The Limoges University and University Hospital invite applications from either established or emerging outstanding groups to launch new research teams and/or to reinforce existing teams in the new “Pôle Biologie-Santé” settings (Health sciences department) (opening July 2014) of the GEIST Institute. Projects in any area of health sciences supported by INSERM or CNRS in Limoges are welcomed. New teams, with sufficiently high scientific impact to obtain immediate support from INSERM or CNRS (for example through the ATIP-AVENIR program) are also welcomed. Projects connecting basic and clinical research are strongly encouraged. Laboratory space will be offered as well as a full access to the numerous state-of-the-art core facilities provided by the Institute (imaging, mass spectrometry, proteomics, cell cytometry and cell sorting, Affymetrix or OpenArray (QPCR) transcriptome analysis, genomics, whole genome or whole exome sequencing, bioinformatics, transgenesis SOPF animal facility….). New high potential investigators arriving in Limoges and joining our teams (or creating a new CNRS or INSERM team) will be offered up to 130m² of laboratory space (for gathering a group of 6-8 persons) together with three years of funding (up to 100,000€/year), and preferential access to funding for an associated PhD student or post-doctoral fellow.

The Institute GEIST (Genetics Environment Immunity Health and Therapeutics), also constituted as a CNRS Research Federation (CNRS FR3503), is currently developing an innovative health sciences center going from basic research in biology to clinical and translational research and therapy. Several teams within the GEIST Institute are supported by CNRS or INSERM for the aims of better understanding the biological mechanisms underlying immunopathology, lymphomagenesis, pharmacology of immunosuppression, resistance to antimicrobial agents and neuroepidemiology. Investigations are both conducted on human tissues, cells and cohorts of patients as well as on different transgenic models. They rely on a wide array of methodologies ranging from non-invasive analysis of clinical or biological parameters to cellular, pharmacological and genetic technologies.

The GEIST Institute is one of the 4 Research Institutes of the Limoges University. It is also in close connection and receiving strong support from the Limoges University Hospital. GEIST is thus mostly housed on the Limoges Health Campus and closely associated with the settings of the Hospital, the Center for Clinical Investigation and the Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy. The GEIST Institute research teams include 170 researchers either involved in full time research or also teaching students, and 35 engineers, technicians and administrative assistants. There are also more than 120 non-permanent staff (PhD students and postdoctoral fellows/contracts).

Applications should be sent electronically to Délegation Régionale à la Recherche et la Technologie – Limousin, drrt.limousin@recherche.gouv.fr (Tél 05 55 33 67 57) (Contact for technical/scientific information : Michel Cogné, cogne@unilim.fr)
Applications should be received before 2013, September 29, and include: curriculum vitae, short description of scientific achievements (2 pages) and detailed research program (10 pages max). Pre-selected candidates will be invited for interview during the Fall 2013 for potential funding starting January 2014.