



Institut Pasteur

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# Grand Programme Fédérateur Vaccinologie

Third call for proposals  
Deadline for submission November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Introduction

The GPF Vaccinology was created in 2014 to provide visibility and endorsement to new ideas and concepts to reshape the Institut Pasteur's legacy in the field of vaccines, a strong research tradition and a strategic topic for our campus. The GPF aims at organizing, developing and supporting research to take a step forward in innovation and better bring our cross-disciplinary research efforts to the world. Two first calls were launched in 2015 and 2016 focusing on cutting-edge ideas in vaccinology and acceleration of preclinical development of vaccine candidates, respectively, with a total of 7 projects funded. A third call is now open.

## Objective of the call

This 3<sup>rd</sup> call will focus on innovation in vaccinology and will support projects aiming to develop new concepts and strategies leading to safe and efficient vaccines. Both preventive and therapeutic vaccines will be considered, including the identification of antigens, the development of delivery techniques and of adjuvants capable of fine-tuning the immune response or improving the responses in specific groups, such as newborns or elderly. New hypotheses with significant impact on design of new vaccine strategies will also be considered. Participants are invited to describe well-defined idea at **an early stage of investigation**. Original, "**out of the box**" ideas and new approaches in the field of vaccines are expected. The call is open to all disciplines, and collaborative projects are encouraged.

Will not be considered as eligible for funding: clinical trials, purely descriptive basic research, product development and **research concepts currently being conducted in the applicant's laboratory**.

## Eligibility of applications

GPF projects involve one or several partners (unit, laboratory, 4-year and 5-year-groups, and from the four centers) from **IPIN research institutes**. An essential criterion is that **one of the partners of the consortium must be from Institut Pasteur (Paris)**. The projects 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. All the participants who will perform the work 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 **150,000€** per project will be granted for a maximum period of **24 months**. After completion of the 24 months, an extension may be granted to complete the project with no additional funding. No overhead expenses are allowed 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.

### **Project selection criteria**

Each project will be evaluated by at least two experts in the field. Then, the selection panel including the GPF Steering Committee and *ad hoc* experts will rank and finally select the projects. 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 and scientific impact of the proposed research.

### **Reporting**

Annual progress report will be requested. Progress meetings will be organized every 6 months.

### **Application submission and agenda**

Application forms will be sent to [gpf-vaccino@pasteur.fr](mailto:gpf-vaccino@pasteur.fr).

Deadline for submission: **November 15th, 2017**.

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