



## 2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR YOUNG INVESTIGATORS

The LabEx IGO is launching its fourth internal call for Young Investigators who do not hold any permanent position. As a reminder, one call is launched every year, from 2020 until 2024, to fund two projects per year.

The aim of this call is to provide small grants (€15K) to young investigators of one of the 20 partner teams of the LabEx IGO to carry out a specific project enabling them to strengthen their CV (before applying for a permanent position for instance). The proposed projects can be either emergent (i.e. demonstrating the proof of concept for a new idea with a leverage effect for further funding) or about a new aspect of a current project (new hypothesis, needs to use an alternative technology, short mobility in order to acquire new technical skills in another laboratory, etc.). The main objective of the LabEx IGO with that call is to significantly support the early career of the researcher.

### SCHEDULE

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| 4 October 2022          | Launch of the call                                 |
| <b>13 November 2022</b> | <b>CLOSING DATE FOR THE CALL</b>                   |
| <b>6 December 2022</b>  | <b>RESULTS ANNOUNCED</b> to applicants             |
| <b>January 2023</b>     | <b>START OF PROJECTS</b> (availability of funding) |
| December 2023           | <b>END</b> of projects                             |

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Projects dealing with the topics of the LabEx IGO: immunology and immunotherapies in the context of transplantation, cancer, autoimmunity, inflammation and infection.
- Projects conducted by a non-permanent researcher with a contract running for the length of the funding. PhD students are not eligible. No age limit.
- Projects not already funded
- Fully completed application file.

### INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Projects that have already received funding from the LabEx IGO, or other programs, shall not be funded through this call, unless the issues are clearly distinct and complementary.
- Project leaders that have received funding from the LabEx IGO through the previous internal calls for Young Investigators are not eligible.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

- Complete the application file **in English**
- Email your application, **deadline 13/11/2022**, to:  
LabEx IGO Executive Manager, Laurence Wolff (laurence.wolff@univ-nantes.fr)

## **EVALUATION**

The members of the Young Investigators Scientific Committee are: Mathilde Allard, Emmanuelle Godefroy, Brice Laffleur, Arnaud Uguen and Nicolas Vince.

They will score the applications using the criteria of the evaluation grid below according to the scale:

A+: Excellent

A: Very good

B: Good

C: Poor

| EVALUATION GRID                                                                                                                                       | Mark                        |
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| Scientific quality                                                                                                                                    | A+<br>A<br>B<br>C           |
| Relevance to the career objectives                                                                                                                    | A+<br>A<br>B<br>C           |
| Feasibility                                                                                                                                           | A+<br>A<br>B<br>C           |
| <b>Overall mark</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>A+<br/>A<br/>B<br/>C</b> |
| <b>Overall recommendation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to be funded</li> <li>- to be discussed</li> <li>- not to be funded</li> </ul> |                             |

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| <p><b><u>Comments</u></b> :</p> |
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## FINAL SELECTION

The members of the Young Investigators Scientific Committee will meet to make the final selection of the projects. The Director and Deputy Director of the LabEx IGO will validate this selection.

## **FUNDING**

The total sum allocated to the 2023 internal call is €30K.

This amount will enable the funding of two projects.

### AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EACH PROJECT

The overall budget allocation for a project is €15K (you don't have to include any management fees). As a reminder, Nantes University does not apply 20% VAT to research projects.

The purpose of this funding envelope is to cover associated research costs (consumables, missions, subcontracts, etc.). In no circumstances should it be used to acquire items of equipment nor to pay salaries (apart from internship gratifications).

In their research proposal, the project coordinators must provide a budget breakdown between the areas of expenditure.

The distribution of the funding budget between the areas of expenditure cannot be altered after the project begins.

### DETAILS

The full amount of funding must be used by 31/12/2023 at the latest.