**Seed Funding - Open Call 2024-2025**

[**MICROBES**](https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/objets-interdisciplinaires/microbes) **and the** [**GS LSH**](https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/graduate-schools/graduate-school-life-sciences-and-health) **are joining forces to provide seed funding for priming of new research orientations**

**Deadline for applications: June 1st, 2024**

The **Graduate School Life, Sciences and Health** (GS LSH), federates and leads the Master's degrees, doctoral schools and research teams of the University of Paris-Saclay in the fields of Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine, with the aim of understanding the fundamental mechanisms in Life Sciences and innovating in Biotechnology and Medicine.

**MICROBES** is an interdisciplinary center dedicated to training, research and technology transfer in microbial sciences. The MICROBES research teams work in the fields of life sciences, chemistry, physics, applied mathematics, informatics, engineering and address challenges related to health, environment, climate, energy, biodiversity, agriculture, food and industrial renovation.

**MICROBES and the GS LSH call for *proposals of new research projects* in MICROBES teams. The goal is to *prime new research directions related to emerging and urgent societal issues* and to generate preliminary data and proof of concept of the new ideas. The output of the projects should allow the teams to apply subsequently to national or international calls for research projects.**

**Who can apply, when and how? What is covered? What conditions?**

* The deadline for applications is June 1st, 2024.
* Research should focus on microbial organisms (*Archaea, Bacteria, single cell Eukaryotes, Viruses*). The GS LSH will fund (or co-finance with MICROBES), as a priority, projects in basic biology, biotechnology and human health. All other fields are eligible for MICROBES funding.
* The GS LSH will preferentially fund collaborative projects involving at least one LSH team. Projects involving only MICROBES teams from other GS remain eligible for MICROBES funding.
* Applications are restricted to members from MICROBES laboratories. Only researchers and (assistant) Professors with a permanent position can apply.
* The subject of the proposal should be related to an emerging and urgent societal question and should be significantly different from the ongoing laboratory projects.
* Collaborations between MICROBES teams are encouraged, preferentially between teams of different disciplines or expertise. New collaborations will be given priority for funding.
* Funding is limited to 15 k€. The allocated budget should be spent until the end of 2025.
* The applicants should use the Seed Funding project template (page 2) for drafting the proposal.
* Selected applications will only be granted after confirmation on honor that no overlapping funding was obtained or will be applied for in the frame of similar calls by other OI or GS.
* Successful applications will be advertised on the MICROBES and GS LSH websites.
* Publications related to the funded research should mention in the acknowledgements: *This work has been supported as part of France 2030 program "ANR-11-IDEX-0003"*.
* A one page financial and scientific report will be requested at the end of the funding period.
* Applications should be submitted by e-mail to [oi.microbes@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:oi.microbes@universite-paris-saclay.fr).
* Any questions? [oi.microbes@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:oi.microbes@universite-paris-saclay.fr).

**Seed Funding Application Form**

**Laboratory:**

Budget managing institution*(Etablissements Partenaires / tutelles)* Choose from list

Laboratory (unit name and number):

Team:

Head of team:

Name of applicant if different from head of team:

e-mail of applicant:

Graduate School(s):

**Collaborating laboratory:**

Budget managing institution*(Etablissements Partenaires / tutelles)* Choose from list

Laboratory (unit name and number):

Team:

Head of team:

e-mail:

Graduate School(s):

**Title of the project:**

**Acronym of the project:**

**Non-specialist summary for communication purposes** (100 words)**:**

**Project description demonstrating the societal issue and the departure from ongoing research in the team. The requested budget should be justified and its repartition between partners should be specified** (3 pages max)**:**

**Main references from the applicant (max 5):**

**References from the partner of the project (max 5):**