



## Labex Bio-Psy

### PhD fellowships (*contrats doctoraux*) Call 2015

#### Context

The Labex Bio-Psy (Laboratory of Excellence, Biology for Psychiatry) is a French network of biologists and clinicians joining forces to promote and develop research on psychiatric disorders. Our common goal is to better understand the causes and mechanisms of mental disorders and to improve their diagnosis and treatment. Our efforts also aim to identify new biomarkers, propose new approaches for prevention and treatment, and evaluate the economic costs and benefits of research progress.

#### Goal

The present call is launched by the Bio-Psy Labex with two main objectives:

- To attract talented candidates terminating or having recently completed their Master degree (or equivalent) and interested in carrying out a research project within the framework of Bio-Psy,
- To allow Bio-Psy partner teams to increase their strengths and potential in their areas of expertise related to the Labex strategic axes.

#### Eligibility

- The applicants can be of any nationality, but must hold a full Master degree (or equivalent)<sup>1</sup> by summer 2015 and carry out their project in a participating Bio-Psy team lab. Each proposed project should focus on one of Bio-Psy's major research themes (1- mood disorders and psychoses; 2- autism spectrum disorders; 3- addiction, motivation and reward), or priorities for development (refractory disorders, immunity-inflammation, iPSCs, or health economics, all applied to Psychiatry).

#### Conditions

- Fellowships will be funded for 3 years (*contrat doctoral*)
- Applicants must identify and contact the Labex partner team in which they wish to be hosted, prior to the application
- The full proposal must be submitted by the proposed PhD supervisor
- Selected candidates will enroll in the PhD program or doctoral school (*Ecole Doctorale*) with which the host team is affiliated
- Only one doctoral fellowship will be funded per partner group within this call.

#### Evaluation criteria

- Project quality, feasibility, and contribution to the Bio-Psy strategic axes.
- Quality of the training curriculum.
- Multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary nature of the applicant's training. Candidates with an initial training in other disciplines (e.g. Maths, Physics, Economics, Informatics, etc...) or a degree with a double major are encouraged to apply.

### **Application procedure**

All applications, written in English, should include:

- A letter of motivation (1 page)
- A complete CV
- A copy of previous degrees and diplomas, including marks and rankings for the Master degree<sup>1</sup> (or planned dates of final M2 evaluation and coordinates of the M2 department).
- A description of the proposed project (2 pages)
- A letter of support from the Labex host team leader, stating the interest of the project
- At least one letter/mail of reference from a scientist outside of the host laboratory, sent directly to the address below, independently from the main application.

All should be submitted no later than **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**, in pdf format and by e-mail to:

[brigitte.bouchard@inserm.fr](mailto:brigitte.bouchard@inserm.fr)

For questions, call (or e-mail):

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<sup>1</sup> Master 2 equivalences will be subjected to the validation of the relevant university depending on the PhD program to which the host laboratory is affiliated.