LE STUDIUM
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Le Studium COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH & TRAINING Programme

LE STUDIUM RESEARCH CONSORTIUM Award

Call for Applications 2027

Indicative application format

Introduction:

Please note that this document is designed to share information between the applicant and her/his partners. **Applications must be completed online on the LE STUDIUM website.** An application submitted by email will **NOT** be valid.

To submit an online application, the applicant needs to register on the LE STUDIUM website. After validation of her/his account, the applicant will receive an email with an invitation to access the submission platform. Once he is logged into his personal space, the project to be completed can be found under the "projects" tab.

The online application is divided into 3 parts:

- **Part A:** General information (online form) and documents to upload (CV, support letters).
- **Part B:** Scientific proposal (document to upload)
- **Part C:** Engagement of the host research institute / laboratory (document to upload)

General information:

The parts B and C must respect the following minimum standards:

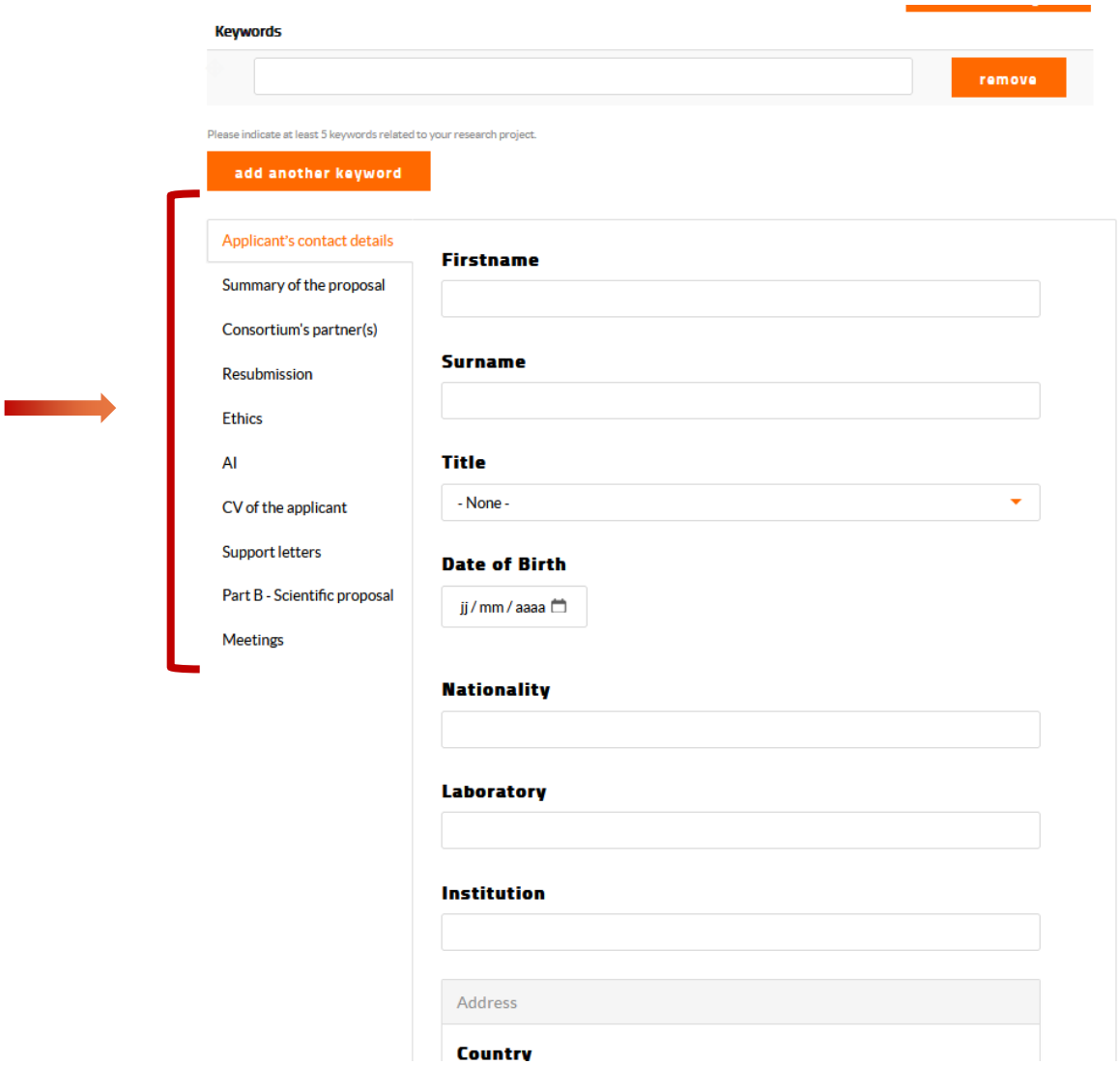
- ✓ A minimum font size of 11 points, except for Gantt chart and tables where the minimum font size is 8 points
- ✓ Single line spacing
- ✓ A4 page size
- ✓ Margins (top, bottom, left, right) of 25 mm
- ✓ A clearly readable font (e.g. Arial or Times New Roman) on a printed copy

Tables are only for illustrating the core text of the proposal. As such, they can not be used to contain the core text itself. The LE STUDIUM operational team will systematically check the page formatting. For non-compliant proposals, applicants will be asked to reformat their proposal without the possibility of modifying the content. Evaluators will subsequently disregard excess pages.

Footnotes are to be used exclusively for literature references. Their minimum font size is 8. They will count towards the page limit.

