

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT (IRP) 2026 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The IRP call for proposals, in line with Inserm's policy on equal opportunities and parity will follow the ambition and recommendations of the [plan for professional equality between women and men](#) and will pay particular attention to gender balance.

1. Scientific and team quality - the scientific potential of the collaborative project

- Knowledge of the scientific 'state of the art' on the subject and clarity of the scientific objectives of the project
- Scientific utility of the project in relation to the research field. Innovative scientific potential.
- Scientific expertise of the French team in order to achieve the project's objectives and quality of the team's achievements (publications, patents, etc.). Assets of the team.
- Scientific expertise of the foreign team in order to achieve the project objectives and quality of the team's achievements (publications, patents, etc.). Assets of the team.
- Clarity of the project and methodology (well-described and detailed work plan). Relevance of the methodology of the project to achieve its objectives (feasible and realistic).

2. Relevance of the collaboration (no geographic restriction)

- Quality (and quantity) of joint activities and publications, history of the current collaboration (previous joint projects, preliminary results, shared patents)
- Added value of the international collaboration, complementarity of the teams (scientific contributions in terms of data and methodology, clarity of the assignment of tasks and responsibilities, balancing of the contributions of each party), scientific relevance of the partner in relation to the project's objectives.

3. Expected impacts

- Scientific impacts (scientific added value, technological impacts, infrastructures, etc.)
- Economic impacts (potential for technology transfer, potential impact of shared patents, management of IP and societal impacts (disease prevalence, public health issue, etc.))

Subcriteria that could play a role in case of equality

- Multidisciplinary project
- Disruptive innovation project
- Project with low-income or middle-income countries (LMICs)¹.

ETHICS

- Do any elements of the project raise ethical issues?
- If so, have these aspects been correctly taken into account in the preparation of the project?

If the research project submitted involves the human person, biological elements of human origin or data concerning the person, contact Inserm's Pole Recherche Clinique (promoteur.inserm@inserm.fr) for assistance with the regulatory aspects.

¹ LMICs list : <https://data.worldbank.org/country/low-and-middle-income>

Source defining the notion of PRFI : <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>