

Call for Candidates BOOSTER: Terms and Conditions

Article 1 – Purpose and setting

The purpose of the call for candidates BOOSTER, organized by GENOPOLE, is to encourage, support and valorize innovative biotechnology businesses working in the fields of health, ecotechnologies, food & agriculture or bioindustries.

GENOPOLE defines “innovation” as a new and inventive technology, process or service targeting an economic purpose; and "biotechnology" as the use of the knowledge of the natural, biological function of living organisms to produce goods and services.

Article 2 – Candidate eligibility

Any innovative biotechnology business working in health, ecotechnologies, food & agriculture or bioindustries (see Article 1) can participate in the call for candidates.

More particularly, with this call for candidates, GENOPOLE seeks young start-ups aged less than three years or projects currently in the business creation process.

These latter may be represented by the natural person holding the business creation project. However, the business creation process must be completed before the date of entry in the BOOSTER program.

To participate in the call, candidates must:

- have a functional prototype or a technology readiness level 3–4 proof of concept,
- present an initial economic and financial simulation (Short form business plan),
- have a coherent vision for their intellectual property strategy.

Article 3 – The BOOSTER offer

The candidates chosen to join the BOOSTER will benefit from a one-year (renewable one time) accompaniment program comprising:

- a global assessment of the business,
- co-financing by GENOPOLE (cumulative maximum of €5,000, taxes included) for custom-tailored assessments by specialized providers,
- a mandatory training program to acquire knowledge on business plan consolidation and successful fund raising,
- mentoring,
- continuing support from a team of GENOPOLE Enterprises project managers,
- their integration within the GENOPOLE network.

GENOPOLE will also provide 18 months of accommodation (offices/laboratories) assistance at the biocluster, covering rental fees and premises-associated general expenses (excluding personal expenses, i.e : phone, internet...) at the following rates: first semester = 100%; second semester = 50%; third semester = 25%.

Finally, the chosen candidates will have privileged access to GENOPOLE's:

- high-tech platforms,

- and its ecosystem of researchers, experts, industrials and startups.

• **Article 4 – Constitution of the candidate dossier**

The BOOSTER candidate dossier is available on GENOPOLE's website in the form of a Microsoft Word document; it is to be filled in using Word or a compatible program.

A copy of the present Terms and Conditions must be signed by the candidate and included in the candidate dossier. By signing the Terms and Conditions, the candidate commits to the stipulations therein.

Candidates must furnish to the call for candidates team all complementary elements that may be needed to fully understand the dossier.

Dossiers will be refused if any of the required elements are missing.

The BOOSTER candidate dossier published on and available from the GENOPOLE website must be used for inscription in the call; no other methods of inscription will be accepted.

Regardless of the type of project, candidates must describe the situation of the project completely and sincerely.

• **Article 5 – Submission of the candidate dossier**

The candidate dossier and supporting documentation are to be submitted by e-mail to the following address: booster@genopole.fr.

All submissions will receive a reception confirmation.

• **Article 6 – Candidate selection**

The technical secretarial service of GENOPOLE will organize the reception, registration and examination of the submitted dossiers, and inform the candidates of the results of the different selection steps.

- 1) The GENOPOLE team will verify that the candidate dossiers meet eligibility requirements.
- 2) Eligible dossiers will be evaluated by GENOPOLE's committee of scientific, entrepreneurial, financial and business creation experts (the expert committee).

The eligible candidates will be invited to present their projects in person to the expert committee.

- 3) Thereafter, the opinion of the expert committee will be submitted to the chief executive of GENOPOLE for final validation.

The project evaluation criteria are:

- the qualities and competencies of the business and its director (and/or the business team),
- the innovative nature of the product, process or service (added value),
- its market potential,
- the growth potential of the business,
- its fit with GENOPOLE's orientations.

• **Article 7 – Schedule**

The Call for Candidates BOOSTER is open as of **January 2019**.

Candidate dossiers must be submitted before **22 February at midnight**, as evidenced by the timestamp of the reception confirmation.

The expert committee will convene at GENOPOLE on **19 & 20 March 2019**.

The selected candidates will be able to join the BOOSTER on **4 April 2019**.

Article 8 – Candidate obligations

All call candidates are under the obligation to:

- supply any complementary information that GENOPOLE may request,
- accept the BOOSTER offer as attributed,
- read and accept without reservation the present Terms and Conditions,
- waive all rights to legal action concerning the organization of, the results of, and the jury's decisions for the call for candidates,
- waive all rights to any claims or indemnities in case of modification, rescheduling or cancellation of the call for candidates.

Article 9 – Obligations for the selected businesses

All businesses selected for the BOOSTER are under the obligation to:

- participate in the required training program and BOOSTER-related events and activities,
- mention in all communications or declarations their integration in the GENOPOLE BOOSTER,
- sign a BOOSTER program contract with GENOPOLE,
- establish their headquarters and/or a business structure at GENOPOLE and maintain it/them there for a minimum of 24 months in accordance with the BOOSTER contract,
- provide all information requested by GENOPOLE on the evolution of the business for the three years following their integration within the BOOSTER,
- pay to GENOPOLE a sum corresponding to the cost of BOOSTER program accompaniment (value = €20,000) should they complete a fundraising campaign.

Article 10 – Publicity and communication

All candidates (whether retained or not) authorize GENOPOLE to publish their complete contact information and the non-confidential description of their businesses for information and communication actions related to the call for candidates.

This clause concerns all supports, institutional or public, including but not limited to dossiers, press releases, websites and digital technologies, and audiovisual means.

Article 11 – Right of publicity

By accepting the present Terms and Conditions, the candidate authorizes, without remuneration, the recording of his/her person by GENOPOLE for the needs of the call for candidates.

The candidate's person may be used for and diffused by websites, the press, films, image libraries and other communication means with no access restrictions or remuneration for the concerned candidate. This right extends to all countries and carries a period of validity of ten years.

In conformity with French law on personal data protection, candidates have the right to access, modify, correct and delete collected personal data. This right can be exercised by simply addressing a written request to GENOPOLE.

• **Article 12 – Confidentiality**

Documents transmitted for the call for candidates are considered strictly confidential and available only to the people responsible for assessing the dossier. The individuals with access to dossiers are required to respect their strict confidentiality.

• **Article 13 – Intellectual property**

The candidate declares that he/she legitimately holds any intellectual property rights associated with the project presented in the call for candidates and thus guarantees that no legal actions can be taken against the organizer.

• **Article 14 – Organizer rights**

The organizers of the call for candidates reserve the right to cancel or partially or totally modify it, should such changes become necessary, with no need to justify the decision. The organizers cannot be held liable in this regard.

The organizers and partners (including consultants and the members of the expert committee) cannot be held liable in case of litigation relative to the organizational conditions of the call for candidates, the reception process or the candidate selection.

• **Article 15 – Aid framework**

The aid provided by GENOPOLE as part of the BOOSTER program falls within the scope of the European Commission Regulation no. 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on *de minimis* aid.

This regulation indicates that: "The total amount of *de minimis* aid granted (...) to a single undertaking shall not exceed EUR 200 000 over any period of three fiscal years."

Thus, each selected candidate will be required to complete a declaration justifying that the aid provided by GENOPOLE does not cause this €200,000 ceiling to be exceeded.

• **Article 16 – Acceptation of the Terms and Conditions**

Submitting a dossier for the call for candidates implies the candidate's full and unreserved acceptance of the present Terms and Conditions without possibility of appeal as to the results of the call, as the expert committee is sovereign and free of any obligation to justify its decisions.

Date:

Family name and given name of the director or creator of the business:

Candidate's signature: