# VITAL BEAUTIES Call for transdisciplinary projects

Université PSL’s Beauties Chair lends its support to the implementation of projects devoted to prospective and transdisciplinary approaches to the notion of beauty.

In keeping with PSL’s scientific diversity, the Beauties Chair will provide funding to 2 or 3 collective research projects under development and aimed at exploring questions of beauty and life.

The project must demonstrate, through its inventiveness and singularity, a concept of beauty capable of exploring our future challenges, and thus articulate an aesthetic projection in addition to ethical, technological, ecological and cultural issues.

With the question of vital beauty as their starting point, the projects will examine more specifically the following sub-themes: beauty and ecology, beauty and care, beauty and innovation, beauty and current societal topics.

**Selection criteria**

Projects will be assessed and selected by an *ad hoc* scientific committee, primarily according to the following criteria:

* The project’s collaborative and transdisciplinary aspect, involving small teams of 3-6 people, newly created around the theme of ‘Vital Beauties’ (the project manager must have tenure in a French or foreign research or higher education institution; other team members may be doctoral or post-doctoral students, or unaffiliated researchers based in France or overseas).
* The originality of the theme and approach, with a particular focus on the project’s transdisciplinary and international aspects, and the invention of new forms and hybrid devices.
* The prospective aspect of the approach, its ability to invent new paradigms in the perception of beauty, and its coherence within the scope of contemporary thinking.
* The production goal of the project and its feasibility within the given duration: experimentation, deliverables, events or seminars, etc.
* These multi-disciplinary projects must aim to inspire international reflection and will be assessed according to their ability to initiate integrative research momentum.
* Projects already co-funded will be promoted.

The application files will be examined by the Beauties Chair steering committee, in association with an expert where deemed necessary.

**Practical and financial terms**

* Projects will begin in June 2024. They will be funded over 18 consecutive months to the minimum amount of €20,000 and up to €80,000.
* Funding is intended to cover expenditure linked to project activities (investments in equipment, travel expenses, accommodation, meals, event logistics, hosting of foreign researchers, production of deliverables, etc.), with the exception of personnel expenses and remuneration.

**Application file**

The application file must include the following documents:

* A detailed description of the project (5,000 words maximum) including the theme, methods and aims of the project.
* A detailed, up-to-date CV for the project manager and each team member
* Project-related bibliography
* Draft budget with precise timetable

Applications are to be submitted to the following address: chaire.beautes@psl.eu

Applications must be submitted **before 11:59 pm (CET) on 30 April 2024**.

Incomplete applications will not be examined.

**Timetable**

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| **Dates** | **Steps** |
| Opening of the call for proposals | **6 November 2023** |
| Submission deadline | **30 Avril 2024**  (at 11:59pm, Paris time)  - to be sent to: [chaire.beautes@psl.eu](mailto:chaire.beautes@psl.eu)  - no documents will be accepted after the deadline |
| Publication of results | **15 June 2024** |
| Funding payment | **1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025** |
| Reporting semester | **As of 31 December 2025** |

**Provisional budget**

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|  | **Amount (in euros)** |
| **Total provisional budget of the project** |  |
| **Funding requested** |  |
| **Provisional budget of the project for the first year** |  |

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| **Expenditure** | **Amount (incl. taxes)** |
| **Operation** |  |
| ***Operation sub-total*** |  |
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| **Equipment** |  |
| ***Equipment sub-total*** |  |
| **Travel** |  |
| ***Travel sub-total*** |  |
| **Production (publication, exhibition, seminar, etc.)** |  |
| ***Production sub-total (publication, exhibition, seminar, etc.)*** |  |
| **Total projected expenditure** |  |

**Beneficiary obligations**

An interim report will be requested at the end of the first year. Teams also undertake to submit a final report which may give rise to the publication of a working paper, article or final publication. Applicants to the call for project undertake, if selected, to share the conclusions of their research during one or more Chair events, and to produce a brief presentation (in French and English) geared towards a general audience.

Regarding communication:

* All communication documents must include the Université PSL and Beauties Chair logos.
* All oral and written communication (programmes, posters, acts, documents for participants or articles, etc.) must mention the financial support of the Beauties Chair.