ENLIGHT Seed-funding
Concept note
University of Bordeaux

Context

ENLIGHT is an alliance funded by the European Commission (EC) under the "European University" initiative (Erasmus + and H2020 programmes).

The EC has put the "European University" initiative at the centre of its strategy for universities, by aiming at **deeper international cooperation** within Europe and beyond, by supporting universities in **becoming more outward looking and competitive** on the global scene, and in contributing to the **strengthening of higher education systems** in partner countries. The strategy also recognises excellence and inclusion as a distinctive feature of European higher education, exemplary for our European way of life.

Objectives of the call

Achieving inclusion and excellence requires synergies between the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area as well as appropriate funding for universities at local, regional, national and European levels.

In order to **support joint activities in the area of research, innovation and education** within the alliance, the University of Bordeaux aims at funding collaborative projects to **encourage the emergence or consolidation** of cooperation between partners.

Before filling in this form, all applicants should have carefully read the following award criteria:

- Projects must include at least two other partners from the alliance[1].
- Applications must contain at least one of the following dimensions:
  - **Development of mobility schemes** (such as teacher exchange schemes, short-term mobility, summer/winter schools, joint programmes, etc.)
  - **Development of innovative learning formats** (such as: course design, blended teaching and learning activities, etc.) **and/or teaching and learning practices**;
  - **Development of a collaboration in research and innovation**
  - **Joint submission of an R&I proposal**
- Research and innovation proposals must be submitted by applicants affiliated to a research unit of the UBx
- Applicants must communicate about the funding on all appropriate media
- One year after funding eligibility, applicants must:
  - Provide a final report describing the results of the action and future projects related thereto.

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[1] Cf. annex I

-   Provide a cost statement covering the entirety of their project-related expenses.

NB: projects dealing with at least one of the 5 ENLIGHT flagship challenges[2] and/or promoting green and/or inclusive mobility will be given priority.

Operating rules

Actions supported:

1. Networking activities (research and/or education)
2. Implementation or consolidation of projects:
    *   Support for setting up shared research projects, developing co-supervision of theses, preparation of joint applications to international calls for proposals, workshop organization, summer school organization, etc.)
    *   Support for shared educational initiatives such as development of a joint educational offer on a specific topic, institutional partnership for long-term student mobility, design of virtual exchange, online collaborative learning, preparation of joint applications to international calls for proposals, organization of joint seminars, etc.

Type of support and budget available:

Based on the nature and the needs of the submitted project, the support proposed within the frame of this programme may take the following forms:

Mobility up to:
Flights: 500 € / person (roundtrip)
Accommodation and catering: depending on UBx perdiem rates
Travel and accommodation for staff and students (M2 and PhD level) participating in strategic/work meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars and internships linked to the programme development.
NB: mobility grants qualify for funding provided that they are not already eligible within the framework of another programme

Operating budget
For:
*   Organising work meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars in Bordeaux (catering, translation, etc.)
*   Communication (goodies, website, etc.)
*   Pilot tools for the implementation of research projects (software, etc.)
*   Consultancy (support for writing project proposals, graphic design, proofreading, etc.)

NB: **Unless otherwise justified and authorised** the overall requested budget cannot exceed 30 000 € and **must be spent before November 15th 2023.**

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[2] 1. Health and well-being, 2. Digital revolution and impact of digitalization, 3. Climate change, 4. Energy and circular economy, 5. Equity

<u>Submission of applications:</u>

Applications can be sent to enlight@u-bordeaux.fr, **indicating "Seed funding - Call for application" in the email subject**.
An Evaluation Committee[3] will examine them according to the following schedule:

Call #1
September 15th to November 30th 2022: applications
Week 50: evaluation
Week 2: funds available

Call #2
January 3rd to March 3rd: applications
Week 11: evaluation
Week 14: funds available

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[3] The Evaluation Committee is sovereign to decide the acceptance of a project under this programme and freely allocates resources to selected projects.

ANNEX

ENLIGHT partners & contacts

University of the Basque Country: enlight@ehu.eus

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University of Galway: enlight@nuigalway.ie

University of Ghent: enlight@ugent.be or rise@ugent.be (for R&I initiatives)

University of Göttingen: enlight@uni-goettingen.de

University of Groningen: enlight@rug.nl

University of Tartu: enlight@ut.ee

University of Uppsala: enlight@uu.se