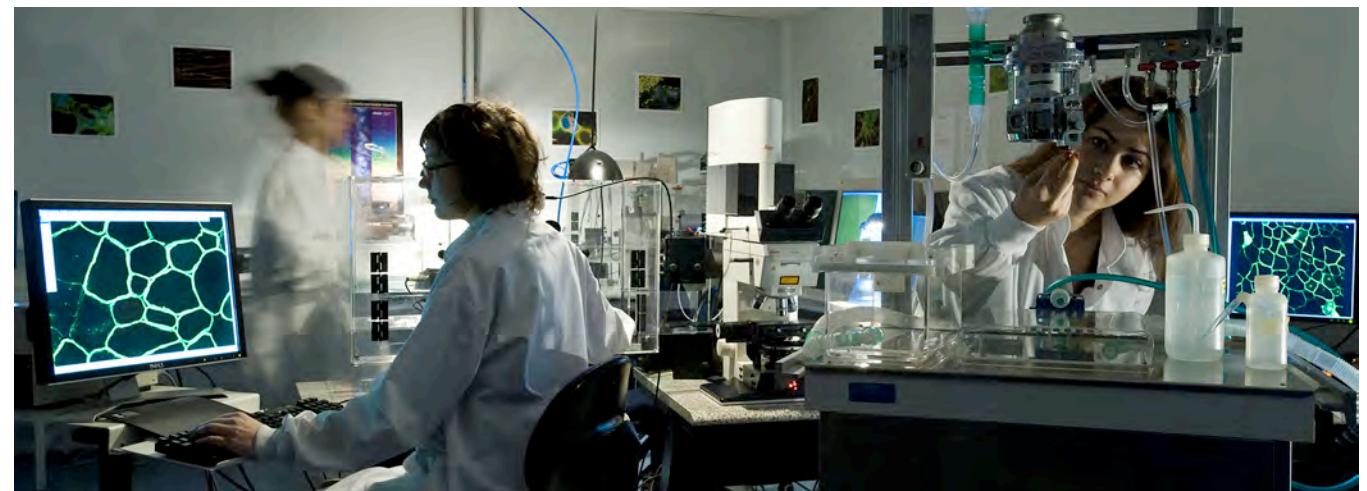




An endowment fund
for biotech innovation





Why an endowment fund?

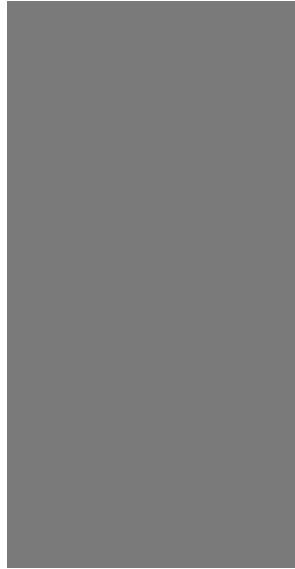
Fondagen: a supple and reactive structure

Genopole, located in the French town of Évry-Corbeil, just south of Paris, has become a European-scale biocluster where more than 20 research laboratories, 80 high tech start-ups and businesses, a university, French Grandes Écoles, a hospital and other structures interact every day to bring progress and potential to life sciences.

Genopole's mission is to develop research in genetics, genomics and post-genomics, stimulate biotech business creation, and help the public to understand today's sciences and technologies.

By creating the not-for-profit endowment fund Fondagen, Genopole has equipped itself with supple and reactive tool for:

- **attracting** innovative biotechnology projects, assisting in the creation of start-ups and empowering the development of businesses
- **easing** the creation of productive collaborative programs between the biocluster's laboratories and businesses and its numerous industrial and academic partners



Three ambitions

- **Construct** tomorrow's medicine, a "genobiomedicine" where treatments are precisely adapted to the genetic profile of each patient, and advance synthetic biology
- **Commit** to sustainable development and invent the bioenergies and biomaterials of the future
- **Provide** researchers and entrepreneurs with the means they need to pursue these objectives in highly competitive sectors

Fondagen actions

- Support R&D projects
- Assist with the creation of Chairs of Excellence
- Develop post-doc repatriation grants — finance innovative research teams with prospects for creating a research unit
- Organize prizes and competitions for R&D projects or innovative biotech SMEs
- Assist with the repatriation of leading researchers and entrepreneurs — two-year residency at Genopole, business creation assistance
- Deploy managerial tutoring/accompaniment systems for start-ups
- Organize seminars, workshops and debates on societal issues in biotech

Opportunities for donating partners

- The elaboration of specific research or development actions by Fondagen and its partner businesses or entities
- Participation in the orientations of the Fondagen strategic committee
- A privileged view on the works of the site's laboratories, businesses, institutes, etc.
- An interesting opportunity to foresee the potential of innovations as they come to life
- A forum for discussing and exploring major issues in biotech and the future of its actors
- A sign of their participation in the development of innovation and biotechnologies in France



Genopole successes and numbers

- ◆ Genopole is France's leading biocluster for genetics, genomics, post-genomics and biotechnologies.
- ◆ Genopole unites 80 biotech companies, 19 academic research laboratories and 21 shared-use platforms and infrastructures.
- ◆ The University of Évry-Val-d'Essonne is a founding member and close collaborator of Genopole. Genopole has a privileged partnership with the South Ile-de-France Medical Center, now also a member of the Genopole family.
- ◆ The biocluster counts numerous industrial successes, such as Texcell, WatchFrog, Global Bioenergies, Gene Signal, InnaVirVax and Novagali Pharma, recently acquired by Santen.
- ◆ Supported by the French State, the Ile-de-France Regional Council, the Essonne Departmental Council and AFM-Téléthon, Genopole is a *Groupement d'intérêt public* (GIP, a form of public-private joint venture) charged with overseeing the biocluster.

→ Fondagen gives Genopole complementary means to attract new talent and start-ups and catalyze actions undertaken by its numerous actors. Supporting these actors is vital as their work will bring responses to tomorrow's medical, biotechnological and environmental challenges.

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