



## 2020 INTERNAL CALL FOR PROJECTS

The LabEx IGO 2020 follows on from the initial program developed between 2012 and 2019 and will foster the development of projects aiming at designing new molecular and cellular immunotherapies, and analyzing therapeutic responses using integrative immunology approaches in cancer, transplantation, auto-immunity and inflammation. To achieve these objectives, the LabEx IGO 2020 is involved in the acquisition of innovative equipment for high dimensional imaging and flow cytometry (CODEX Akoya Biosciences in Nantes, Hyperion Fluidigm in Brest, Symphony BD Biosciences in Nantes). In addition, a research assistant will be recruited to take charge of the CODEX and bioinformaticians will be recruited in Nantes and Rennes.

The LabEx IGO 2020 is launching its internal call for research projects. The aim of this call is to bring out new projects within the 15 partner teams of the LabEx IGO 2020: UMR1236-MICMAC, UMR1227-LBAI, UMR1064-CRTI teams 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and UMR1232-CRCINA teams 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13. The LabEx IGO 2020 will support up to 3 **new, ambitious and collaborative projects**. Proposals including integrative immunology approaches in humans using **high dimensional tools and bioinformatics** and **international collaborations** are encouraged.

These projects shall not have been already funded.

### SCHEDULE

19 December 2019	LAUNCH OF INTERNAL CALL FOR PROJECTS
<b>28 February 2020</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE FOR INTERNAL CALL FOR PROJECTS</b>
4 March 2020	analysis of projects submitted by members of the COPIL to verify eligibility criteria
6 March 2020	eligible projects and evaluation grid transmitted to members of SAB
20 April 2020	PRESELECTION : SAB returns projects' evaluations
<b>27 May 2020</b>	<b>AUDITION of project leaders</b> shortlisted by members of SAB <b>SELECTION</b> of projects by members of SAB
<b>27 May 2020</b>	<b>RESULTS ANNOUNCED</b> to applicants
<b>July 2020</b>	<b>LAUNCH OF PROJECTS</b> (availability of funding, staff recruitment, etc.)
December 2023	<b>END</b> of projects of 2020 internal call for projects

## ELIGIBILITY

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Projects dealing with the topics of the LabEx IGO: immunotherapies in oncology, transplantation, auto-immunity and inflammation.
- Projects deemed innovative and emergent, but with preliminary results which validate the feasibility.
- Projects involving **at least 2 LabEx IGO partner units (UMR)**. External collaborations are possible (eg. with a private company or a team from another LabEx or a laboratory based abroad...), but only teams of the LabEx IGO will be funded.
- Projects overseen by a permanent or non-permanent researcher.  
If the project leader is a non-permanent researcher, this one should give at least 50% of his/her time to the project and 50% maximum of his/her salary could be paid by the funding of the LabEx IGO.
- If a project leader is involved in another LabEx IGO proposal as a partner, particular attention will be paid to the respective implications to ensure that projects do not overlap and that the researcher has sufficient time for each project.
- Fully completed application file.

### INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Projects that have already received funding under the LabEx IGO, or other programs, shall not be funded through the 2020 internal call for projects, unless the issues are clearly distinct and complementary.
- Projects that consist of clinical trials
- Project leaders that have received funding from the LabEx IGO through the 2016 internal call and have used less than 75% of the operating subsidy allocated to them by 28/02/2020 are not eligible.
- Project leaders that have received funding from the LabEx IGO through the 2018 internal call and have not carried out the planned recruitment for these projects by 28/02/2020 are not eligible.

## HOW TO APPLY

- complete the application file **in English** (see below; maximum 5 pages)
- email your application, **deadline 28/02/2020**, to:  
contact.labexigo@univ-nantes.fr

## EVALUATION

### REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

LabEx Steering Committee (COPIL) will ensure that the submitted projects meet the eligibility requirements.

