

## CEBA Strategic Projects 2020-2023 -- Guidelines

Dear colleagues,

Since 2012, the Laboratory of Excellence CEBA has launched two rounds of “Strategic Projects” (<http://www.labex-ceba.fr/projets-strategiques/>) in line with the scientific agenda of CEBA. **The CEBA Executive committee is hereby issuing a new open call for Letters of Intent for 4-years research projects from 2020 to 2023.** The funding is opened to project leaders who are permanent researchers and members of the CEBA network of research units.

The overarching goals of the strategic projects are to:

- Implement the scientific tasks of CEBA dynamically and responsively
- Produce a science of excellence
- Facilitate collaborative science among the members of CEBA
- Promote the visibility and attractiveness of CEBA

A template for the letter of interest is provided on the next page. The letter should include the name of the Project Leader(s), the title of the project and a research summary **in line with the scientific priorities of CEBA**, highlighting the **novelty of the proposed research** and demonstrating **the feasibility of the project using CEBA’s available resources** and collaborative network. Collaborations are especially encouraged with other LabEx (CeMEB, ARBRE, MER/ISblue, CORAIL). Project leaders are also requested to fill out a one-page biosketch using the template provided.

Letters of interest will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee, which will provide recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may suggest the merging of projects working on similar topics. Up to six projects will be selected and formally invited to submit a full application. Full applications will be evaluated by members of the International Scientific Committee.

### Timing of the review process:

- July 10, 2019: Opening of the Call
- August 30, 2019: Deadline for submission of Letters of Interest
- September 16, 2019: Invitation to write a full proposal (a template will be provided) for a total of **up to six projects**
- November 1, 2019: Deadline for full proposals submission
- December 6, 2019: Information on the outcome of the evaluation process
- January 6, 2020: Start date of Strategic Projects

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## Letter of Interest

### 2020-2023 Strategic Projects<sup>1</sup>

Please complete the form below. Note that letters of interest **must not exceed two pages**.

**Name of the Project(s) Leader(s):**

**Title of the Project:**

**List of five key words describing the project:**

**Team Composition:**

List the different teams tentatively involved in the project and indicate whether they are part of CEBA. For non-CEBA teams, indicate the country of activity. It is not necessary at this stage to have an official confirmation from all members involved in the proposal or to describe precisely their contribution to the project.

**Research Summary:**

Describe the proposed project in the context of current research demonstrating the importance of the project to both the scientific (using citations of published work) and non-scientific community. Explain how the project will be feasible in the 4 years of the funding and how it draws on the strengths of CEBA. Shortly, describe the opportunities bring forward by the project. As a reminder, the scientific priorities for CEBA2 (see renewal document for a detailed description of the work packages) are: 1) Observing Biodiversity Changes; 2) History of Biodiversity; 3) Health and Environment; 4) Biodiversity Response to Global Change; 5) Synthesizing Biodiversity Data and Future Scenarios; and 6) Science-society interface

**Demonstrate how the research is in accordance with CEBA's objectives:**

How does the research contribute to reinforce CEBA's position at the level of Amazonian research, reinforce its attractivity and contribute to the transfer of knowledge to society?

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<sup>1</sup> This document is limited to the internal use of LabEx CEBA and will not be made available to the public.

## Project leader biosketch (1-page)

<b>Name</b>	
Current position	
Current employer	
Laboratory	
Mailing address	
Email address	
Qualifications	
Year of doctorate or highest qualification	
Area of expertise	
Brief biography describing expertise relevant to the project (100 words)	
List up to 10 publications relevant to the project	
List up to 5 synergistic activities demonstrating the broader impact of research activities	