

## PSL Valorisation 2026 Prematuration Call for Projects

[PSL-Valorisation](#) and [the Institut Carnot IPGG Microfluidique](#) are joining forces to support up to 10 innovative projects with high socioeconomic potential.

This call is open to any project originating from one or more research teams at PSL and covers all disciplines and application areas. Projects involving partnerships with research teams outside PSL are eligible; however, unless a duly justified exception is granted, only PSL teams may receive funding through this call.

Selected projects must demonstrate strong potential impact, economically and/or societally; they may aim at the creation of a startup or any other form of transfer to the socio-economic sector. Co-prematuration with a company (startup, SME, mid-sized company, or large corporation) is encouraged.

This call covers all disciplines and fields of application with particular attention to the priority areas of the [Pôle PSL Innovation](#) (AI and applications in digital health; Biotherapies; Biomedical Engineering; Quantum; Energy-Industry-Recycling; Social Sciences and Humanities – Cultural and Creative Industries), as well as to the priority areas of the [Stratégies Nationales d'Accélération](#) in which PSL is involved in a prematuration/maturation consortium (see list at the link above).

[The Institut Carnot IPGG Microfluidics](#) is once again joining this call for projects to provide additional funding to selected projects within its scope, following a review of their funding needs and validation by the Carnot Steering Committee.

Information meetings concerning the call, intended for all researchers and technology transfer officers within PSL, will take place in February and March 2026 (see schedule below). These meetings will include a presentation of the call followed by questions and answers, the testimony of a laureate of a previous call and the possibility of individual sessions during which project leaders can ask specific questions and obtain informal feedback on their application project.

These videoconference information meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 25 – 5:00 PM – [Registration](#)
- Tuesday, April 7 – 9:30 AM – [Registration](#)
- Tuesday, April 14 – 1:00 PM – [Registration](#)

You will then receive, 24 hours before the meeting, a link giving access to a Microsoft Teams meeting room (accessible via your browser, even if you do not have the Teams application).

## Conditions of eligibility

*(See specific information below on the different project categories)*

- Eligible projects must involve at least one PSL research group and be validated by the director of the unit concerned (that of the principal investigator).
- The maximal project duration is 18 months, unless duly justified.
- The highest requested funding is 100k€ (including any overhead or management costs charged by the institution managing the funds). This limit may be increased to 120 k€ for projects with special needs (for example in terms of equipment, services, etc.). These needs must be justified in the application and will be assessed by the Selection Committee.

## Objectives and eligible expenses

The allocated funding must be used to prepare and / or facilitate the transfer of knowledge, results or inventions from the research groups involved, in order to foster economic and / or societal impact. It may be used to carry out technical or market proofs of concept, or legal studies (intellectual property, regulations). The funding may also cover staff costs, equipment (whatever the depreciation period), operating costs (including travel and consumables), and external contracting, corresponding to technical achievements by one or more providers (public or private), expenses for marketing studies, specialized coaching (business, legal, etc.), training, or intellectual property costs (patentability study, freedom to operate, etc.).

## Selection process

The evaluation process will be supervised by PSL Valorisation. It will be approved by the Oversight Committee (“Comité d’Engagement”) set up in relation the FNV funding allocated to PSL Valorisation.

The Selection Committee will comprise independent experts, as well as a member of the Qlife Steering Committee. Each application will be evaluated by 2 independent specialists in the relevant field, whose reports will be forwarded to the Selection Committee. The members of the Selection Committee and the evaluators will sign a statement of confidentiality.

The following evaluation criteria will be taken into account:

- Scientific and technological quality (if applicable)  
*Existing results, publications, scientific environment*
- Innovative character and added value wrt the state of the art  
*State of the art description, comparison of the solution with possible alternatives*
- Socio-economic impact, feasibility of the technology transfer, identified markets  
*Innovation and transfer approach; preliminary vision of applications, users and markets; foreseen process for the definition of a business model, for contacts with users and for market identification*
  
- Technical and economic feasibility (resources, calendar, environment, partnerships)  
*Key steps, milestones, deliverables; adequacy of resources and timeline; risk management*

## Technology transfer and revenue allocation

In the event that intellectual property assets pre-exist the project (which is not a prerequisite), the management and valorisation of the intellectual property resulting from the project will be entrusted, for the sake of continuity, to the structure in charge of the pre-existing IP, unless there is a specific agreement between the stakeholders.

In accordance with PSL's policy of generating income from its technology transfer activities that can be reinvested in new projects, and with the rules associated with FNV funding, the income generated by the projects will be allocated in priority to replenishing the amount invested by PSL, without affecting the share allocated to researchers ("intéressement").

## Provisional calendar

**February 23, 2026:** Publication of the call for projects.

**March - April 2026:** Information sessions for all PSL researchers and technology transfer officers, held via videoconference:

- **Wednesday, March 25 – 5:00 PM** – [Registration](#)
- **Tuesday, April 7 – 9:30 AM** – [Registration](#)
- **Tuesday, April 14 – 1:00 PM** – [Registration](#)

**May 5, 2026:** Deadline for submitting a non-confidential summary and a list of three experts who can evaluate the submitted project.

**May 19, 2026:** Final deadline for application submissions – call for projects closes. (Signatures from the unit director and the institution head may be provided within two weeks after the call closes.)

**May–June 2026:** Project evaluations.

**July 2026:** Announcement of results.

## Applications

Applications must be submitted by email to [psl.valo@psl.eu](mailto:psl.valo@psl.eu), by sending two files (in Word and PDF formats), using the provided template, available from any technology transfer officers of PSL (establishments and organizations), or from the PSL Valorisation team.

Applicants should contact one of the technology transfer officers of their department, and to indicate on their file the name of the IP contact person for their project.

**Please contact the valorisation department of your institution or PSL Valorisation for any additional information.**

## Specific informations

### PIA4 et SNA

In the context of the development of the 4th Future Investment Program (PIA4), the French state is committed to supporting innovation in areas whose issues are priorities for the French economy. These National Acceleration Strategies (SNA) are deployed in several sections, including one relating to support for pre-maturation and maturation projects. This support takes place through several national consortia dedicated to different themes.

PSL is involved in 8 of these consortia whose themes are as follows:

- Recycling and reincorporation of recycled materials
- Improvement/disruptive technologies regarding the manufacturing of battery cells
- Decarbonization of industry
- French cultural and creative industries
- Advanced technologies and energy systems
- Quantum technologies
- Development of decarbonized hydrogen
- Biosourced products, industrial biotechnologies and sustainable fuels

If you are the laureate of the PSL/qlife prematuration call and if the theme of your project is similar to one of those cited above, we will be able to present your project to one of these consortia.

This will allow you to obtain, among other things, if your project is selected:

- a label for your project (to be highlighted for iLab requests, fundraising, etc...)
- feedback from experts from the world of industry
- additional financing adapted to your needs

To find out more about National Acceleration Strategies, do not hesitate to contact us at [psl@valo.eu](mailto:psl@valo.eu)