Part A:

To complete this part, applicants are invited to use the online form.



The form is divided into different sections, which you can access via the tabs on the left. Click on each section to display and complete it.

1- Applicant's contact details

Give the following details concerning the applicant: first name, surname, title, birth date, nationality, laboratory, institution, professional address, phone number, email, website and specialty.

2- Summary of the proposal

Write a summary of the proposal in English **and** in French; it may be used in public media if the proposal is funded.

Content limited to 2000 characters for each summary.

3- Consortium's partner(s)

-> Create a new "collaborator" for each partner of the consortium with the following details: first name, surname, title, nationality, laboratory, institution, professional address, phone number, email, website, and the specialty.

-> Describe the collaborator role

Content limited to 2000 characters for the role of the collaborator.

4- New Application / Resubmission

Declare if this application or a similar one has been submitted by the applicant to LE STUDIUM programmes in the last 3 years.

If yes, explain how the application has been improved following evaluators' feedback sent in the Evaluation Summary Report.

Content limited to 4000 characters.

5- Ethics

Indicate if the the proposal involves collecting data on humans or animal experimentation to achieve the study outcomes?

If yes, please explain your strategy to manage the requirements for compliance with Ethics regulations in the Centre-Val de Loire region.

6 - Utilisation of Artificial Intelligence

Indicate if the applicant has used artificial intelligence (AI) tools in preparing this application.

If yes, please provide a brief explanation of how and to what extent these tools were used.

7 - CV of the applicant

Upload the CV of the applicant (maximum 10 pages).

8 - Support letters

If relevant, upload support letters (a company, an academic partner, etc.)

Having support letters is not mandatory.

9 - Meetings

List all meetings planned within the framework of this consortium: those for which you are requesting support from Le Studium, as well as any online meetings and/or meetings organized outside the Centre-Val de Loire region.

-> Create all the “meetings” with the following details: type of meeting (in person or virtual), the city (if in person meeting) and the number of days!

-> Describe the main objective of each meeting. (*Content limited to 2000 characters)*

Part B:

To complete this part, applicants are invited to upload a document (Word or PDF format) on the online platform. This document must respect the standards described in the guidelines of the call and at the beginning of this Indicative Format document.

The maximum total length for this document is 10 pages. It should be composed as follows (detailed description below):

- ✓ Section 1: Scientific project
- ✓ Section 2: Impact of the proposed research
- ✓ Section 3: Track record of the applicant and coherence of the consortium

Of the maximum 10 pages quota applying to the whole document, applicants are free to decide on the allocation of pages between the sections 1, 2 and 3.
If some of the proposed sub-sections are not relevant to their proposal, applicants are invited to ignore them.
After the call deadline, excess pages will automatically be made invisible, and consequently not taken into consideration by the experts. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that the submitted PDF documents are readable and are within the page limit.

Please find below a proposed plan for the part B (10 pages maximum in total).

Section 1 : Scientific Project

1- State of the Art

Describe the State of the Art in the field related to the project.

2- Aims

Describe the specific aims of the project, including a clear statement of the hypothesis to be tested.

3- Significance

Describe the importance of the problem to be researched, the planned outcome of the research, and the potential significance of the research.

4- Research plan

Describe rationale, phases, milestones and timeline of development for the Consortium.

Section 2: Impact of the proposed research

1- Innovation

Describe the innovative aspects in the proposal specify the contribution of the research project to the development of knowledge in the scientific field.

2- Interdisciplinary dimension

If relevant, show how the proposed research project connects various scientific disciplines.
If relevant, describe how interdisciplinary aspects consist in a key factor of the application.

3- Partnerships with socio-economic sectors

If relevant, present the collaborations with private or public companies or socio-economic stakeholders.

4- Intellectual property / industrial applications

If relevant, describe the applications related to the research project regarding industry, economy and/or society. If the intellectual property strategy with partners is already defined, the applicant is invited to present it.

5- Exploitation and dissemination of results

Describe how the new knowledge generated by the proposed research will be disseminated and exploited, and the potential impacts. Discuss the strategy for targeting peers and key stakeholders (such as the scientific community, industry, professional organisations, policy makers, etc.).

6- Summary - Quantifiable outcomes

Please provide a list of **quantifiable** and institutionally valuable outcomes, such as peer-reviewed publications, invited or public seminars, teaching activities or education contributions, the establishment of new collaborations or partnerships, the preparation or submission of joint research proposals, as well as any other measurable outputs that contribute to the visibility and impact of the proposed collaboration. Clear Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are expected for this section.

Section 3: Track record of the applicant and coherence of the consortium

1- Track record of the applicant

Highlight the career achievements of the applicant and awards including a list of peer reviewed publications in the last five years. Identify up to five publications from this list relevant to this proposal EXCLUDING submitted papers. Book chapters and books should be listed separately.

2- Partner involvement

For each partner describe the role and contribution in the Consortium

For each partner highlight the career achievements in research or industry/enterprise activities.

3- Indicative schedule and format of consortium activities

Please provide an indicative timeline of the planned Consortium activities, specifying the expected frequency, duration, format (in-person, online or hybrid) and location of each meeting (within the Centre-Val de Loire region or elsewhere). Briefly explain how the proposed organisation and sequence of activities will support the scientific objectives, foster effective collaboration between partners and contribute to the expected outcomes.

4- Developing long lasting research links

Indicate if there is a strategy for long lasting research collaboration between the partners of the Consortium.

Deadline: the submission of all parts has to occur before the 2nd February 2027, 5pm CET.