The **Laboratory of Excellence in Research on Medication and Innovative Therapeutics (LERMIT)** is an interdisciplinary laboratory composed of high-profile biologists, chemists and physico-chemists joining their forces to collectively explore new therapeutic avenues. Our current goal is to combat three major classes of diseases presenting a continuous threat to the society: cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and infectious and immune diseases. To achieve this goal, our joined effort is directed towards:

1) a better understanding of the molecular mechanisms causing these diseases;
2) the discovery of new therapeutic targets;
3) the design and development of new medications to treat - or block the progression of - these diseases;
4) the development of new strategies for improved targeting and delivery of the medications at the disease site;
5) an improved efficacy or safety of current therapeutics.

In order to support the construction of the future **Institute of Research on Medication and Innovative Therapeutics (IRMIT)**, one of the “Interdisciplinary Objects” of the University Paris-Saclay, the LabEx LERMIT is launching a **second call for new seed projects** that aims to promote new projects between LERMIT and IRMIT partners. The projects should be compatible with the LERMIT’s general objectives around therapeutic innovation and can expand to the future IRMIT therapeutic areas.

A **300 k€ total budget** will be allocated to this call, with a **maximum 50 k€ budget per project**. The duration of the projects can be **up to 2 years, starting in January 2021**. There is no limitation in the number of partners within the consortium, but:

1) the projects must involve at least one LERMIT partner and one external partner within the IRMIT ones;
2) the project coordinator must be from LERMIT (only one project eligible per coordinator);
3) the IRMIT external partner(s) should demonstrate complementary expertise to the LERMIT partner(s).

The scientific excellence, the added value to the existing expertise within LERMIT, the structuring effect of the project on the community in therapeutic innovation within the University Paris-Saclay, as well as novelty and/or applicative content will be essential selection criteria.

Deadline for submission of seed projects is **September 20, 2020**. All submissions should be sent via email to labex.lermit@universite-paris-saclay.fr. Template for applications are available on [http://www.labex-lermit.fr](http://www.labex-lermit.fr).