

Labex Bio-Psy
First Call for Collaborative Projects
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Goal of the call

The current call aims at fostering interactions between basic scientists and clinicians working in the field of psychiatric research. It also aims at facilitating collaboration between different Bio-Psy partners' sites. In order to boost translational research approaches, projects based on new collaborations between clinicians and basic scientists are strongly encouraged. As support provided by Bio-Psy will be limited, it can be considered as seed money to prepare later application to other national or international sources of funding.

Eligibility

Although there is no limitation in the number of partners, applications must involve at least either two participating partners of the Labex Bio-Psy, located on distinct campuses or one Bio-Psy participant and a member of the Fundamental Network of "Expert Centers". In all cases, the project coordinator must be a Bio-Psy participant.

All themes outlined in the Bio-Psy 5 work packages will be considered:

1. Brain development and synaptogenesis
2. Neurotransmission and signalling
3. Brain plasticity from neural circuits to behaviour
4. Genes and environment interactions
5. Mental health and society¹

The funding (up to 50 000 Euros for 12 to 24 months) can be requested to cover running costs and small equipment purchases and/or salaries of personnel (e.g., post-docs or technicians). A Bio-Psy group may submit multiple applications, but will be funded for only one project within this call.

Evaluation criteria

- Project scientific interest and relevance to Bio-Psy main scientific axes
- Partners teams' complementarity and added value of the collaboration
- Project feasibility
- Justification of the approach chosen and of the budget

Timeline

Projects will be evaluated by an *ad-hoc* committee (including experts outside of Bio-Psy and members of the Steering Committee not applying to the call) before the end of the year, funding will be made available from January 1st, 2013.

Approximately up to 5-7 projects will be funded.

Application procedure

Projects, written in English (use the specific application form), should be submitted no later than November 15th, in pdf format and by e-mail to:

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For questions, call (or e-mail):

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¹ To encourage applications relevant to WP5, projects that are based on collaborations with groups that are external to Bio-Psy but have specific competence in the fields of interest for WP5 will be considered as well.