Société Académique Vaudoise - Fonds Novartis Consumer Health
Call for Proposals
Deadline 31 October 2018

Introduction
The Novartis Consumer Health Foundation for the advancement of the biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences was founded in Nyon in 1975 as “Fondation Zyma”. The foundation’s aim is to promote the biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences through its participation in the financing of research projects of postgraduate scientists from abroad or Switzerland, hosted at the Faculty of Medicine or Sciences of the University of Geneva, at the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of the University of Lausanne (UNIL), within the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), the Geneva-Lausanne School of Pharmacy, or the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research.

The Foundation has donated CHF 303'680.- to the Société Académique Vaudoise (SAV). The University of Lausanne has been mandated by SAV to establish the Société Académique Vaudoise - Fonds Novartis Consumer Health. This fund aims at supporting one applied research project by two principal investigators, one at UNIL and one at EPFL. UNIL and EPFL are joining forces to award up to CHF 303'680.- to one exceptional collaborative project in the field of genomic, precision medicine, cancer or translational neurosciences.

Program Mission
This call for proposal is conceived to establish or strengthen research collaboration between UNIL and EPFL researchers within the fields of genomic, precision medicine, cancer or translational neurosciences.

Call for Proposals
This call is dedicated to applied research proposals in the general areas of genomic, precision medicine, cancer or translational neurosciences. One project will be funded with up to CHF 303'680.- for up to 24 months. Proposals must be collaborative: one principal investigator at UNIL and one principal investigator at EPFL.

- **Who can apply**: established senior scientists from UNIL and EPFL are invited to apply. Eligible applicants are: full professors, associate professors, PATT (EPFL), PAST and PAST PTC (UNIL), adjunct professors, MER, SNSF-funded professors and senior scientists. The host institutions must employ the PI for the entire duration of the project.

- **Eligible costs**:
  - **Personnel costs**: salaries for postdoctoral researchers, doctoral students and other staff. UNIL applicants must commit to employ doctoral students until completion of their PhD, provided their progress reviews are successful; funding of postdoctoral researchers, rather than doctoral students, is preferred.
  - **Equipment**
  - **Scientific open access** publications costs and costs for granting access to research data (Open Access and Open Research Data policy) (min. CHF 10'000)
  - **Direct cost of infrastructure use**
• Computing
• Travel
• Conference
• Collaboration costs (research and travel costs)
• Expenses of third parties (e.g. subcontract, max. 10% of the total requested funds)
• Additional project costs (incl. consumables)
• No overhead will be considered.

• Submission
Compile the following documents in a single PDF, join the Budget Calculator, and submit your application to savnovartisfund@unil.ch by 31 October 2018:
- Application Form
- Ethical Issues Form
- Research Integrity Form
- Budget Calculator
- CV and publication list

• Timeline
- Deadline: 31 October 2018. This is the only call foreseen for the Société Académique Vaudoise - Fonds Novartis Consumer Health.
- Awards will be made public by end of December 2018.
- Earliest start of the project: February – April 1, 2019.

• Award
- The selected principal investigators will sign a grant agreement with UNIL and EPFL and will be equally responsible for complying with it.
- The first instalment will be released upon
  - Signature of a collaboration agreement between the PIs
  - Submission of a Data Management Plan
  - Submission of copies of the ethical authorisations (if applicable). Please note that the principal investigators are responsible for obtaining the necessary authorizations from the concerned authorities before the start of the project or at the latest before the start of the concerned activities.

• Reporting
- The principal investigators will submit a joint annual intermediary and final scientific report.
- Each PI will submit annual intermediary and final financial reports approved by UNIL Financial Services or EPFL Controlling, depending on the affiliation of the principal investigator.

Evaluation Criteria & Evaluation Committee

• Evaluation Criteria:
  - Research proposals should be in the topic of genomic, precision medicine, cancer or translational neurosciences.
  - Scientific excellence of the research proposal:
    - Quality and relevance of the proposed research plan
− Clear and relevant **methodology**
− Realistic plans and **contingency plans**
− Interdisciplinary and **multidisciplinary aspects**
− **Originality/Innovative nature** of the project (in relation to the relevant state-of-the-art).
− Projects likely to make progress towards application within the grant period.

- **Excellence of the applicants:**
  - Research **experience** and results (patents, publications, teaching and other results)
  - Qualification and **background** of the applicants (including non-academic work and career breaks)
  - **Leadership** and mentoring abilities
  - **Match** between applicants and their proposal.

- **Impact** of the proposal on the relevant scientific field and on the long-term collaboration between a research group at UNIL and at EPFL.

- **Preference will be given to new projects.** Proposals to continue ongoing work in a laboratory will be less favourably reviewed.

*Evaluation Committee*

- The **Société Académique Vaudoise - Fonds Novartis Consumer Health Committee**, composed of UNIL and EPFL professors, namely Prof. Martin Preisig (chair), Prof. Herr Winship, Prof. Friedhelm Christoph Hummel and Prof. Matthias Lütolf, will evaluate and rank proposals according to the aforementioned evaluation criteria.

- The **Committee of the Société Académique Vaudoise** will then make the final decision based on the recommendations of the Société Académique Vaudoise - Fonds Novartis Consumer Health Committee.

*Application Package*

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