



Attention:  
Involved researchers

## **Calls available for financial support in 2027 and beyond for mission candidates for M8, F3 and Mini-F**

### **Background**

The ESA Science Directorate is preparing for decisions in November 2026 concerning three types of mission candidates:

- M8 - Down-selection of a few candidates that will undergo Phase 0.
- F3 - Selection of the F3 mission, which will enter Phase A/B.
- Mini-F - Selection of first Mini-F (to be confirmed)

### **Requests for financial support from January 2027**

There are two options available to researchers, as explained in the following two sections.

**Call 2026-N** (available at the SNSA web page with a deadline at 14:00 on 2026 April 16) can be used for applying for support to the three categories of mission candidates. Applicants can expect to receive preliminary information on the prospect for support in June, followed by a hard decision in December (after the selection by ESA).

SNSA plans to send out an invitation to a **dedicated call** in November 2026. All researchers who have received an M8/F3/Mini-F Letter of Endorsement from SNSA and whose mission candidate is selected or likely to become selected will receive the invitation. The deadline will be only three weeks after the invitation. Grant decisions can be expected in January or February. The information to be provided will be very similar to Call 2026-N.