
Call for Application LabEx BRAIN Scientific Projects Program 2014-2015

Objectives:

The LabEx BRAIN 1st and 2nd calls (launched in 2012 and 2013) provided a powerful framework to encourage interdisciplinary collaborations and to strengthen the Bordeaux Neurocampus scientific community. The 3rd call will not only allow **deepening and enlarging intra-LabEx and intra Bordeaux Neurocampus collaborations, but also help to foster emergence of inter-LabEx collaborations.**

All the scientific topics aiming at improving our knowledge in neuroscience are eligible to this **open call** for proposal. Nevertheless, the 5 scientific focuses described in the LabEx BRAIN project remain high priorities, which are:

1. Mechanisms and pathophysiological consequences of the dynamic organisation of synapses
2. Integrative physiology of synapses and neural networks
3. Molecular basis of the transition to addiction
4. Transversal pathophysiology and innovative therapeutics for aging, memory and cognition
5. Transversal pathophysiology and innovative therapeutics for motor, sleep and attention disorders

Eligibility Criteria

1. The project should involve partners from at least **2 different institutes (or research units)** of Bordeaux Neurocampus and/or from another LabEx of Bordeaux University
2. Among the partners, the coordinating team must **belong to Bordeaux Neurocampus**
3. Projects can last up to **2 years** for a **total amount of 60k€/year/project**

Evaluation Criteria:

- ✓ **Significance:** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field?
- ✓ **Innovation:** Are the concepts and/or methodologies novel and original ?
- ✓ **Complementarity:** Do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise appropriate for the project?
- ✓ **Pluridisciplinarity:** Are the concepts or methodologies using expertise from different fields ?

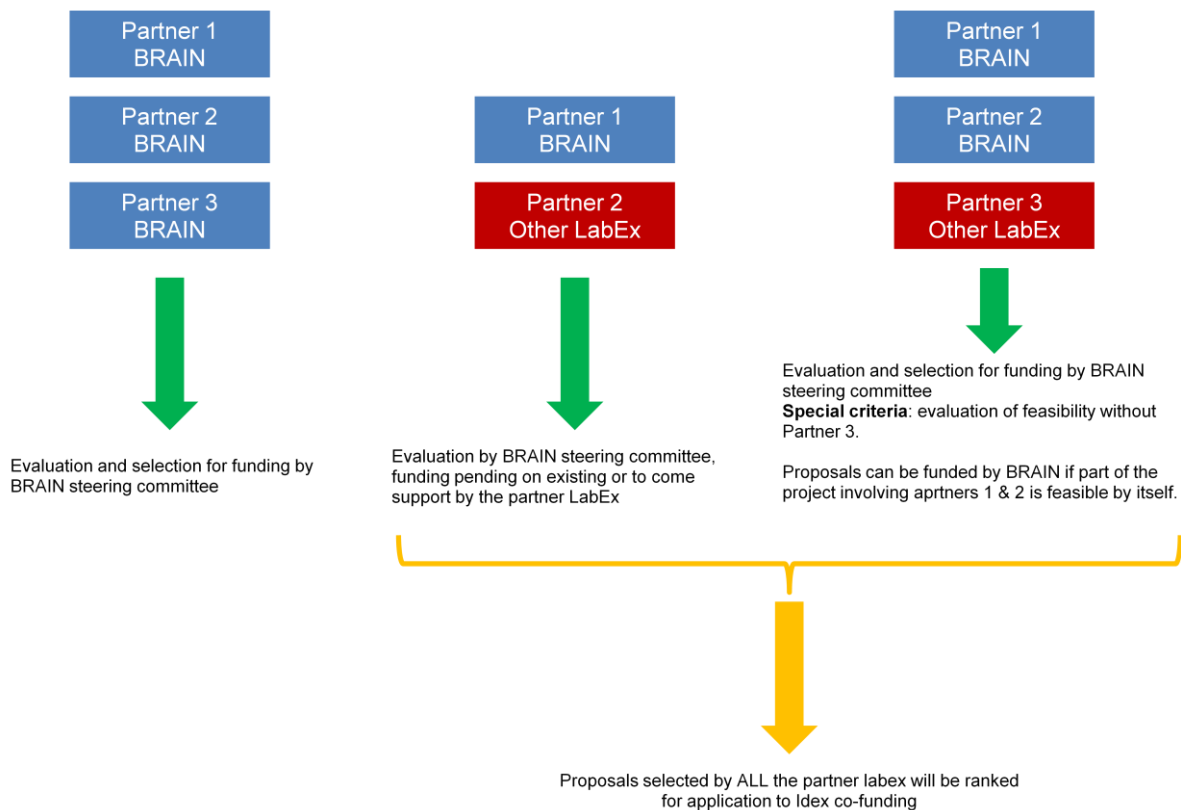
Evaluation Process:

