**Text for the *i-Bio* website, “Call for collaborative research projects” section**

To encourage the development of interdisciplinary research projects at the interface between biology and other disciplines, the *i-Bio* initiative launches a call for collaborative projects between two or more groups of different disciplines.

*i-Bio* encourages seed projects, risk-taking and originality. Projects should be designed for a period of 2 years and written in English. Proposals must be returned before **January 6, 2022**. Please use the form downloadable from the *i-Bio* website <http://ibio.sorbonne-universite.fr/collaborative-research-projects/>.

The project will be presented by a person, referred to as the coordinator, holding a permanent position (researcher, lecturer-researcher, engineer or technician at Sorbonne University, CNRS, Inserm, etc.) and affiliated to a group of the IBPS (http://www.ibps.upmc.fr/en) or the IFM (<http://ifm-institute.fr/en/>).

The project will necessarily involve another person, referred to as the partner, holding also a permanent position and affiliated to another team from other disciplines or other fields of biology. The partner team must be affiliated to Sorbonne University Alliance (<https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/recherche-et-innovation/partenaires-de-recherche/alliance-sorbonne-universite>) or to one of the members of the European University Alliance 4eu+ (<https://4euplus.eu/4EU-1.html>).

* The coordinator and the partner of one given project can belong to the same UMR but not to the same team.
* Two people from the same team can participate in two independent projects.
* One person can be involved in several submitted projects, by only once as a coordinator.
* Coordinators and partners of collaborative projects funded by *i-Bio* in 2021 are not eligible for this call.

The scientific evaluation panel in charge of the project selection will be composed of external peer reviewers (not affiliated to the Sorbonne University Alliance), chosen for their scientific expertise related to the projects being evaluated. Each proposal will be evaluated by two members of the scientific evaluation panel. The evaluation criteria are the quality and originality of the scientific project, the strength of its interdisciplinary approach and the complementarity of the collaboration. The scientific evaluation panel will meet up in February 2022 to discuss each proposal and determine the ranking of the proposals. *i-Bio* will publish the list of projects selected to receive funding commencing in March 2022.

Up to 3 projects will be funded in 2022. The selected projects will be financed up to a maximum amount of 50k€ per project. The following costs are eligible: staff expenses, instrument and material costs, outsourcing/subcontracting, mission expenses and travel costs.