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The Initiative of Excellence of the University of Bordeaux (IdEx Bordeaux) is opening positions for post-doctoral fellows.

High-profile international candidates from any scientific field, holding a doctorate degree delivered by a non-French institution, and wishing to achieve a further step in their career in the outstanding research environment of the University of Bordeaux, are welcome to apply. Candidates promoting an original and innovative research project in one of the scientific priorities of IdEx Bordeaux will be considered with particular attention. These comprise the following domains: materials science, neuroscience, environment and ecosystems, numerical certification and reliability, archaeology, lasers and photonics, health and societies, translational imaging, cardiology.

Eligibility criteria

The applicants must fulfil the following criteria in order to submit an application for the program:

- Applicants should hold a doctorate awarded by a non-French institution and be in an incoming mobility situation (not having resided in France for more than 12 months in the last 3 years). Fellows should not hold or have previously held a research position in Bordeaux area.
- The doctoral degree should have been awarded between 4 years before the end of the present call (+1 year per maternity/paternity leave with a maximum of 2 years), and not later than 3 months after the end of the call.
- Applicants must promote their own research project to be carried in the laboratory of their choice for a maximum period of two years.
- Applicants must be supported by a local researcher and by his/her laboratory.

Candidates for an IdEx Bordeaux Post-doctoral fellowship cannot act as a PI for a Junior Chair grant the same year. If such is the case, only the post-doctoral application will be considered eligible.

Funding

The funding includes a maximum two-year post-doctoral contract (one-year contract that may be renewed once), and a contribution to project-related fees (travel, consumables, etc.).

Application

In order to submit your application, please follow these steps:

1. Identify the proper local scientific environment for your project.

As a starting point, applicants must identify the proper local scientific environment in which they can develop their research project, and then obtain the agreement of a local scientist within this environment to act as a “mentor” for their application. The mentor will be the local scientific referee of the postdoctoral fellow and must be part of the permanent research personnel of the selected host laboratory. The role of the mentor is to accompany the recruited fellow in his/her integration into the local scientific environment, notably where available resources, partnerships and instrumentation or

professional network building are concerned. Any local scientist is entitled to act as a mentor, and all the scientific areas developed in Bordeaux are open to application. Nevertheless, candidates promoting an original and innovative research project in one of the scientific priorities of IdEx Bordeaux will be considered with particular attention.

2. Obtain the agreement of a local laboratory.

Once the relevance of the project is settled, applicants will have to obtain the agreement of the selected host laboratory for their application to this fellowship program. The director of the host laboratory must guarantee that the postdoctoral fellow will be supported throughout the duration of his/her research, in particular as regards infrastructure, equipment and services as necessary for the conduct of the research, and in the administrative management of the project.

3. Prepare your application by downloading Documents A and B from our website.

4. Once all the requested documents are completed, go to the application page and fill the application form.

5. Attach the following documents:

***The evaluation process will involve international reviewers.
All documents must be written in English***

- the Administrative application form, or Document A (in .doc, .docx or .rtf format);
 - the Project proposal, or Document B (in .doc, .docx or .rtf format);
 - a short CV with a list of a maximum of 3 referees, max. 2 pages (in PDF format);
 - a major achievements track-record, max. 2 pages. (list of major publications, patents and other important scientific communications and awards, in PDF format);
 - a signed letter of support from the local mentor (in PDF format);
 - a signed letter of support from the director of the host laboratory (in PDF format);
 - a cover letter (in PDF format);
 - signed letters from the referees mentioned in the CV (in PDF format). Referee letters may be attached with the other application documents, or be sent directly to the address indicated at the end of this document;
 - a copy of your PhD certificate or other official document attesting that the candidate hold a doctoral degree, in French or English (in PDF format).
6. Submit your application online.

Document A (Administrative application form) and Document B (Project proposal template) are available for download in the documents section. Their use is mandatory. If you experience any problem working with these documents, please contact us.

An automatic confirmation email will be sent to the email address indicated on the application web form. The candidate should verify the comprehensiveness of the information and documents submitted and inform the contact person if there is any problem with these. If you do not receive this confirmation email after the submission of your proposal, please contact us.

Evaluation process

The evaluation is done by a dedicated panel, including external personalities and authoritative researchers from the site.

The excellence of the fellowship candidate is the primary recruitment criterion. Nevertheless, this criterion has to be assessed keeping in mind that the program is addressing early career development.

The other equally important issue addressed by the program is to ensure smooth integration of the fellow into the proper scientific environment, the second essential criterion for judging merit is thus related to the scientific project presented by the candidate, including the consistency between the proposed activities during the fellowship and the research priorities of the University of Bordeaux, as well as the further career ambition of the candidate: perspectives for teaching in the case of candidates envisaging an academic career, leadership skill development for candidates envisaging a career in research team management, etc.

External reviewers will evaluate each proposal. Each reviewer will be provided with the same framework and clear instructions for performing the marking:

- Excellence of the candidate, evaluated on two criteria:
 - Research experience and scientific production including patents, publications...
 - Consistency of the candidate's profile with the research project (scientific background and experience in the field)

- Research project, evaluated on two criteria:
 - Scientific/technological quality and innovative nature of the project
 - Structure of the project (precise definition of expected outputs, selected methods, setting of milestones)

Important dates

September 26th 2016: opening of the application process.

November 27th 2016: deadline for applications.

December 9th 2016: eligibility evaluation.

April 2017: publication of results.

From July 2017 to December 31st 2017: beginning of the post-doctoral contracts.

Contact

If you have any questions or need help to submit your application, visit the dedicated webpage (<http://idex.u-bordeaux.fr/postdoc>) and feel free to contact Carlos Mendoza, in charge of the implementation of the program, at:

recruitment@u-bordeaux.fr

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Evaluation procedure summary

Steps of the selection procedure	Framework for the evaluation
<p>Eligibility Checked by the IdEx Bordeaux central management unit</p> <p>Processing time: 2 weeks after the deadline for application</p>	<p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctorate awarded by a non-French institution• Incoming mobility situation (not having resided in France for more than 12 months in the last 3 years, not hold or having previously held a research position in Bordeaux area)• Doctorate awarded no later than 3 months and not earlier than 4 years before the call deadline• Support from a local laboratory
<p>Evaluation Conducted by a dedicated panel (local and external scientists) based on evaluation reports performed by external reviewers</p> <p>Processing time: 3 months after the deadline for application</p>	<p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CV and track-record• Proposed research project• Reference letters• Expected outputs
<p>Granting Conducted by the IdEx Bordeaux central management unit</p> <p>Processing time: 1 month for the candidate to accept the fellowship conditions</p>	<p>Selected candidates will be invited to accept the fellowship and to define the start date of their contract (no later than December 31st 2017)</p>

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Scientific priorities of IdEx Bordeaux are developed by thematic clusters: AMADEus (Materials sciences), BRAIN (Neurosciences), COTE (Environment and Ecosystems), CPU (Numerical Certification and Reliability), LaScArBx (Archaeology), LAPHIA (Lasers and Photonics), HEADS (Health and Societies), TRAIL (Translational Imaging), and an applied research institute LIRYC (Cardiology). Please visit <http://www.labex.u-bordeaux.fr/en/> for details.



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