CALLS FOR INNOVATIVE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECTS – 2017
Service des Partenariats et Programmes Incitatifs – SPPI

ValoExpress & PasteurInnov

**PasteurInnov Call**

1° **INTRODUCTION**

The Incentive Research Programs and Partnerships Department (SPPI – Department of Development) and Institut Carnot Microbe & Santé propose two complementary calls to support projects aiming at developing an innovative idea with significant applicative potential/clinical impact through a) sustainable partnerships with industrial companies, b) start-up creation or c) sustainable partnerships with key players in public health:

- **ValoExpress**: the aim of this call is to support the very early stages of development of innovative ideas with significant applicative potential for (i) industry and/or (ii) with significant social impact and/or clinical benefits.

- **PasteurInnov**: the aim of this call is to support the development of the proof-of-concept of more mature innovative ideas/technologies with significant applicative potential with the aim to enter into partnerships with industrial companies or with players in public health or to enter into the creation of a start-up shortly after the end of the PasteurInnov grant.

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A ValoExpress Grant can be followed by a PasteurInnov Grant Application.

A PasteurInnov Grant can be followed by a new PasteurInnov Grant Application for further development of the proof-of-concept of the same innovative idea.

2° **AIMS OF THE PASTEURINNOV CALL**

The aim of the PasteurInnov call is to support competitive applications with demonstrable milestones, and which will generate relevant results. These should be milestones and results that significantly increase the likelihood that the innovative idea/technology/invention will:
• receive follow-on funding from Institut Pasteur’s financial partners, from a commercial source,
• be licensed, or be developed through an existing company or through the creation of a start-up company.

**We are looking for projects that propose innovative ideas/technologies/inventions from any scientific field:**

• With a first demonstration of a clear benefit over existing products/technologies/solutions on the market or in development;
• Addressing a clear medical or market unmet need;
• Focused on the development of a proof-of-concept of a product/technology/solution with a view to attract interest from an industrial company.

**We will not consider funding for:**

• Basic and/or fundamental research projects with no clear application;
• Projects that do not provide a clear path of development of an innovative idea/technology/invention;

3° **Eligibility**

The call is open to all the Institut Pasteur Paris entities.

To be eligible for the *PasteurInnov* call, projects submitted must fulfil the following criteria:

• Each proposal must involve one to a maximum of three research groups of Institut Pasteur Paris applying for funding;
• Additional intellectual property shall be generated or existing intellectual property shall be strengthened during implementation of the program;
• Equipment and salary of PhD students are not eligible for funding.

At the time of submission of the letter of intent, we are looking for:

• One-year duration projects;
• Based on at least a) one registered invention disclosure accepted for filing of a patent application or b) on an existing patent application or on an existing active patent.

However highly competitive applications without any associated invention disclosure will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4° **Project funding**

Selected projects will receive up to 75 k€ over 12 months, in total costs per project (salary and running costs).

However highly competitive applications requesting for up to two years of funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5° PasteurInnov Procedure

There will be a two-stage procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposed innovative projects:

1. Submission of a letter of intent online. The application forms must be filled on the dedicated platform of the SPPI:
   

2. On the basis of this letter of intent, projects will be evaluated and pre-selected by the PasteurInnov pre-selection committee. The pre-selection committee will be composed of representatives of the Department for Development, the Department for Research Applications and Industrial Partnerships (DARRI) and Institut Carnot Microbe & Santé. External industrial and scientific reviewers will eventually be sought to help in the evaluation process. All applicants will receive at this stage feedback and recommendations on their project.

3. Applicants with a pre-selected project will be invited to submit a full project description via the SPPI online platform, in view of final selection:
   

   Applicants with a pre-selected letter of intent and invited to write a full proposal (on the basis of the letter of intent) will have access to a support service from the SPPI for the preparation and development of their proposal.

4. Selection by the PasteurInnov selection committee of the projects to be funded under the PasteurInnov 2017: applicants with a pre-selected letter of intent and having submitted a full proposal will present their project to the PasteurInnov selection committee for final decision. The selection committee will be composed of representatives of the Department for Development, the Department for Research Applications and Industrial Partnerships (DARRI) and Institut Carnot Microbe & Santé. External industrial experts will be sought to help in the selection process.

6° Selection Criteria and Evaluation of the Projects

Projects will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- Existence of a clear unmet need the idea/technology/invention idea targets;
- Evidences that the current existing solutions fail or are not satisfactory;
- The competition in terms of existing technology/product/solution (in development and on the market);
- The potential benefit of the idea/technology/invention;
- The technical feasibility of the proposed experimental program;
- The relevance of the experimental plan for the development of a proof-of-concept
- The strength of intellectual property that could be obtained or reinforced at the end of the grant;
- The competition in terms of already existing patents and patent applications;
Each project will be evaluated by at least two external experts in the field, then the selection panel, which will include representatives of Department for Development, Department for Research Applications and Industrial Partnerships (DARRI), Institut Carnot Pasteur Microbe & Santé and ad hoc experts, will establish the final ranking and take the final decision.

7° Submission dates and timeline

Wednesday 30 May 2017
Deadline for the on-line submission of letters of intent

Tuesday 19 September 2017
For pre-selected letters of intent: deadline for the submission of the full project description

Thursday 14 December 2017
Announcement of selected projects with a start of funding in January 2018

8° Contact information and support

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