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

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<th>Incentive research call</th>
<th>PTR Call – 2020 session</th>
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<td><strong>Objectives</strong></td>
<td>- PTR call for proposals <strong>is open to all research themes.</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>Proposals related to the three priority scientific areas</strong> (Emerging Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobials and Antimicrobial Resistance, Brain Connectivity and Neurodegenerative diseases) and <strong>the two specific concerted actions</strong> (Cancer and Vaccinology) are encouraged.</td>
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<td>Aims: of this call:</td>
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<td>- encourage <strong>innovative, ambitious and exploratory research projects</strong></td>
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<td>- foster <strong>breakthrough technological approaches</strong></td>
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<td>- promote the access of <strong>young researchers</strong> to <strong>leadership positions</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility Criteria</strong></td>
<td>- <strong>Interdisciplinary</strong> and <strong>collaborative</strong> projects with at least three entities from IP Paris &amp; IPIN, one of the entity must be IP Paris</td>
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<td>- Participation of IPIN teams is desirable but not mandatory</td>
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<td>- All permanent scientists from IP Paris &amp; IPIN, including head of entities, have the possibility to coordinate a PTR. However, coordination by a permanent scientist who is not the head of an entity or by the head of an entity who does not have a permanent researcher in her/his team is desirable.</td>
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<td>- The PTR proposals coordinated by a <strong>young scientist</strong>*(no more than 8 years of experience after completion of PhD) are greatly encouraged.*</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td><strong>24 months</strong>, starting date: <strong>Oct 1st, 2020</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Budget</strong></td>
<td><strong>Up to 250 k€</strong> including running costs and personnel</td>
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*: Derogation for maternity leave, one year per child is given.
PTR Grant Flow Chart

Timetable

Dec. 6th, 2019

Feb. 7th, 2020

June 2020

July 2020

October 2020

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

Proposals Submission
Only online

Check of Eligibility Criteria

Evaluation Process

Selection Committee

Peer Review

Final Decision

Feedbacks for Approved and Declined Applications

Start of funded Projects

Reporting 12 & 24 Months
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
- 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
- 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 (if applicable)
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 projects 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?
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
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?

- Contact the dedicated team to the PTR call at the following address: spis@pasteur.fr

If you have any questions, such as:

- Look for the appropriate consortium partners
- Provide you with advices for writing a successful proposal and avoid some pitfalls