



International

Human Frontier
Science Program

Organization

Duration of the Research Grant

For teams awarded from 2024 onwards

In 2024, we have made slight formal changes to facilitate a smooth proceeding of the grant. **The period of payment remains 3 years but the grant period can vary from 36 to 48 months** allowing the use of funds after the end of year 3. The Principal Investigator of the team will just have to let us know, before the end of the third of the grant, if the team needs additional months (up to 12) to spend the funds. We will then modify the ending date of the grant accordingly (by default we set the grant period to 3 years but all the persons associated to the project in ProposalCentral will be able to see the actual official ending date of the grant directly in the system once we are informed of the number of additional months needed).

It will not be necessary to send formal requests for no-cost extensions anymore and sign an amendment to the agreement, but please notify us as soon as you know. We can then officially change the date in the system, which may be relevant for administrations. We will also send a form before the end of the third year to all the team to collect information about the ending date of the project.

In this context, all the awardees will be able to pay employees beyond the initial 3-year period if necessary, but maximally during 4 years (no extensions will be granted beyond the 4 years).

The final financial reports of all team members and the scientific report will be due within two months after the indicated end date.

No-cost extension

For teams awarded before 2024

For grants awarded before 2024, a formal no-cost extension will still be necessary to allow the use of funds beyond 36 months.

It is possible to apply for an 'up to 12 month' no-cost extension following the regular 36 months grant period. This extra time is intended to allow you to spend any remaining funds at the end of the 36 months (i.e. no further funds will be provided). It is particularly useful for work contracts that go beyond the 36 month initial period of the grant.

The no-cost extension request should be sent by the PI of the team on behalf of all the team members by email to grant@hfsp.org a few months before the official termination date. The extension applies to all team members.

- For an 'up to 6 month' no-cost extension, a simple email request is sufficient.

- For a 7 to 12 month no-cost extension we need a short argued request by email (examples: changes in institute of a partner, problems in recruiting the right post-doc, changes in student or post-doc during the project, delays in acquiring equipment, delays in one partner providing an essential tool, clone, antibody, mouse line etc. to the other partners).

We will send a formal no-cost extension letter normally within a couple of days of receipt of your request. The final financial reports of all team members and the scientific report will be due within two months after the new termination date. If you have a no-cost extension there is no 'end of third year' reporting.

Please be sure that the funds are used by the end of 48 months as no further extensions are possible and we are required to request the return of unspent funds exceeding 10,000 USD for the whole team (negative balances of one partner cannot be used to justify more unspent funds elsewhere). If one of the team members anticipates problems to use the remaining funds, it is possible to request a transfer of those funds between team members at the beginning of the extension.

For all teams

Please note that you may make a new application (with a different subject, different team), but that this cannot start until after the termination of the current award (including the no-cost extension period), and after the receipt and approval of the final reports (usually at the least 2 months after end of the grant).