

i-LINK+ 2019 Program
PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION
OF THE CSIC WITH FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS
2019 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

AIM:

This program promotes the collaboration of CSIC research groups with international research groups without geographical or thematic restrictions, with the aim of creating highly competitive consortiums of excellence for the participation in R&I international calls. Eligible activities include the celebration of meetings and seminars among the participating research groups and specialization visits. A maximum of **20 grants** will be awarded for a maximum amount of **24,000 €** each **with a maximum validity of 24 months** to be executed from the notification to the end of 2021 (financial closure). The program i-LINK+ includes three types of actions:

Modality A: for the creation of international research networks to establish stable links with foreign research groups. Only those proposals that have not previously benefited from a project of the i-LINK or i-LINK+ call with the same consortium will be eligible. Proposals that include relevant institutions from the following countries will be positively evaluated: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA. Proposals that include entities from countries receiving Official Development Assistance (ODA) will not be considered eligible.

Modality B, i-LINK+ TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY: for the creation of international research networks to establish stable links with research groups of Tecnológico de Monterrey (TEC). Only actions in the scope of (1) Artificial and Robotic Intelligence, (2) Biotechnology of Health and Food Sciences, and (3) Intensification of Processes (Energy-Water-Food) will be eligible. A maximum of 4 grants of this modality will be financed.

Modality C, i-LINK+ CAS: for the creation of international research networks to establish stable links with research groups of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS). A maximum of 2 grants of this modality will be financed.

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. All proposals must have at least **one research group of CSIC**, which will act both as coordinator of the network, and **one or more groups of one or more foreign institutions**. Each foreign participant team must be led by a principal investigator. 2. All participants must be linked to their institution at the time of submitting the application. The principal investigator and the other members of the CSIC research team must maintain their employment relationship with CSIC during the duration of the project. Exceptionally, the members of the team will be able to participate as long as they maintain their working relationship with CSIC until they have completed the actions in which they participate in the i-LINK+ 2019 action. During the execution of the action, each member of the foreign institution will remain under the exclusive direction and dependence of their institution of origin. 3. Foreign institutions may be Universities, Research or Technological Centers and/or companies, both Spanish and foreign, in the case of the latter only if they fund the implementation of the activities in which they participate. 4. The research groups that are part of the network must have adequate financing, facilities and equipment to carry out the scientific research related to the proposed actions in their respective centers.

ELEGIBLE COSTS:

1. Transport, subsistence and accommodation costs for CSIC team travelling to the foreign institution, and exceptionally to Brussels. 2. Living and accommodation expenses for members of the foreign team to CSIC's research group center to carry out the activities related to the action. 3. Costs related to the organization of meetings, workshops, seminars and other internationalization activities that take place in Spain or in the country of the foreign participant team, and exceptionally in Brussels. 4. Companies must participate in the action with their own funds. 5. All expenses must be adequately detailed in the work plan and will be consistent with the proposed activities. 6. In **modality B**, the TEC research group will be financed by its own institution with an amount that includes the cost of a postdoctoral contract and 24,000 € for transport, accommodation, consumables and small equipment costs. 7. In **modality C**, the CAS research group will be financed by its own institution with a budget of 20,000 € for its transport, accommodation, subsistence, consumables and equipment costs.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

From 07/01/2019 to 08/02/2019. The online application of the intranet will be open until midnight on the closing date.

The emails for consultations of each of the participating institutions are: **CSIC** i-link@csic.es, **TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY** ikreiner@tec.mx, Ricardo.ramirez@tec.mx, **CAS** pazourkova@kav.cas.cz