

Objective

The Institut Pascal (IPa) runs thematic programs to have scientific communities meet, explore pioneering ideas and establish new collaborations. The spirit of the IPa initiative is to have programs with 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 advances. Hence, the IPa encourages 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 instance astronomy, biology, chemistry, climate science, computer science, earth science, engineering, mathematics, and physics. Propositions with a humanities or social sciences component are also welcome.

Selection

The Scientific Council of the IPa, 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 environment
- Size of the community in the Ile de France area that the program can attract.

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Organizers are strongly recommended to hand in a first draft of their proposal before September 15th. The IPa-board will then offer feedback in an early stage to improve the proposed program and increase its chance of being selected.

Before the end of 2017, the evaluation by the Scientific Council will be communicated to the program organizers.

JANUARY 2019: THE FIRST IPA PROGRAMS WILL START.

Organization

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

The IPa will take care of lodging in one of the nearby possibilities in consultation with the individual participants.

The scientific organizers are in charge of setting up seminars, lectures, tutorials and brainstorming sessions. This animation 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

Under the condition that it is prolonged beyond the end of 2017, the Idex Paris-Saclay can commit to a budget of 300k€ to support the 2019 Institut Pascal programs.

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

Further sources of funding are being investigated.

Application Details

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)
- ✓ The desired start and end date
- ✓ Send in single pdf-format to: institut-pascal@universite-paris-saclay.fr

Please, consider the [PSI²-call](#) for proposals when thinking of a program of a smaller and shorter format that could be organized in 2018.

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Pre-deadline September 15th 2017