

**CALL FOR PROJECTS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN BIOTHERAPY  
Montpellier, FRANCE**

**<http://irb.chu-montpellier.fr/index.htm>**

The Institute for Research in Biotherapy (**IRB**) has been created by the University Hospital of Montpellier (CHU), the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm) and the University of Montpellier I (UM1). The **IRB** is located in a large University Hospital campus of the city of Montpellier South, France. The **IRB** is funded by the Languedoc Roussillon Region, the Montpellier Agglomeration, CHU, Inserm, UM1, and AFM (French Association for Myopathy).

**The aim of the IRB is to develop cell or biological drugs in the field of regenerative medicine.**

**The IRB** will open on **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007** and will host 9 research teams dedicated to basic and /or translational research, as well as 5 private companies. This 3000 sqm Institute will provide a common service facility, including an Affymetrix DNA microarray platform, a stem cell laboratory, a cytometry department with a FACSaria cell sorter, TL3 laboratories, conventional molecular biology equipments, a radioactive laboratory and animal facilities. Additional information can be obtained from the **IRB** web site (<http://irb.chu-montpellier.fr/index.htm>).

Applicants have to submit a 4-year research program (see project guidelines at [http://irb.chu-montpellier.fr/en/PDF/Guidelines\\_v2.pdf](http://irb.chu-montpellier.fr/en/PDF/Guidelines_v2.pdf)). Each project has to involve basic research and further clinical applications. They will focus on regenerative medicine, preferentially centered on the following organs: heart, cartilage and bone, angiogenesis, pancreas, liver, central or peripheral nervous system, immune system (cancer immunotherapy, allogenic transplantation), sense organs or muscle.

Teams will be hosted in laboratories of 70 sqm area including a TL2 culture laboratory, a conventional laboratory and offices. Consumable, equipments and personal expenses will be covered by external funds raised by each team and by **IRB** support. Selected candidates will be able to apply to all Inserm programs: “Avenir” program, temporary contracts for young scientists, interface contracts, “Join Inserm” program (<http://www.inserm.fr/fr/actualites/appelloffre/index.jsp>), as well as Chairs of Excellency program, the European Union mobility program and to the standard financial support from Inserm-University structures.

Teams will be extensively evaluated every 4 years.

The deadline for applying is June 29th, 2007. Applications will be reviewed in September 2007 by the **IRB** European scientific committee. The **IRB** steering committee will make a final decision in September 2007 in order to host teams from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

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