OBJECTIVES

The main objective of ACIP is to encourage the development of new collaborations between the institutes of the Institut Pasteur International Network in the field of research related to public health.

The research project must be innovative and aimed at producing preliminary results enabling the evaluation of the initial scientific hypothesis. In a second step it will lead to a more important project to be submitted to local, national and international funding agencies such as PTR, ANR, Europe, Gates, Wellcome Trust…

Budget: €20,000 to €70,000

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Direction du Développement – Grant Office and the Division International together with an evaluation committee and external experts will select the proposals on the following criteria:

• scientific relevance in terms of advancement in relation with the current state of the art
• proposed methodology to answer the initial scientific hypothesis (quality of the project elaboration and coordination, scientific feasibility, choice of methodology and techniques, role of the different partners, complementarities, timetable) over a two-year period
• integration in the development strategy of the institutes involved in the project
• scientific prospects and competitiveness at international level
• potential ability to evolve towards a more important project and funding

OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE
A coordinator for each ACIP will be appointed by the participants of each proposal. The coordinator will be a researcher from the Institut Pasteur International Network organizations. The coordinator will be responsible for the chairing, the follow-up and the execution of the project at scientific and administrative levels.

**Duration**

The maximum duration of an ACIP is 2 years.

**Budget and Eligibility Criteria**

- The granted budget will be in accordance with the type of the project proposal (see objectives) and should be detailed and justified accordingly (see annex).
- The ACIP funding cannot be used for personnel costs, except for field mission costs (e.g. supervision of sampling or the sampling itself).
- The ACIP funding cannot be used for equipment or computer purchase but only for small equipment of less than €800 per unit and for a maximum total amount of €2,000 per project.
- Overheads are not eligible in an ACIP funding.
- The proposal has to promote the participation of young researchers and requires the collaboration of at least three institutes from the Institut Pasteur International Network.
- The participation of external partners having their own financing is encouraged.
- Partial financing of the external partner may be considered, specifically/exclusively for travel supports aimed at preparing and coordinating the project.

**Final Reports - Conditions of Renewal**

- A scientific and financial report will have to be addressed to the Direction of Development – Grant Office (DDGO) and to the International Division 3 months after the end of the contract and should include the list of publications (submitted and in preparation) and oral presentations.
- Publications and oral presentations should mention the financial support of the ACIP program – DDGO / International Division – Institut Pasteur.
- An additional third year may be granted exceptionally. The request will be reviewed according to the outcomes achieved and the competitiveness of the project in terms of quality and priorities.

Any team who has been granted an ACIP and failed to submit a final report in the required deadlines will not be eligible for further submission.

**Timetable**
Call for applications: November 2015
Deadline for submission: March 5, 2015
Project evaluation: mid-June 2015
Starting date: July 1 2015

**Submission**

Application files, written preferably in English, should include:
- Scientific form
- Financial Form
- Participation agreement signed by all partners

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 5, 2015** at 12:00 pm (Paris time)

These should be sent by email (PDF attachment) to Kathleen Victoir (Division International) and to the email address sppi@pasteur.fr (DDGO).