

## First Step Projects - 2024 Evaluation criteria

The First step 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.

**Project coordinator for France:**

**Project acronym:**

**Country of the partner institution:**

**Thematic Institute:**

<b>Evaluation criteria</b>
<b>1. Scientific quality and scientific potential of the collaborative project</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are the issues addressed by the project scientifically relevant?</li> <li>• Is the project clearly described and convincing?</li> <li>• Are the scientific objectives of the project well identified?</li> <li>• Is it an ambitious project? Does it have innovative scientific potential?</li> </ul>
<i><b>Comments</b></i>
<b>2. Quality and scientific expertise of the teams</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the level of scientific expertise of the teams adapted to achieve the project's objectives?</li> <li>• Is the profile of the young researcher promising?</li> </ul>
<i><b>Comments</b></i>
<b>3. Feasibility of the project</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the overall project design well thought through for implementation?</li> <li>• Are the proposed methods and equipment adapted?</li> <li>• Are the roles and responsibilities of the various team members sufficiently specified?</li> <li>• Is the environment conducive to carrying out the proposed research?</li> </ul>
<i><b>Comments</b></i>

#### 4. Complementarity of the teams and potential for collaboration

- Are the teams complementary regarding their respective scientific contributions and/or data and methodology?
- Is this collaboration new ? *nb. Projects resulting from previous work between the 2 teams will be evaluated but not considered as a priority - especially if it concerns a long-standing partnership (e.g. post-doc).*
- Is this collaboration relevant to achieving the scientific objectives of the project?  
Is the added value of the emergence of this international collaboration demonstrated?

#### Comments

*A special attention will be paid to projects with low-income or middle-income countries (LMICs)<sup>1</sup>.*

#### ETHICS

- Does the project raise ethical issues?
- If the answer is yes, are the ethical issues sufficiently addressed 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](mailto:promoteur.inserm@inserm.fr)) for assistance with the regulatory aspects.*

<sup>1</sup> 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>