

# European and International Associated Laboratories Programme

## 2016 call for proposals

### Application deadline

**June 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm (Paris, France)**

### 1. Context and objectives of the programme

In the framework of its 2016-2020 strategic plan, Inserm adopted a new strategy regarding European and International cooperation. Inserm wishes to develop and consolidate cooperative research programs with foreign research organisations identified as strategic partners. On one hand, it aspires to foster excellent International research cooperation, notably with a selection of priority countries, as specified in its strategic plan (Brazil, Canada, China, India, Israel, Japan, Maghreb countries, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and the United-States). On the other hand, it aims to promote excellent scientific collaborations with all European countries in the perspective of continuing to benefit from more resources from the European Commission research support programmes, including Horizon 2020.

In order to offer its researchers the opportunity to initiate and strengthen excellent European and International scientific collaborations, Inserm implements European and International Associated Laboratories (EAL/IAL), in particular, but not only, with the countries targeted in its cooperation strategy.

An EAL/IAL is a virtual cooperation structure which aims at developing a common research project on the basis of a new or pre-existing scientific collaboration between an Inserm research team and a foreign research team. Formalized through the signature for 4 years of a cooperation agreement, its creation depends on scientific excellence of implicated research teams and the proposed research project.

This programme is based on annual calls for proposals opening in March and closing in June of year (n) for creation of EAL/IAL in year (n+1).

### 2. Application modalities

Applications must be submitted **electronically** by June 15, 2016, at 5:00 pm (Paris time, France), to the following address:

**[eal-ial.programme@inserm.fr](mailto:eal-ial.programme@inserm.fr)**

Applications must contain the following documents:

- the completed application form,
- CV of both French and foreign coordinators,
- a formal letter of commitment signed by the institution to which the foreign partner belongs.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications in December 2016.

### **3. Review of proposals**

#### **3.1 Review process**

Eligibility of proposals will be assessed by Inserm's Office of European/International Affairs before review of proposals by Inserm Scientific Council and Governing Board. Final approval will be provided by Inserm CEO.

#### **3.2 Eligibility criteria**

- 1 – The application must contain all requested information and documents (see list in section 2).
- 2 – The proposed EAL/IAL must be led by one coordinator from the corresponding Inserm laboratory (referred to as French coordinator) and one coordinator from the foreign laboratory (referred to as foreign coordinator).
- 3 – The French coordinator has to be a researcher with a permanent position working in an Inserm laboratory.

#### **3.3 Evaluation criteria**

Scientific evaluation of proposals will be based on:

- 1 – Scientific quality and originality of collaborative research proposal
- 2 – Merits of applicants
- 3 – Feasibility of proposed project
- 4 – Added value of proposed research collaboration / Complementarity of research teams

Priority will be given to proposals within the scope of the Inserm European and International cooperation strategy. Nevertheless, proposals out of this scope may be selected for funding.

### **4. Funding of selected projects**

Selected EAL/IAL will be granted, for a period of 4 years starting in 2017:

- 10000€ per year for EAL,
- 15000€ per year for IAL.

### **5. Monitoring of selected projects**

The activities of selected EAL/IAL will be monitored by the Inserm's Office of European/International Affairs, through:

- a short mid-term progress report provided at the end of year 2 (2 pages maximum),
- a project review meeting at the end of year 2
- a final project report submitted in the month following the end date of the EAL/IAL.

### **6. Contact**

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