CALL FOR PROPOSAL- 2020- WDR45/BPAN

BPAN (Beta-propeller Protein-Associated Neurodegeneration) is a rare neurodegenerative disease linked to a mutation in the WDR45 gene. It's for moment an incurable disease that has emotional and social consequences for all members of the family.

Created in 2018, the Association « Autour du BPAN » (Around BPAN) is aimed at supporting people affected by this disease and their families. It’s also to help research.

The association is launching its second call for proposals to help clinical and preclinical research. It will finance for an amount of **30,000 euros** national or international research projects carried out in private or public institutions.

The future laureate undertake to respect the specifications of the CfP, to mention the support of the Association in the publications linked to the project and to give a report of the work done.

The objective of this funding is to help start a new project or to continue an ongoing project on:

- physiopathology related to the mutation of the **WDR45** gene,
- the molecular, biochemical and biological aspects of the problem of autophagy related to the **WIPi4** protein,
- Understanding the mechanisms of **intra-cerebral iron accumulation** and their impact on patient symptomatology.
Grants will be awarded for a period of 12 months from the date of the convention signature. Then the non engaged of a grant will be canceled and given back.

A meeting will be organised 6 to 9 months after the signature of the convention in order to have a feedback on the progress of the project. According to the results of this meeting, an additional envelope can be allocated to the project.

The grant allocated by the association will cover the operating and staff costs (for example the remuneration of a master's internship), as well as the purchase of small equipment. In any case, it can’t be used for mission expenses, as well as to cover the costs of the recipient structures and / or grant managers.

The project promoters will have to present a project written in French or English, including:

- Title of the project,
- A project presentation describing the aim and interest of the study, scientific justifications (working hypothesis), methodologies, expected results, justification and the use of the budget
- Short CV of the applicant and composition of the team
- Main publications for the last five years of the applicant and the team (priority to those related to the subject of the CfP)
- A summary of the project for the general audience and donators,

**Timing:**
Deadline for application: June 10,2020
Answer: end of June

Send a complete and signed application form by email to:

aap2020@autourdubpan.fr

The reception will be confirmed by mail.

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