PROGRAMMES TRANSVERSAUX DE RECHERCHE (PTR)
Call for proposals 2017
GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

This Programme is intended to stimulate curiosity-driven ambitious research projects by creating new links between researchers from different disciplines and from different institutes within the Institut Pasteur International Network (IPIN), which includes Institut Pasteur (Paris).

The PTR objectives are:
- to bring together researchers, engineers and technicians from distinct entities over the 33 institutes within IPIN and work towards a joint research project.
- to facilitate innovative and exploratory projects expected to generate bona fide discoveries.
- to develop synergy allowing further collaborations with other academic and industrial research organizations in the near future.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICATIONS

PTRs projects:
- are collaborative projects involving partners (unit, laboratory, 4-year and 5-year-groups, and from the four centers) from at least two research institutes from IPIN. An essential criterion is that one of the partners of the consortium must be from Institut Pasteur (Paris).

- are coordinated by a single permanent scientist from the institutes of the IPIN.
The coordinator will be responsible for the management, the budget and the ethical issues of the proposal.

- Budgetary criteria must be respected.

- All the participants of the consortium (unit, laboratory, 5-year group, or 4-year group or core facilities) in which the work will be performed must sign the annex IV of the scientific proposal.

Where appropriate, the project coordinator may collaborate with teams from other research organizations but these external academic partners shall not be funded in the frame of this call. These external academic partners shall provide their own funding to the project.

FUNDING OF PROPOSALS

A budget limited to 250,000€ per research project will be granted for a maximum period of 24 months. On the completion of the period of 24 months the extension of the period shall be granted only for the limited purpose to complete the project. However, no additional funds shall
be payable for any reason whatsoever.

No overhead expenses are permitted within the scope of the budget.

The budget includes:
- **running costs:**
  Travels/ Missions and subsistence expenses, consumables and reagents, subcontracting (< 25,000€ per project), small equipment (< 3,000€ per project) and publication fees.

- **non permanent personnel salary:**
  A post-doctoral fellow, a research engineer or a technician can be assigned to the project; the contract duration must be comprised between **18 to 24 months**.
  In Institut Pasteur (Paris), the personnel salaries cannot exceed **65,000€** per year for maximum two years.

  Note: **65,000€** correspond to the average of the annual salary (gross value) of a post-doctoral fellow with no more than two years of experience after the completion of the PhD in Institut Pasteur (Paris).

  Another partner from IPIN can also recruit some personnel in addition with the one recruited in Paris. **The upper limit of salaries costs for the project is 95,000€ per year.**

The choice and the recruitment of the person will be under the responsibility of the principal investigator.

### PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Each project will be evaluated by at least two international experts in the field. Then each project will be analyzed by a selection committee composed of members of the Direction and Scientific Board, directors of the Institut Pasteur scientific Department and directors of IPIN, members of International Affairs Division and other experts from the Institut Pasteur (Paris) campus.

The reviewers will carry out the assessment according to the following evaluation criteria:

- importance and originality of the subject
- strategy and relevance of the proposed methodology
- preliminary results and suitability of the proposed strategy
- scientific impact of the proposed research
- scope and evidence of interdisciplinary collaborative research
- contribution to the development of IPIN

Adequacy of the budget and the ethical issues will be evaluated together with the scientific quality of the project.

### ETHICAL ISSUES

Research activities in PTR should respect fundamental ethical principles.

- If the proposed work involves (i) samples of human origin, and/ or (ii) personal data related to patients or healthy donors (note: personal data are information of any kind which can be linked directly or through a code to someone) and/ or (iii) other biomedical investigations involving directly humans (patients or healthy donors), the coordinator or one of the partners of the PTR must inform the Department in charge of medical affairs (ClinCore-CRT@pasteur.fr) in Institut Pasteur (Paris) and/or the Ethical Committees in concerned countries in order to be in accordance with the regulatory procedures. In addition, for research sponsored by IP Paris and conducted within IPIN, an approval from the IP Paris IRB will be required before the start of the project (please contact the Ethics Unit: ethics@pasteur.fr). **No project can start without clearance on these issues.** The

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institutes shall also comply with all applicable laws & regulations of the countries in which the institutes are located.

- Experiments on animals:
The partners to the collaborative project must comply with all applicable laws & regulations related to animal experiments:

For Institut Pasteur (Paris): go to the following link
http://webcampus.pasteur.fr/jcms/c_217539/autorisation-des-projets-evaluation-ethique ;
http://webcampus.pasteur.fr/jcms/c_97369/legislation

For the other Institutes that use laboratory animals for research, please contact your Institutional Animal Care.

POTENTIAL INNOVATION

All the funded PTRs will be monitored with the help of Direction des Applications de la Recherche et des Relations Industrielles (DARRI) at Institut Pasteur (Paris). The project coordinator/partners shall promptly inform DDGO of any potential innovation, before any kind of disclosure in any form is made. DDGO in collaboration with DARRI shall advise the project coordinator/partners to ensure the protection of the potential innovation. DARRI shall manage the protection of the potential innovation.

REPORTING

Two written reports including scientific and financial will be requested, the first report at 12 months that will allow assessing the progress made and identifying the eventual problems met during the project. The second and final report will be delivered two months after the end of the project and must include details of publications and oral presentations arising from the project. Publications and oral presentations must acknowledge the support from Institut Pasteur (Paris). The publications and presentations must include the following phrase: This work was supported by a PTR grant from the Institut Pasteur (Paris).

Any team leader who in response to the present call for proposal is granted a PTR and fails to submit the reports in the required deadlines will not be eligible for a period of two years for submission of applications under the PTR calls for proposal

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

There will be a one-stage procedure for applications, i.e. submission of full proposals at once. This application is now submitted on-line. All information contained in the proposal shall be considered confidential.
Application includes mandatory attached files (Annexes I to IV):
- Financial Request Form
- Annex I – Description of the whole consortium
- Annex II – References/Bibliography
- Annex III – Main publications of each team leader
- Annex IV – Signatures
-Annex V - Biomedical Research Form (only for proposal with biomedical research component)

The Annex V is only mandatory for the proposals involving samples of human origin or other biomedical investigations involving humans (patients or healthy donors), or health personal data.

SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME

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Provisional timetable:
- Publication of call: January 20th, 2017
- **Deadline for submission of proposals: March 17th, 2017 at midnight (Paris time)**
- Evaluation of proposals: June-July 2017
- Starting date: January 1st, 2018

For any question about this call, you could refer to the FAQ or contact sppi@pasteur.fr

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