Open call

Collaborative and Scientific Projects

Deadline for applications:
December 15 ; April 15 ; September 15

Hi! PARIS is pleased to announce and present our Call for Collaborative and Scientific Projects.

Hi! PARIS is the new interdisciplinary Center on Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence for Science, Business and Society created by Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) and HEC Paris and recently joined by Inria Saclay.

The Center offers **support and funding for collaborative and scientific projects to researchers of HEC Paris, IP Paris and Inria Saclay**. The program covers fundamental methods for AI and data analytics as well as business applications across all sectors and implications for society.

The aim of this call is to fund totally or partially **collaborative research projects** (bringing together researchers of two or more Hi! PARIS partners), and **other research activities** (such as visiting researchers, seminars, workshops/conferences, internships, etc.).

Applicants may contact the Hi! PARIS Executive Director (contact@hi-paris.fr) **to get in touch with Hi! PARIS corporate donors**, to identify research topics of common interests and to discuss the availability to share data from corporate donors for their project. However, engagement with corporate donors is neither a necessary nor a sufficient condition to the funding of a Hi! PARIS collaborative project.

Eligible partnership

The proposal should be carried out by a principal investigator (PI) researcher from **HEC Paris**, an **IP Paris** school **or Inria Saclay (***Inria center of IP Paris***)**. Collaboration with other researchers can be proposed provided that the non-eligible partners are funded by other means.

A co-funded project can be proposed to the Hi! PARIS call for proposal provided that it is submitted to this call following the present guidelines. Such proposal should describe the whole project and budget as well as the articulation between the partners requesting funding from Hi! PARIS and the others. Each funding of a co-funded project is independent and the funding decision of Hi! PARIS is only valid for the Hi! PARIS funded part of the project proposal. However, the co-funded project could not be funded by Hi! PARIS if the other funding is not secured at the launching date. The applicants must follow the rule of submission of the other funding call/Center/Agency/Institute.

A project can also involve Université Paris-Saclay partners through a collaboration with the DataIA institute. Such proposal should be submitted to both Hi! PARIS and DataIA, each center financing its members, each center being independent for their decision. For the Hi! PARIS part, the project scope and budget should follow the guidelines of this call and present the whole project and budget as well as the articulation with the DataIA project proposal. More generally, refer to the guidelines in the previous paragraph.

Eligible costs

Projects are expected to last a maximum of 3 years, with a budget up to 10k€/year and can cover the following expenses:

- Travel expenses (*e.g.,* conference, researcher invitation)
- Services (*e.g.,* conference room rental, translation services, data acquisition)
- Staff (*e.g.,* research assistants, invited researcher)
- Internship funding (legal rate ~ 600€/month)
- Other expenses (*e.g.,* hardware, purchase of goods, small equipment, data)

Application format and admissibility

The project proposal should be written in English, in the form of a **single pdf file (3 pages max). The project proposal should be submitted by email** to contact@hi-paris.fr. The subject of the email should mention the object "Hi! PARIS Call for Project Application".

The admissibility of a proposal will be evaluated according to the following information:

- Identity of the proposal
    - o Project Acronym / Full Title
    - o Name of principal investigator (leading PI) + participants
    - o Research teams and schools involved
    - o Type of project (*e.g.* conference organization, internship funding, invited researcher, etc.)
- Technical description of the project
    - o Public summary of the proposal
    - o Objectives
    - o Expected results (with indicative schedule, proposed criteria to evaluate the success, plans for continuation after funding)
    - o Partnership (*e.g.,* extent of previous collaborations between the applicants, emphasize the complementary competences)
    - o Relevance to Hi! PARIS (contribution of the project in terms of research, education, and/or valorization)
- Details about requested support (project duration, budget of expenses)
- If relevant, description of the articulation with another project when co-funded project.

Scientific evaluation process and funding decision

As the Hi! PARIS Call for Collaborative and Scientific Projects is an open call, the submission of a proposal is accepted anytime. **Each year, three deadlines are indicated: December 15; April 15; September 15.** The evaluation process is launched as soon as the deadline is passed. Hi! PARIS undertakes to send a funding decision within 1 month after the following deadline of the submission.

The project proposals are evaluated by a panel issued from the Hi! PARIS Academic Operating Committtee (composed of researchers, academic representatives from the institutions involved in the center). External reviewers could be involved in the evaluation process, if necessary and according to their expertise. The funding decision is validated by the Hi! PARIS Academic Operating Committtee under the responsibility of the Hi! PARIS Executive Director.

The project proposals will be prioritized according to the partnership and in the following order:

1. Projects with researchers from two Hi! PARIS partners
2. Projects with researchers from different departments of a single Hi! Paris partner
3. Projects with researchers from a single department

For any urgent request, the evaluation committee will take a rapid decision, even before the following deadline of the submission. To this end, the project proposal should be sent mentioning "URGENT Hi! PARIS Call for Project Application" in the subject of the email of the submission and describing the purpose of the urgent request in the email.