



## CARIPLO - TELETHON Alliance

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### FAQ – October 19, 2021

- 1. Eligible projects must satisfy both criteria: focus on a Tdark target AND a link to a rare disease?**  
The Call supports the study of Tdark/s in the context of rare diseases. Eligible projects have to satisfy both criteria.
- 2. If the target gene is classified as Tdark in only one of the online tools, is it still acceptable as the topic of the project?**  
Please refer to the PHAROS platform only to check the classification of the target you intend to study (<https://pharos.nih.gov/>).
- 3. Tdarks are normally poorly understood and association to a specific disease is often very loose. Are the only Tdark accepted the ones for which a direct link with a rare disease has already been demonstrated?**  
The association of the Tdark with the disease must not necessarily have already been demonstrated/published. Please note, the consistency of the proposal will be evaluated by the reviewers.
- 4. Are mi-RNAs an eligible study target?**  
Since mi-RNA are not classified in the PHAROS platform, they are not eligible for this Call.
- 5. Is it possible to submit the application before the Ethics Committee has evaluated the experimental protocol?**  
It is possible to submit the application before the Ethics Committee has evaluated the experimental protocol. The approval by the Ethics Committee will instead be necessary for the grant activation.
- 6. Applicants must be in a tenure track process to be eligible?**  
A tenure track process is not mandatory to be eligible.
- 7. Can a PI of a project be included among the team members of another project?**  
Yes, it is allowed.

**8. How will salaries (Contracts) be managed?**

Contracts activation depends on the Charity that will fund the project.

For projects granted by Cariplo Foundation, the activation of contracts will be managed directly by the host institution.

For projects granted by Telethon Foundation, the Host Institution can decide whether to i) activate the contract directly or ii) request Telethon Foundation to manage the activation of the contract (COCO and professional contracts only).

**9. Can a Partner apply in more than one project?**

No, lead applicants and partners can apply with one research project only.

**10. Is it possible to apply for a multi-centre project with two departments of the same institution?**

Yes, each department of the same institution is considered a separate centre.