

# **Labex Bio-Psy**

## **First Call for Collaborative Projects**

### **08-10-2012**

#### **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 society<sup>1</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, in pdf format and by e-mail to:

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For questions, call (or e-mail):

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<sup>1</sup> 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.