PTR CALL

Proposal Writing Recommendations
1. GENERAL INFORMATION
# PTR – Key Features

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| **Objectives**          | -support **collaborative, interdisciplinary and ambitious research projects** related to **Institut Pasteur strategic research areas** (Emerging Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobials and Antimicrobial Resistance, Brain Connectivity Diseases and Neurodegeneration, Technological and Methodological Development)  
- foster **breakthrough technological approaches**  
- promote the access of **young researchers** to **leadership positions**  
- translate **fundamental knowledge** into **discoveries** with **human health impact**. |
| **Eligibility Criteria** |  
- **Interdisciplinary** and **collaborative** projects with at **least three entities**, one of the entity must be IP Paris  
- Projects **involving at least one team from the Institut Pasteur International Network** (outside of IP Paris) will be **favoured**  
- The PTR projects must be coordinated by a **permanent scientist who is not head of entity** (IP Paris and IPIN) except if the head of entity does not have a permanent researcher in his/her entity.  
- The PTR proposals coordinated by a **young scientist** (no more than 8 years of experience after completion of PhD) will be **favoured**. |
| **Duration**            | **24 months**, starting date: **Oct 1st, 2019** |
| **Budget**              | **Up to 250 k€** including running costs and personal |

*: Derogation for maternity leave, one year per child is given
2. FEW TIPS BEFORE WRITING YOUR PROPOSAL
Most common strengths identified in the successful proposals

- Interdisciplinary and collaborative research
- Original and innovative
- Clear and well written
- Feasible in the planned time period
- Good preliminary data
- Suitable experimental methodology
- Appropriate ethical clearances (when relevant)
Most common weaknesses identified in the unsuccessful proposals

- Project too ambitious, unfeasible in the planned time period
- Project not well written and proposed research not innovative
- Project too risky, hypotheses not clearly stated
- No results of pilot studies or no preliminary data
- Cohorts not well described, samples size too small, no statistical analysis
- No synergy between the partners, artificial collaboration, no interdisciplinary project
3. FEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WRITING YOUR PROPOSAL
Project Summary

- **Hook** *(Why)*
- **What** do the readers need to know about problem you propose to solve?
- **Methods** *(How, When)*
- **Scientific expertise of each partner**
- **Long-term promise**
Description of consortium and scientific background

**Consortium**

- Real collaboration between the partners
- Consortium well balanced
- Complementary and interdisciplinary scientific expertise

**Scientific background**

- Description of the state of the art (with relevant literatures)
- Description of preliminary data
Detailed work plan

- WP management mandatory
- Description of technical expertise and role of each team
- Cohorts: well described, sample size, robust statistical support
- Define deliverables and milestones (quantitative & qualitative)
- Address bias: clearly identified project risks and how they are managed
Timing, Budget, & Special Requirements

**INCLUDE:**
- GANTT Chart
- Cost breakdown

- Indirect costs (overheads) are not permitted

- Special requirements:
  when your proposed work includes biomedical activities or animal studies, you must comply with regulatory requirements
Expected Benefits

Which problems do you solve & what way?

In what way does it represent a step forward from the current best solution in the field?

How your research will impact on Human health?

How your project will benefit to the whole consortium?
4. IN CONCLUSION
Check list

Key tips

☑️ Read carefully all the documents and follow all the recommendations

☑️ The proposal must be well written, accurate and feasible within the planned time frame

☑️ Fill in all eligibility criteria

☑️ Clear language without abbreviations & jargon specific to a particular field.

☑️ For a second submission: take into account the feedback from the evaluators

Call for Proposals
 .Guidelines
 .Scientific & Financial Templates
 .FAQ

Proposals Submission

Check of Eligibility Criteria

Evaluation Process

Selection Committee

Peer Review

Final Decision

Feedbacks for Approved and Declined Applications

Start of funded Projects
In summary, you must convince the evaluators that you have the necessary knowledge, experience and skills to implement your project together with your partners.
How can we help you?

- Decipher the guidelines and choose the right call between the incentive scientific programs
- Look for the appropriate partners
- Provide you with advices for writing a successful proposal and avoid some pitfalls