



Foundation for
Human Progress

A New Generation of **AXA Chairs**

Transdisciplinary research for
people, societies, and the planet



The Challenges

Today's risks don't
fit into one box

Climate change, **health** crises, social
inequalities, environmental degradation...

These risks are **interconnected**.

They cross disciplines, sectors, and borders.

Our Response

AXA Chairs for transdisciplinary research

The **AXA Foundation for Human Progress** is launching a new generation of **AXA Chairs** to:

- connect **multiple disciplines**
- involve **societal partners** from the start
- generate **knowledge and solutions** that drive change

What is an AXA Chair?

A **5-year, €1.5M** network grant

Each AXA Chair:

- provides up to **€1.5M over 5 years**
- is led by a **senior researcher** (PhD +10 years)
- is hosted by a **single academic institution**
- aims to build a **durable international network** beyond AXA funding

Transdisciplinary by design

Beyond disciplines. With society.

AXA Chairs must:

- integrate **at least two academic disciplines**, including:
 - one from **social sciences / humanities / economics**
 - one from **natural sciences / engineering / technology**
- formally involve **at least one non-academic partner** (e.g. *public authority, NGO, community organization, public hospital*)
- adopt **co-design, co-development, and co-implementation** with these partners

Focus areas

The AXA Chair is opened in **two distinct categories**

→ **Global Category**

Supports international, transdisciplinary research networks addressing major risks and challenges focusing on:

- Risks to **People Health and Human Well-Being**,
- Risks to **Societies**, and
- Risks to **the Planet**.

→ **Health in France Category**

Exclusively supports health related AXA Chairs network **conducted with the leading institution in France**, focusing on risks to **Human Health and Well-being**.

(e.g. chronic and infectious diseases, mental health, environmental determinants of health, health inequalities, health systems resilience).

Key application dates for the 2026 campaign



*for shortlisted candidates only

Who can apply?

For **leading institutions**
and **senior researchers**

Host institutions:

- Academic institutions / public research organizations
- One **host institution** per Chair

Chairholder:

- **PhD +10 years** (minimum)
- Strong track record in **academic excellence**
- Demonstrated experience in **transdisciplinary research** and work with societal partners
- Full-time position at the host institution for the duration of the Chair

Ready to build the next transdisciplinary network?

Learn more about the new AXA Chairs
and how to apply:

<https://institution.axa-research.org>



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