



Emergence Program Call for Projects 2019

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Objective: To recognize and support the development of dynamic emerging scientific trends based on a top-level research project and with high potential influence. This program is primarily targeting researchers and lecturer-researchers wanting to become involved in an original, creative approach with a degree of risk-taking in a pivotal period of consolidation in their careers.

The Excellence Initiative of the University of Bordeaux (IdEx Bordeaux) introduced in 2018 a new program called “Emergence” which aims to support structuring dynamics of research in Bordeaux at international level in the university’s key subject field(s), based on an original development project. Through various types of support and funding, the intention is to enable and encourage candidates to take the risks associated with such projects. Particular attention is to be paid to discovering and developing scientific projects that are outside or at the interface of the priority areas already identified and structured within the context of dynamic entities such as LabEx, Clusters or other well-established structures.

This call for projects addresses in particular a form of “emergence” where the main dynamics are driven by statutory staff and PhD holders, either an individual or a small nucleus of individuals, who have a tenured position in a scientific laboratory in Bordeaux. Candidates will be able to submit top-level research projects that include a high degree of risk and with a creative and original approach. Projects are expected to be capable of transforming practices in their field and bring about a dynamic that extends beyond the project leaders. Both methodological and financial supports are available.

This call for projects is open to all disciplines from Science and Technology, Life and Health Sciences and Social and Human Sciences.

Types of support available

Because of the exploratory nature of the projects, support is provided in **2 phases**. The **1st prefunding phase** may lead – after an intermediate selection process – to a **2nd funding phase** to ramp up the project. This call for proposals corresponds only to the 1st phase.

- **Phase 1 – Initial support:** the project is supported for a maximum of 2 years, and for a maximum of €30,000. Candidates may also receive support in terms of methodology. This first phase should be enough to establish the dynamics of the project, to develop a network of collaborators and establish proof of concept which could then be developed to a more advanced level if successful, especially in the framework of the second phase.
- **Phase 2 – Consolidation:** projects selected in phase 1 may, after two years, apply for a second phase of consolidation. This consolidation phase may then be supported for a maximum of 2 further years and a maximum €150,000. This extra support is expected to enable the project to build up momentum and show an ability to involve others in its dynamic.

The selection of projects for the consolidation phase will take the form of a new call for proposals, which will involve the presentation of a detailed report on the results obtained during the support phase.

Funding may be used for operations (including mission expenses and internships), small equipment (<€4 k) and, if necessary, a share of personnel.

The amounts allocated are to be used exclusively for expenses linked directly with the research project. Indirect costs are not eligible for this call for projects, and must be covered elsewhere. The host department, through its Director, must ensure that the conditions for carrying out the project are met, should it be successful.

Eligibility criteria

- The candidate must have a tenured position at the time the application is submitted and be mainly assigned to one of the research laboratories on the Bordeaux University site.
- The candidate must have obtained his/her PhD degree less than twelve (12) years before the closing date of the call for projects (PhD obtained after 1st January 2007). Exemptions may be granted (in the case of maternity/paternity leave, career break for medical reasons or other special situations), for a maximum of 2 years, provided that such a request has been justified and approved before the application is submitted.
- The project must not have been funded elsewhere nor have been submitted as part of an application more than 18 months ago.
- Candidates already receiving support funds provided for new research teams (IdEx Chair, ATIP-Avenir, ANR JCJC, ERC, Emergence INC, Momentum CNRS, Tremplin ERC etc.) are not eligible for this scheme. In general, this program will not finance the continuation of projects already ongoing.

Particular attention will be paid to candidates with initiative for original research and ability to think “out of the box”.

The project should have one leader (principal investigator - PI), but can involve several members of staff and/or research structures. However, funding will be allocated to the PI and will be managed by only one research unit.

Submitting applications and assessment

Application process

Applications are submitted for each phase by filing online via the IdEx Bordeaux website, on the dedicated platform. All the required documents must be provided for the application to be valid.

The application file must include:

- a description of the research project (5 pages maximum) setting out how the project and the project leader fall with the scope of the objectives of the “Emergence” program (see context). The format is left to the discretion of the applicant, although the outline presented in Document A1 must be respected. English is the recommended language.
- a support form of the project filled in and signed by the Director of the host laboratory (Document A2).

- a budget appendix setting out the funds being requested. (Document B)
- an “Ethics, Integrity and Social Responsibility” appendix (Document C)
- CV of the applicant (PI), and of co-applicant(s) where appropriate, including main scientific publications (3 pages maximum)

Assessment criteria

Projects will be assessed under the guidance of a dedicated committee formed by the IdEx Bordeaux Management committee according to the following criteria, in decreasing order of importance:

- Scientific qualities of the project and the candidate;
- Project content in terms of innovation, ground-breaking ideas, creativity, etc.;
- Impact in terms of scientific and academic visibility (research, training);
- The funding requested should be consistent with the intended scope of the project.

Although not a discriminating criterion, wide-ranging projects involving at least two of the three subject Departments of Science and Technology, Life and Health Sciences and Social and Human Sciences are strongly encouraged.

External experts will be called on in the context of the application assessment process. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, applicants are invited, where applicable, to provide in Document A1 the names of researchers they wish to exclude from the assessment of their application.

The final list of projects selected for funding will be produced by the IdEx Bordeaux Management committee, based on the general objectives of the Excellence Initiative and the specific objectives of the “Emergence” program.

Commitment by the project leader

The project leader agrees to:

- produce a scientific activity report and a financial report every year;
- contribute to the academic life of the local community (training and education, conferences, seminars, etc.);
- participate in communication actions related to the project;
- refer to the IdEx Bordeaux funding in all communications;
- submit a project to a competitive funding scheme during the 12 months following the end of phase 2, if applicable.

Provisional timetable

➤ **Phase 1 – Initial support:**

Dates	Stage
2019/01/07 et 2019/02/15 (midnight)	Submission of applications
May / june	Communication of results
2019/01/09 to 2019/12/31	Start of awarded projects

➤ **Phase 2 – Consolidation:**

The call for projects for the consolidation phase will start in november 2021 at the latest, on the basis of the same timetable as the initial support phase.

Contact

Before applying, candidates may get in touch with the Research program manager of IdEx Bordeaux (Major projects management office / RIPI (Research, International, Partnerships, Innovation Center) - email: dgp.recherche@u-bordeaux.fr)

*By submitting a project to this call for proposals, the project leader agrees to strict compliance with the ethical and professional rules of the **Social Responsibility Charter** and the **Ethics Charter relating to the scientific integrity of the University of Bordeaux**, which can be downloaded on this page. More generally, the project leader agrees to be constantly aware of the immediate or delayed consequences of his/her actions and to ensure that the project meets the requirements of society and contributes to the common good. To this end, he/she must pay great attention to sharing and disseminating the results of the research and to exploiting them through opening up to partnerships and cooperation with those involved in society. The project leader also agrees to respect and promote the values of ethics and integrity in research at the University of Bordeaux and to guard against any conflict of interest.*

L'initiative d'excellence vise à soutenir le développement de l'université de Bordeaux pour la constitution d'une université de recherche de classe internationale et à conforter le partenariat permettant d'atteindre cet objectif. Elle est financée par l'État au titre du Programme des Investissements d'Avenir.

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