

Guidelines for Evaluation

MOSTMICRO-ITQB Exploratory Projects

This call for exploratory projects aims to support MOSTMICRO-ITQB laboratories in obtaining preliminary results to support subsequent funding applications. The projects should develop novel research ideas, which have not yet secured funding, contributing to the understanding of biological processes at the molecular, structural, cellular or population levels, with a focus on microbes important for human health, biotechnology, and the environment. Collaborations with other ITQB NOVA laboratories are allowed.

A total of four projects will be funded with 25000€ for one year. Each MOSTMICRO-ITQB Lab Head can submit a single proposal.

The application must be submitted by 17h00 of January 25, 2023 (Lisbon time).

The tentative starting date is March 1st, 2023.

The Evaluation Criteria

The proposals will be evaluated by the MOSTMICRO-ITQB Scientific Advisory Board Members, who should take in consideration the following evaluation criteria and their weights:

1. Scientific merit of the project - 45%
2. The feasibility of the project and the capacity of the research team - 20%
3. The added value for the research unit and potential impact in attracting future external research funding - 35%.

The Evaluation Process

Each proposal should be evaluated by at least two members of the SAB.

The evaluation of submitted proposals should occur during February 2023, after the ITQB verifies that all submitted proposals are eligible.

We recommend that each pair of members of the SAB evaluates individually each assigned proposal during the first two weeks of February and discusses by e-mail the proposals until agreement on a recommended outcome for the proposal is reached.

On the last week of February, a meeting should be scheduled with all SAB members and a member of the staff from ITQB NOVA as host to decide which four proposals should be funded.

On the 24th of February, the SAB should communicate the final results to the ITQB NOVA. The SAB should send to the ITQB NOVA a summary with the final decision about the four proposals to be funded and the individual evaluation reports for each eligible proposal.

The Evaluation Report

The individual evaluation reports prepared by the SAB should contain the following information in one page:

Proposal title:

Lab Head:

Proposal Recommended for funding: Yes/No

Strengths of the proposal:

Weaknesses of the proposal:

The MOSTMICRO Scientific Advisory Board