Call for Proposals
Scientific programs
2021/'22/'23

Objective

Institut Pascal (IPa) facilitates thematic programs to have scientific communities meet, explore pioneering ideas and establish new collaborations. The spirit of the IPa initiative is to host programs of long durations (typically from 4 weeks to a trimester), allowing researchers to devote the necessary time and energy to particularly important challenges. These programs should favor brainstorming that leads to innovative advancements. Hence, Institut Pascal encourages programs that dedicate large slots of time to interactions of small to medium-size groups of researchers.

The IPa provides this facilitation, welcoming all of Université Paris-Saclay's laboratories and their partners. The institute supports programs attracting scientists and students from all over the world and can host up to 70 (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 instance Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Climate Science, Computer Science, Earth Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics. Proposals with a component in the humanities or social sciences are also welcome.

Selection

The IPa Scientific Council, consisting 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
- Overlap with the research activities carried out in the Paris-Saclay region
- Size of the community in Ile-de-France area that the program can attract.

Organization

Once a program has been accepted, the IPa board discusses with the scientific organizers how the institute can best provide its support. During a program, participants are expected to be present for most of its duration.

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

The scientific organizers of programs are in charge of scheduling seminars, lectures, tutorials and brainstorming sessions. These events will form 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

The Institut Pascal strives to ensure significant support (reimbursement of travel expenses, accommodation costs, and lunches for invited participants and organizers) to a core of selected programs.

To benefit from this support, each participant is expected to stay for a minimum of 2 weeks. There can be some flexibility to this rule, but the scope and rational for waiving this requirement should be clearly explained in the proposal.

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 usage, should be included in the proposal.

Application Details

Each program proposal should provide the following information

- ✓ Title of the program
- ✓ List of the scientific organizers, co-organizers and scientific committee.
  Please note that the breadth of the topic or/and its inter-disciplinary aspect should be reflected in the choice of the scientific organizers coming from different sub-fields/fields.
- ✓ 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 schedule, on a week-by-week basis. Specify the expected participation *per week* (the typical value expected is about 30 participants, 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 they will be spent.
- ✓ Exceptions to the "2-week minimal stay" rule, and rational.
- ✓ Desired start and end date (**within 2nd semester 2021 / within 2022 / within 2023**)
- ✓ Suggestions for referees

DEADLINE: 31st of MAY 2020

It is strongly recommended that organisers submit a first draft of their proposal before the 10th of May 2020. The IPa-board will then offer feedback at an early stage to improve the proposed program and increase its chances of being selected.

During January/February 2021, the evaluation by the Scientific Council will be communicated to the program organisers.

Proposal should be sent in single PDF-format to: *institut-pascal@universite-paris-saclay.fr*