### PRESELECTION

Eligible projects will then be sent to the President of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), which is in charge of allocating application files to the different members of SAB according to their expertise. Each proposal will be reviewed by 3 members of SAB.

As a reminder, the SAB is composed of : M. Bonneville (France), P. Dellabona (Italy) , R. Monteiro (France) , B. Seliger (Germany), M. Sykes (USA), HD. Volk (Germany); it is chaired by M. Sykes.

The SAB 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
Scientific quality, originality, international competitiveness, international collaborations	A+ A B C
Methodology, use of high dimensional tools	A+ A B C
Feasibility ("correlation between means/objectives": schedule, material resources, skills of the teams)	A+ A B C
<b>Overall mark</b>	<b>A+ A B C</b>
<b>Overall recommendation</b> - to be funded - to be discussed - not to be funded	
<b>Comments :</b>	

If a project has 2 or more reviewer scorings "not to be funded" it will not be presented orally to the SAB in April.

#### FINAL SELECTION

A shortlist of projects will be presented to the SAB meeting on 27/05/2020.

At the end of this audition, the SAB members will meet to propose a final selection of the projects. The director and the co-director of the LabEx IGO, and the members of the LabEx IGO COPIL, will be available to answer potential specific questions.

#### **FUNDING**

The total sum allocated to the 2020 internal call is €900K which will enable the funding of up to 3 projects.

### AMOUNT OF THE BUDGETARY ENVELOPE ALLOCATED TO EACH PROJECT

The overall budgetary allocation for a project amounts to €300K (management fees deducted). As a reminder, the University of Nantes does not apply 20% VAT to research projects.

The purpose of this funding envelope is to cover associated research costs (consumables, missions, services, etc.) and staff salaries. In no circumstances should it be used to acquire equipment.

The proposed breakdown of the funding envelope for a project might be divided as follows:

- €129K for the running costs (consumables, missions, services, etc.), representing €43K per year over a 3-year period
- and
- €171K for staff salaries. This sum represents approximately €45K per year for a post-doctoral researcher over 2 years or €30k per year for a doctoral student over 3 years and €27K per year for a technician over 3 years. The recruitment of a post-doctoral researcher for at least 2 years or a doctoral student for 3 years is mandatory.

In their research proposal, the project coordinators must provide a budget breakdown between the areas of expenditure (staff, running costs) and between the partners. This distribution must have been validated by the project partners.

Project coordinators are strongly encouraged to recruit foreign PhD students or post-doctoral fellows. For this, the job offers will have to go through the LabEx IGO international advertisement. The costs will be paid by the WP Dissemination of the LabEx IGO.

### PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF EXTERNAL COLLABORATION

In case the proposed research is led by **teams from the LabEx IGO associated with an external team (eg. a private company or a team from another LabEx or a laboratory based abroad...)**, only the partner teams of the LabEx IGO will be granted funding from the LabEx IGO. *(NB: This provision is in line with the Financial Regulation for LabEx determined by the National Research Agency (ANR), which stipulates that only signatory partners of the consortium agreement established in the context of a LabEx can be recipients of aid from the ANR).* **The amount of funding provided by the partner team “external to the LabEx IGO” should be specified in the project.**

A collaboration agreement should be established between the team from the LabEx IGO and the team “external to the LabEx IGO”. *(NB: this provision is in line with the consortium agreement of the LabEx IGO).*

### **DETAILS**

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

Consequently, the project leader must implement his project by the end of 2020 at the latest.

The budget awarded for each selected project will be allocated over the planned duration of the project (2020-2023), in 3 or 4 instalments (1 instalment per year).

An annual report will be requested for each project and in cases where the implementation of the selected project falls too far behind schedule, the COPIL reserves the right to re-allocate some or all of the funding envelope to other projects.

In cases where the project leaders do not provide on time the elements requested to prepare the annual report to ANR, the COPIL reserves the right to re-allocate some or all of the funding envelope to other projects.