



# Bordeaux International Support

Université McGill

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## Helpdesk for internationalization projects with Université McGill

### Objectives

The aim of the Bordeaux International Support (BIS) Helpdesk is to encourage the emergence and strengthening of projects with high added-value.

The BIS Helpdesk is a tool of IdEx Bordeaux, with the following objectives:

- To support the setting up and strengthening of research and academic partnerships and networks involving Canadian partners,
- To strengthen the positioning of Bordeaux as a major HE and research institution on an international level,
- To enable students to enjoy an international environment early-on in their academic path,
- To participate in the internationalization of the institution through best practice exchange.

### Context

McGill University (McGill) and the University of Bordeaux (UBx) and its partners in the frame of the IdEx Bordeaux Campus of Excellence program<sup>1</sup> have recently engaged a strategic partnership that encompasses all dimensions of higher education: training, research and institutional cooperation. The first step in the collaboration between the two institutions was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, a framework cooperation agreement, at the end of July 2015. Several and varied joint projects had already been developed before the formalization of the agreement. The two institutions have also a long experience of successful joint supervision of doctoral thesis.

Both institutions wish to strengthen their already existing collaborations and extend them to new fields, to encourage the emergence of projects with high added-value, through **the setting up of a joint support program**, whose principles are described in this document.

Following this objective, McGill University and the University of Bordeaux have identified the following common areas of scientific excellence as main disciplines for future cooperation:

- Neuroscience
- Imaging
- Epidemiology
- Cardiology
- Informatics
- Environment (including Forestry)

The aim of this McGill-Bordeaux joint support program is to support all university stakeholders (students, academics, and support staff) in their joint initiatives of collaboration.

## Operating rules

### Type of actions supported

McGill-Bordeaux joint support program is intended to provide support for *the launch of* significant international endeavors and/or seed money for projects and pilots that should become self-sustaining.

It can involve the following actions (up to a limit of 3 months per stay, if applicable):

1. Networking activity (research, education, exchange of good practice) and first steps for project building.

For these actions, the following topics are considered priorities:

- Support to the internationalization of research (such as setting-up of common projects, development of co-supervision of theses, preparation of joint applications to international call for proposals, summer schools, etc.)
- Support to the internationalization of training (such as development of a joint training offer in a specific topic, study visits for students, preparation of joint application to international call for proposals, organization of joint seminars, etc.), with a particular focus on the development of partnerships at graduate level
- Support to the internationalization of administrative departments.
- Support to best practice exchange (participation in workshops, study visit, etc.)

2. Student group projects aiming at increasing their international awareness

3. Student initiatives involving activities with an added-value for the internationalization of their course.

### Type of support

Based on the nature and the needs of the project submitted, the support proposed within the frame of Bordeaux International Support program may take the following forms:

- Advice on building an international collaboration project
- Project engineering for applications to national, European or international grants
- Linking with relevant contacts and networks in targeted foreign institutions,
- Seed-funding: financial support for internationalization projects that should become self-sustaining (see Appendix 1 on the BIS webpage).

***Prior to submitting your project support application, please liaise with the relevant contact person at the international office. He/she will be able to guide you through your collaboration project and the setting up of your application to this program – please refer to the “CONTACT” section on the BIS program webpage.***

### Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries may be researchers, administrative staff and students of the following institutions:

- University of Bordeaux
- Bordeaux Montaigne University
- The Bordeaux Institute of Technology ( IPB)
- Sciences Po Bordeaux (IEP)
- Bordeaux Sciences Agro
- National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

- National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM)
- National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA)
- Scientific Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA)
- Commissioner for Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies (CEA)
- Research Institute for Engineering Agriculture and the Environment (IRSTEA)
- French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)
- Optical Science Institute - Graduate School Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (School of Higher Studies)

\* Other actors of higher education and research in Aquitaine can also be involved, according to the project, this participation is subject to previous consultation of the governing board.

\*\* Staff from foreign partner universities may be involved in the program but the coordinator should clearly explain in the application the reasons for this request and why no other option is possible.

### Submission of projects

- Project proposals (in English or in French) will be sent via an online form via the IdEx website.
- Project proposals should be submitted by student or staff from one of the above-mentioned Bordeaux institutions. Applications from students must be sent along with a recommendation letter from one or more academic or officer in charge of the project supervision or coordination.
- For each application, applicants should indicate the beneficiaries of the action (CV of the people involved), the objective of the action, expected results and impact, and budget (total costs of the project and co-funding sources if relevant).

### Time schedule

Applications may be sent continuously. They will be examined on a fixed date three times a year according to the following schedule for calls:

Call deadline	<b>21/01/2018</b>	<b>30/03/2018</b>	<b>15/06/2018</b>
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Upon closure of the call for proposals, projects will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee and presented to the relevant IdEx Bordeaux board for final validation. The process takes between one and two months before the final notification is sent to the applicant.

### Award criteria

Evaluators will consider the following criteria:

- Are the presented actions eligible for another program in the frame of IdEx or in the supporting institutions? If so, applicants will be directed to this alternative funding source.
- Does the project directly involve one or more of the four above-mentioned target universities?
- Does the project match the program priorities?
- Is it a new cooperation (no formalized existing relationships between the project leader in Bordeaux and the pertaining university)? If so, are the choice and strategy clearly explained? Is the expected added value in line with the program's objectives?

- In the case of an already existing cooperation between partners, what is the added value in comparison with the current implemented co-operation?
- Who and how many are direct beneficiaries?
- What is the added value of the action for the beneficiaries?
- What are the considered achievements?
- Is the budget in accordance with the objectives of the action (if applicable)?

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