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CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR THEMATIC PROGRAMS

Deadline 20th November 2026

For advances in your research field, this call for programs allows you to gather national and international colleagues working on related topics.

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FOR PROGRAMS OF A MEDIUM/LONG DURATION

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Call for Proposals 2026

Scientific programs 2028/2029

Objective

Institut Pascal (IPa) promotes thematic programs to bring scientific communities together and help them explore pioneering ideas and establish new collaborations. IPa welcomes programs mainly related to the scientific fields covered by Université Paris-Saclay from Mathematics to Life Sciences, be they theoretical or experimental.

IPa intends to facilitate and accelerate the selected projects by:

- Financing accommodation, on-site catering, and part of travel costs
- Providing rooms and space for meetings in its brand-new facility with 2 amphitheaters, meeting rooms equipped for videoconferencing or distant collaborative work and 26 offices to host up to 60 visitors in excellent conditions
- Offering support from the IPa team for the budget and registration management, the booking of accommodation, the organization of meetings and social events, and the management of mission fees.

The spirit of the IPa initiative is to host programs of long duration (typically 2-3 weeks, up to 6 weeks), allowing researchers to devote the necessary time and energy to particularly challenging topics. These programs should favor brainstorming sessions that lead to innovative advancements.

Funding

The standard financial support that IPa provides to the selected programs is the following:

- Accommodation costs
- Coffee breaks
- Weekday lunches, including one buffet per week
- 1 Social dinner per week
- 1 Happy hour per week
- Up to 4000€ in travel expenses if needed, and favoring participants staying for at least 2 weeks.

Co-financing is not mandatory. However, since our budget is limited, **Institut Pascal highly encourages scientific organizers to explore additional sources of funding as well.**

Self-funded programs can also be submitted on an on-going basis. Please contact directly the Institut Pascal.

Requirements

Programs held at Institut Pascal should dedicate a large portion of their time to interactions between small to medium-size groups of researchers, unlike the usual congresses which mainly consist of scientific presentations.

The program's local organizing committee should include at least one scientist from Université Paris-Saclay to ensure that the research done at the University, in the scientific field of the program, is involved.

Gender balance in the design of the program (organizing committee, key speakers and participants) should be representative of the field of study and is one of the selection criteria. Engaging young scientists into a program is very much encouraged.

Program organizers who wish to disseminate the outcomes of their program, such as perspective articles, white papers or lecture notes, may do so through the Institute's proceedings series, which the Institute will make available on request.

Program organizers are requested to consider the IPa up-to-date videoconferencing equipment in their proposal, preferably inviting on site participants for at least 2 weeks[1]. However, this condition could be difficult in some disciplines; if so this should be discussed with the board of IPa before submitting a proposal and explained in the proposal. Coordinators are asked to consider organizing a colloquium or general-public conferences, for which IPa can provide organizational and advertising support.

[1] *If a pandemic situation imposes limitations to travel in the coming years, we would ask the organizers to conduct the program in a hybrid format using the videoconferencing equipment.*

Application Details

The application is composed of the **program proposal AND the summary sheet duly filled** (see annex 1 next page). The program proposal (5 pages max) should provide the following information:

- Title of the program and abbreviated title
- List of the scientific organizers, co-organizers and scientific committee. **Please note that the breadth of the topic or/and its inter-disciplinary aspect should be reflected in the choice of the scientific organizers coming from different sub-fields/fields**. To optimize the interaction with Institut Pascal staff, we encourage a local organizing committee to be composed of 2 to 4 persons that cut across the different disciplines of the program.
- Description of the program, including a brief description of the field for non-experts, and a list of important questions to be addressed (1 page max).
- List of the envisaged key speakers.
- Structure of the schedule on a week-by-week basis: slots for seminars, lectures, tutorials, brainstorming sessions etc.
- The expected participation *per week* including the organizers and the estimated ratio of participants requesting accommodation. For any program, the number of participants should range between a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 60. For an optimal use of the IPa facility, programs with less than 30 participants (enabling the simultaneous running of 2 programs) or above 40 will be favored. Specify if the program is expected to be held fully on-site or in an on-site/remote hybrid mode and how flexible is the proposed organization in case of reinstatement of travel restrictions.
- Initiatives with regards to students (workshops, schools, seminars) and the broader public.
- Additional funding opportunities (requested or obtained).
- Exceptions to the "2-week minimal stay" rule, and rationale.
- A mention of how the equipment for videoconferencing and collaborative work will be used during the program, if needed.
- Desired start and end dates (**within 2028 or 2029**).
- Suggestions for referees.

Selection

Based on the evaluation by external referees, the IPa Scientific Council, consisting of internationally recognized scientists, will select the program proposals based on:

- Scientific importance of the topic, timeliness, intellectual challenges
- Recognized leadership of the program organizers and participants
- Overlap with the research activities carried out in Paris-Saclay
- Gender balance in the design of the program
- Expected deliverables at the end of the program.

Once a program has been accepted by the Scientific Council, the IPa board and the scientific organizers work together towards its implementation.

DEADLINE: 20 NOVEMBER 2026

Proposal should be submitted in single PDF-format online

It is strongly recommended that organizers submit a first draft of their proposal to institut-pascal@universite-paris-saclay.fr by 28 October, 2026. The IPa board will then offer feedback at an early stage to improve the proposed program chances of being selected.

Interview and selection by the Scientific Council will take place at the end of February/ beginning of March 2027.

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Annex 1 – Summary Sheet

Program title	
Acronym	
Scientific Domain	
Names, affiliations and email addresses of the scientific organizers	
Program duration (number of weeks)	
Preferred year (2028 or 2029)	
Preferred period of the year	
Total number of participants envisaged for the program (organizers included)	
Number of participants per week (organizers included)	
Estimated number of participants requesting accommodation	
Co-funding (name of institution and expected amount). Indicate whether obtained or expected.	