGI Enrichers programme - defines **specific research topics** (challenges) related to NGI topics.
- Applicant can submit a proposal answering **one specific challenge** defined by the host organisation.
- Mandatory **Pitch deck** - a brief presentation of the project to be uploaded on F6S during the application. The template will be provided by NGI Enrichers.
- The updated list of challenges will be available on **NGI Enrichers website**.
- To join the NGI Enrichers Programme, the interested host organisations should sign a **Memorandum of Understanding**.
- Submission of applications via **F6S platform**.



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EVALUATION – CRITERIAS AND TIMELINE

Each application will be evaluated by at least two external evaluators, considering **five criteria**:

20%	Excellence - Experience, expertise, and background of the candidate
20%	ORIGINALITY & TECHNICAL QUALITY of the idea, concept, or product
20%	VISION and potential IMPACT
20%	Technical quality of the proposed IMPLEMENTATION
20%	Quality of the OVERALL application and MOTIVATION of the candidate



Each criterion will yield a score **from 1 to 5**

CALENDAR - NEXT STEPS AND CALLS TIMELINE

- **1st call Paired Teams** ⇒ Deadline: January 31st, 2023, 23h59 Brussels time
⇒ Results: March 2023
- **1st call Open ideas & Challenges** ⇒ Opening: January 31st, 2023 /tbc)
Deadline: end of March 2023
- **Pre-departure bootcamp** ⇒ 15-16 May 2023, Temple University Rome Campus (participation not mandatory for the Paired Teams Fellows selected under the 1st call).
- **Other two rounds of calls:** Oct 2023 / Feb 2024 & April / August 2024 (TBC)



NOTE: Expeditions can start as of April 2023 and should finish before the end of December 2023.

BE READY TO APPLY!

NGI Enrichers Official Website: <https://enrichers.ngi.eu/>



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