

2011 French-American Innovation Day (2011 FAID)

“Science and Innovation: The Challenges of Translational Breakthroughs”

Call for poster presentations

1- Context

Organized for several years by the *Office of Science and Technology* of the French Embassy in the U.S.A (Boston section), the FAID is an annual French American symposium gathering scientists, industry representatives and investors in state-of-the-art technologies.

GIANT and the **French Consulate in Boston** are partnering for the 2011 FAID seminar which will take place on **December 6, 2011** at the *Harvard Medical School Conference Center*.

In front of the Boston scientific community and twenty prominent scientists and technologists from both the U.S. and France, **students, doctoral candidates** and **post-doctorates** will have the opportunity to present their research work in the form of a poster.

The theme of this presentation should address the topic of the conference and focus on **translational research involved in health**.

The candidates will have to present their poster to a jury, and will have the opportunity to exchange with the scientists and faculty during the break time.

A **Best Poster Award** will be offered to a participant based on evidence of independence, innovation, impact, planning and execution, along with **one roundtrip ticket to France** to develop scientific co-operation.

2- Application process

This **call for innovative projects** is jointly launched by **GIANT** with the French Consulate to enhance innovation and bilateral collaboration among future scientific leaders. The objectives are to build a network useful for both parties.

Selection will be made on the basis of excellence, the advancement of the project and the relevance of the topic.

Applications should be sent to **Lisa Treglia** before **November 13, 2011** including all the documents listed below:

- 1) Participant information (*first and last name, title, nationality, current affiliation, contact information [mail/phone and cellular phone/ fax and e-mail]*).
- 2) Project title, keywords (8 maximum) and description (**300 words maximum, including state of the art, methods, results and impact**).
- 3) CV and achievement track record (publications, prizes awarded, etc).

3- Organizers

GIANT (Grenoble Innovation for Advanced New Technologies) is a French cluster gathering 8 institutions in Grenoble region including **CNRS, CEA, EMBL**, as well as **industries** and university / engineering schools: **ESFR, ILL, UJF, GEM** and **Grenoble INP**.

Grenoble's GIANT Innovation Campus was founded in 2006. The purpose of the campus is to achieve excellence in science, technology, and innovation by creating new knowledge and developing new applications that improve the everyday lives of individual people and contribute to the advancement of society.

The campus will focus on:

- Finding solutions to society's major challenges in information and communication technologies, energy, and healthcare
- Breaking through the silos that currently divide academic research by creating cross-disciplinary centers of excellence addressing functional objectives
- Aligning urban development with advances in science and technology

The GIANT Innovation Campus represents a total of €1.3 billion in investment over six years.

In addition to high-caliber scientific research, GIANT also offers researchers, engineers, students, and entrepreneurs excellent quality of life thanks to a dynamic yet environmentally-progressive urban environment and convenient access to a truly exceptional natural environment just outside the city.

The **Office for Science and Technology** of the French Embassy in the USA is a multidisciplinary team of 35 faculty members. The role of the office incorporates three strategic missions:

- To monitor advances in science and technology to stakeholders, decision makers and scientists
- To establish and/or strengthen partnerships in science and technology
- To promote exchanges of students, researchers and entrepreneurs

The office in Boston has a specific focus on innovation and deals with the entire value chain of innovation from technology transfer to entrepreneurship.

4- Contact information:

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For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.france-science.org/faid2011>

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