

## "Life Sciences: inventing – creating – having fun" 2015 Laureates

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The grant "Life Sciences: inventing – creating – having fun" has been offered by the Office for Science and Technology of the Consulate general of France in Los Angeles since 2012 to French teams who participate in American competitions in life sciences. Following the call for projects launched in February 2015, 8 teams were selected to receive a grant.

These 8 teams will all participate in the iGEM (international Genetically Engineered Machine) competition started in 2004 at MIT in Boston. Around 270 student teams from around the world registered for this synthetic biology competition which celebrated its 10th anniversary last year. Teams have around six months to modify bacteria, or any other type of cell, by inserting DNA fragments in order to give rise to new functionalities that might lead to major advances to respond to the environmental, medical and societal challenges of tomorrow.

With an increasing number of teams and great results, France is rightfully represented at this prestigious competition. For instance, the Paris Bettencourt team, pioneer of the iGEM movement in France, was awarded Grand Prize Winner by the jury for the "Overgraduate" category in 2013 (see article). That same year, the team from INSA de Lyon was chosen to host around 700 attendees from all over Europe at the Europe Regional Jamboree.

This year, grantees of the Life Sciences program are:

### Aix-Marseille

*2nd participation in the iGEM competition*

2014: Gold medal



### Bordeaux

*4th participation in the iGEM competition*

2012: Bronze medal

2013

2014: Bronze medal



**Evry** 

*4th participation in the iGEM competition*

2012: Gold medal, Best Human Practices Advance (Europe), Best Model (Europe), Advance to Championship

2013: Gold medal, Best Human Practices Advance (Europe/Overgrad), Advance to Championship

2014: Gold medal



**INSA Toulouse**  

*3rd participation in the iGEM competition*

2013: Gold medal

2014: Gold medal, Best Innovation in Measurement (Undergrad)



**IONIS Paris**  

*1st participation in the iGEM competition*



**Paris Bettencourt**  

*9th participation in the iGEM competition*

2007

2008: Bronze medal

2009: Gold medal, Best Human Practices Advance

2010: Gold medal, Best Foundational Advance

2011: Gold medal, Regional Finalist (Europe), Best Presentation (Europe), Advance to Championship

2012: Gold medal, Safety Commendation (Europe), Advance to Championship, Finalist, Best Environment Project, Second Runner Up

2013: Gold medal, Best Wiki (Europe/Overgrad), Regional Finalist (Europe/Overgrad), Second Runner Up (Europe/Overgrad), Advance to Championship, Best Health & Medicine Project (Overgrad), Finalist (Overgrad), Grand Prize Winner (Overgrad)

2014: Gold medal, Best Supporting Art & Design (Overgrad), Best New Application Project (Overgrad)



**Paris Saclay**  

*4th participation in the iGEM competition*

2012

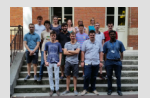
2013: Gold medal

2014: Gold medal



**Pasteur Paris**  

*1st participation in the iGEM competition*



The Office for Science and Technology wishes good luck to these 8 teams who will be presenting their projects in Boston from September 24 to 28, 2015.

**For more information:**

- [iGEM 2015](#)

- [Call for projects "LIFE SCIENCES: inventing - creating - having fun" 2015](#)

The call for projects 2016 will be announced in early 2016 on the official websites of the Office for Science and Technology (Embassy of France in the USA) and the Consulate general of France in Los Angeles. Grants may be used to cover registration fees and other expenses. Only one grant will be awarded per team (or individual) per project.