



## Press release

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### **Genopole Young Biotech Award: €100,000 for the Best of Biotech!**

**Genopole is launching the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of its competition to reward biotech innovations that combine great science and high-development potential in the environmental, food & agriculture and industrial sectors. The competition laureate will receive a first prize valued at €100,000.**

Genopole offers a unique ecosystem for biotech growth, as witnessed by its recent selection for the international start-up program French Tech Ticket of the French Ministry of the Economy. Biotechnology is a seedbed for start-up ideas and projects, and Genopole the ideal site for making them come to life.

#### **For who?**

If you are a researcher, entrepreneur or student conceptualizing a non-healthcare biotechnological innovation or developing one within a young company (less than three years old), Genopole invites you to participate in its competition, held under the auspices of the French Ministries of Higher Learning & Research, of the Economy, and of the Environment.

You could follow in the footsteps of Glowee and its project in bio-produced lighting to become the 2016 competition laureate.

#### **How much?**

The €100,000 first prize comprises a financial grant and a complete range of services to accelerate innovation:

- €30,000 grant through Genopole's primary partner Chimex and the Caisse d'Epargne
- Six months of free accommodation at the Genopole biocluster
- Genopole accreditation
- Personalized accompaniment (business model, financial aid, recruitment, etc.)
- Access to the biocluster's cutting-edge technological platforms
- Printed and web-based communication
- A market study
- A project appraisal by EY
- A creation/development pack by the Brunswick law firm
- Intellectual property counselling by IP Trust Innovation
- Human resources services by Eloya
- Access to the worldwide competition Cleantech Open France



Depending on the quality of the submitted applications, one or two special prizes estimated at €50,000 will be awarded. These special prizes offer the same benefits as above except for the grant and the market study.

#### Calendar:

- Application files are available at [concoursentreprisebiotech.genopole.fr](http://concoursentreprisebiotech.genopole.fr) and must be submitted before **4:00 p.m. (CET) on Monday, 3 October 2016**.
- An initial selection of candidates will be invited to a special event in November entitled "The Entrepreneur Path", where they can have their projects evaluated by professionals in business creation and innovation (Bpifrance, Scientipôle Initiative, Chimex, Brunswick, investors, etc.).
- The award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 13 December from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. (CET) at the Groupe BPCE headquarters (50 rue Pierre-Mendès-France, Paris, 13<sup>th</sup> arrondissement).

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**About Genopole** Genopole is France's leading biopark for research in genetics and biotechnologies for healthcare and the environment. Genopole unites 82 biotech companies, 19 research laboratories and 25 technical platforms, and is furthermore home to university training programs (University of Évry-Val-d'Essonne). Its objectives are to create and support biotech companies and the transfer of technologies to the industrial sector, favor the development of research in genomics, post-genomics and associated sciences, and promote higher education programs for those domains. Genopole is funded mainly by the French Government (16.5%), the Ile-de-France Regional Council (37%) and the Essonne Departmental Council (28%).

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