The evaluation procedure is aimed as favouring a rapid, efficient and transparent process. Each grant will be independently evaluated by all steering committee members on the above mentioned criteria on a scale from 1 to 5. Grants will then be discussed for final selection in plenary session as a function of this ranking.

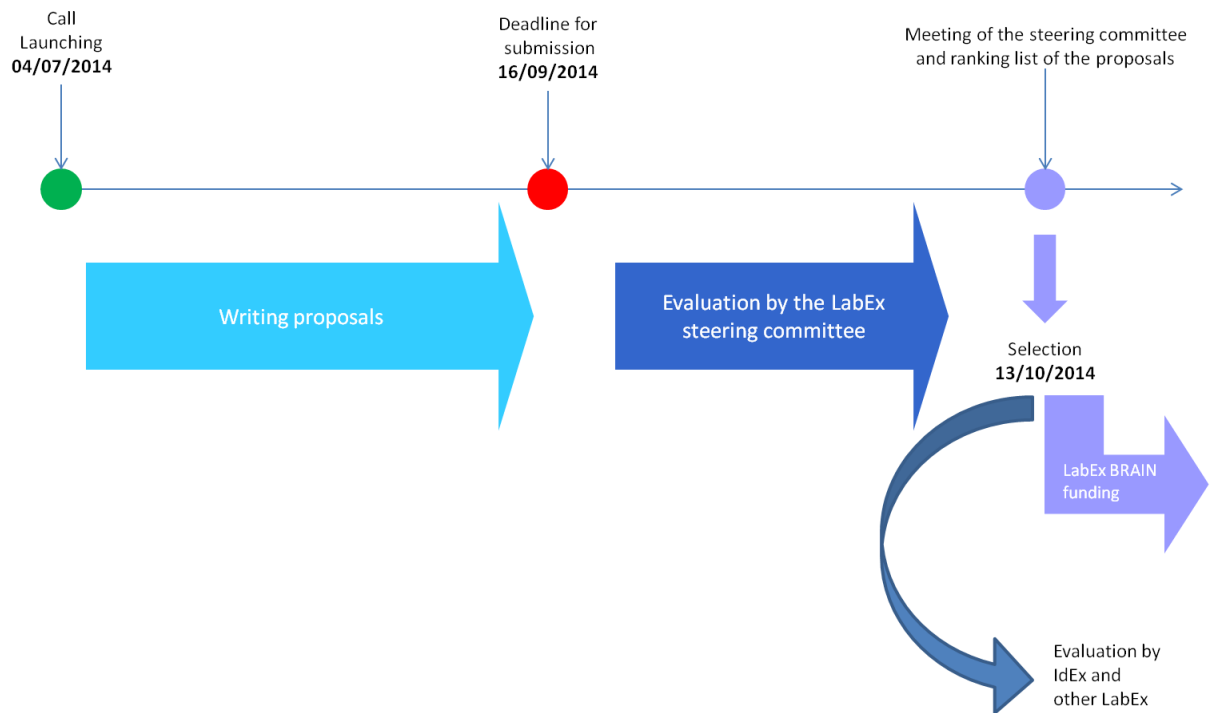
The ranking list is established exclusively on excellence criteria, and during the final selection discussion, committee members will be watching to a scientific thematic balance within the selected proposals.

Specific case of inter-LabEx proposals

Proposals that join teams from several Labex will first be evaluated by BRAIN using the above criteria. These can also benefit from additional grants from the IdEx inter-Labex program. For the latter, it is important that each team of the project receives and demonstrates the explicit support from its parent Labex. Selection of the projects that will be presented by BRAIN for co-funding at the IdEx will follow a specific case by case selection process in co-ordination with the other LabEx.



Timeline:



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