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PARIS-SACLAY

Objective

Institut Pascal (IPa) coordinates thematic programs to enable scientific communities to meet, explore pioneering ideas and establish new collaborations. The spirit of the IPa initiative is to facilitate programs over long time spans (typically from 3 weeks to 4 months), allowing researchers to devote the necessary time and energy to particularly important challenges. These programs should favor brainstorming that leads to innovative advancements. Therefore, the IPa encourages proposals for programs that dedicate large slots of time to interactions of small to medium-size groups of researchers.

The IPa provides this facilitating platform, welcoming all Université Paris-Saclay's laboratories and partners. The institute supports programs attracting scientists and students from all over the world and can host up to 60 (inter)national visitors in excellent conditions, having 30 offices dedicated to this end, and multiple lecture rooms for plenary meetings.

Scientific Themes

The thematic programs may fall within any of the scientific fields covered by the Université Paris-Saclay, be they theoretical or experimental. They include, for example, astronomy, biology, chemistry, climate science, computer science, earth sciences, engineering, mathematics, and physics. Proposals with a humanities or social sciences component are also welcome.

Selection

The IPa Scientific Council, composed of internationally recognized scientists, will evaluate the program proposals based on:

- Scientific importance of the topic, timeliness, intellectual challenges
- Recognized leadership of the program organizers and participants
- Relevance to the research activities carried out in the Paris-Saclay environment
- Size of the community in the Ile-de-France region that the program can attract

Organization

Once a program has been approved, the IPa and the scientific organizers will discuss how the institute can best provide its support. During a program, participants are expected to be present most of the associated period.

The IPa will take care of accommodation for participants in nearby hotels, in consultation with the individual attendees.

The scientific organizers are responsible for the scheduling of seminars, lectures, tutorials and brainstorming sessions. This schedule will act as the core of each program, but in addition to this, the coordinators are encouraged to include at least one more traditional one-week-workshop or conference.

Budget

Institut Pascal strives to ensure significant support (reimbursement of travel, lodging costs, and meals of invited participants and organizers) to a core of selected programs.

To benefit from this support, participants are expected to stay for a minimum of 2 weeks. There can be some flexibility to this rule, but the scope and rational of this flexibility should be clearly spelled out in the proposal.

The Institut Pascal highly encourages scientific organizers to explore additional sources of funding as well. The amount of the expected additional source of funding, and its intended usage, should be included in the proposal.

Application Procedures

Each program proposal should provide the following information:

- ✓ Title of the program
- ✓ List of the scientific organizers, co-organizers and scientific committee
- ✓ Full description of the program (5 pages max), including a brief description of the field for non-experts, and a list of important questions to be addressed
- ✓ Structure of the program, on a week-by-week basis. Specify the expected participation per week (the typical value expected is about 30, but this number could range between a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 60).
- ✓ Initiatives with regards to students (workshops, schools, seminars) and the broader public
- ✓ Additional funding opportunities (requested or obtained), and how it will be spent.
- ✓ Exceptions to the "2-weeks minimal stay" rule, and rational.
- ✓ The desired start and end date (within 2021 / 2022 / 2023)
- ✓ Suggestions for referees

DEADLINE: THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER 2019

Organizers are strongly encouraged to submit a first draft of their proposal before the 20th of October 2019. The IPa-board will then offer feedback in an early stage to improve the proposed program and increase its chance of being selected.

The evaluation by the Scientific Council will be communicated to the program organizers in January/February 2020

JANUARY 2019: THE FIRST IPA PROGRAMS WILL COMMENCE.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN SINGLE PDF FORMAT TO:

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