



## GUIDELINES – 2024 SESSION

### INTRODUCTION

The **Cancer Initiative** is a concerted action led by Institut Pasteur laboratories working on cancer. It aims to build and support research on cancer by fostering a multidisciplinary and translational approach within the departments involved in this initiative.

### AIM

Through the 2024 M2 Master Students Call, the Cancer Initiative – supported by the Scientific direction/SPAIS\*- aims at attracting highly qualified students and at fostering research projects related to cancer at Institut Pasteur.

The call proposes **funding in the form of scholarships and running costs for IP research teams wishing to host a M2 Master student who will work on a cancer project.**

\*SPAIS: means Department for Scientific Programming and Incentive Actions

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The host research entity must be on the campus and involved in the Cancer Initiative.
- The host research entity can only present one application for 2024 session.
- The scientific proposal must be related to one of the 3 main areas:
  - Cancer biology
  - Innovative therapies
  - Cancer and microbes
- The research proposal must be achievable within 4 to 6 months.
- The student must be enrolled in a M2 Master program or equivalent (University, Engineer school, Medical school).
- Candidates of any nationality are eligible to apply.
- Successful fellows should start their work in the host IP entity between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**The collaborative projects with a M2 master student working in two different laboratories are welcome and encouraged.**

## INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

-This call does not consider spontaneous applications. Before applying, the candidate must ensure he/she is accepted by a host research entity of IP in Paris. To find a host lab working on the cancer, go to the [Cancer Initiative website](#) and click on one of the three themes ([Cancer Biology](#), [Innovatives Therapies](#) or [Cancer and Microbes](#)).

-It will not be possible to change the name of the applicant after the submission deadline.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The applications will be evaluated by an internal scientific committee, which will review proposals based on the following criteria :

- Scientific quality of the proposal and its relevance to the cancer theme
- Quality of the candidate's CV and its match with the scientific proposal
- Feasibility / risk balance
- Originality and creativity

## FUNDING AND DURATION

The amount of the grant is a **maximum of €5,000**, covering the student's stipend and work-related expenses for a period of 6 months. The amount of the grant will be calculated on *prorata temporis*.

Duration: **4 to 6 months**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates' application files should include the Application Form duly completed. This application consists of the following components:

- a) Applicant and Topics Information
- b) Summary of the project proposal and its significances
- c) Detailed description of the proposed research project
- d) Updated CV of the Master student
- e) Motivation letter of the Master student for this proposed research project
- f) Publications linked to project

Complete application should be submitted in .pdf format and named as follow: Applicant's SURNAME Name\_ Lab Head's SURNAME.pdf (example: SMITH John\_Lab CARTER).

**Applications should be sent before January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to [spais.ic@pasteur.fr](mailto:spais.ic@pasteur.fr)**

## TIMELINE

Publication of call : **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Deadline for submission of proposals : **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Selection of grantees : **beginning of February 2024**

Starting date : **The grantees should start between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

## COMMUNICATION AND DIFFUSION

The student and the supervisors should

- be present and participate in the Master IC Meeting to be held at IP Paris in May or June 2024,
- mention on all documents pertaining to her/his funded scholarship (any type of communication, report, slides, summary, etc..) the logo of the Institut Pasteur, and acknowledgements to the Cancer Initiative of Institut Pasteur for financial support

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