**“NEW COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES” COMPETITION 2024-25**

**1- Program context and objectives**:

The ***New Collaborative Initiatives*** grants are intended to support the establishment of innovative collaborative projects between members of PROTEO. Ultimately, this program aims to enhance the competitiveness of PROTEO research teams with granting agencies, promote excellence in protein science and provide a stimulating training environment for our students.

The grant is for a maximum duration of one year and a maximum amount of $20,000. The grant is non-renewable.

Up to six grants will be awarded in the 2024-25 competition. At least one grant is to be reserved for a project approved by the evaluation committee, with the principal investigator affiliated with a College Center for Technology Transfer (CCTT).

# 2-Admissibility:

* All applicants, at least two, must be members of PROTEO at the time of application. The principal investigator must be a regular member of PROTEO.
* A minimum amount of $10,000 must be allocated for the financial support of students and/or the salaries of research staff.
* For CCTT-University inter-order collaborations, a minimum of $10,000 must be allocated for expenses incurred within the CCTT (salary, consumables, fees).
* With the exception of CCTT researchers, researchers may participate in a maximum of TWO applications, of which only one as principal researcher.
* Recipients will be invited to present the results of their research project at the annual symposium or PROTEO conferences.

# 3- Application process:

Documents required:

* Completed grant application form.
* Curriculum vitae of all researchers making the request, Canadian Common CV format (CIHR, NSERC, or FRQ).
* The application may be submitted in English or French.

Please send all required documents (combined in one PDF file) to: proteo@uqam.ca

Application deadline: **December 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

# 4-Evaluation of applications:

The direction of PROTEO receives the applications, evaluates their eligibility and mandates the scientific evaluation to a committee of peers.

Selection criteria:

**Scientific quality and anticipated outcomes of the project (15 pts)**

* Potential for scientific innovation and/or development in line with the PROTEO mission and three areas of research.
	+ Mission: To promote Quebec's bioeconomy in a context of sustainable development by positioning PROTEO as a leader in research and innovation on the function, engineering and applications of proteins.
	+ Axis :
		- Axis 1: Fundamental discoveries on the function of proteins and interactomes
		- Axis 2: Engineering of proteins and innovative biological systems
		- Axis 3: Biofabrication, bioprocessing and scaling up to enhance discoveries
	+ For more information: <https://proteo.ca/en/about-us/>
* Justification of the degree of originality and planned innovation of the project in relation to the state of the art in the field concerned.
* Feasibility of the project.
* Appropriateness of the proposed budget for the project.
* Potential leverage effect of the project.

**Complementarity and synergistic effect of the team (5 pts)**

* Description of the roles and responsibilities of the co-applicants.
* Quality of the expertise and past achievements of the team members in relation to the proposed project.
* Synergistic potential of the members and complementarity of their expertise.
* Added value to the project of the complementary expertise of the co-applicants.
* On equal merit, projects involving co-applicants from different institutions will be given preference by the evaluation committee.

# 5- Announcements of results:

Funding decisons for this competition will be communicated in **February 2025.**

**Principal APPLICANT**

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| **SURNAME:** | **FIRST NAME:** |
| **PRICIPAL Affiliation (institution, dEpartement):** |
| **COMPLETE ADDRESS :** | **TElEphone :** |
| **E-MAIL:** |

**CO-APPLICANT(S)**

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| **NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS** | **PRINCIPAL Affiliation**  |
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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| **PROJECT TITLE :** |
| **5 KEY WORDS DESCRIBING THE PROJECT:** |

**PROJECT Description** *(Two (2) pages maximum; including figures and references, single spaced, Helvetica 11 or Times Roman 12; margins at a minimum of 2.5 cm)*

**EXPERTISES AND COMLPEMENTARITY OF TEAM MEMBERS** *(1/2 page maximum)*

# DESCRIPTION OF THE BUDGET *(1/2 page maximum)*