

**Request for Proposals:
Company Builder Focusing on Biotechnology Support Program
Uruguay Innovation Hub
Closing Report**

1. Background

On July 17, 2023, through Decree 216/023, the implementation of the Uruguay Innovation Hub program was approved. This is a national public-private and interinstitutional initiative aimed at promoting projects in the fields of science, technology, and innovation. The goal is to propel the country towards a knowledge-based economy and society, establishing itself as a world-class innovation center that attracts international investments. The program aims to increase the country's potential economic growth rate and generate quality employment opportunities for its residents.

The Program operates within ANII, which is responsible for its administrative management. The Program has its own governance and management structure. The political and strategic direction of the program is entrusted to a four-member Steering Committee, composed of a representative from the Ministry of Industry, Energy, and Mining (who will chair it), a representative from the Ministry of Education and Culture, a representative from the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and a representative from the Office of Planning and Budget.

In accordance with Decree 216/023, one of the instruments through which it will be developed is the Company Building Program. For this purpose, the "Company Building focused on Biotechnology" instrument was designed to generate the conditions to carry out a company building program in Uruguay focused on biotechnology ventures, with the ultimate goal of supporting and promoting the creation of a greater number of ventures related to the field of biotechnology.

Next Steps after the Call Closure:

The Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (CES) was convened on April 1st. to technically evaluate the proposals and recommend the approval of one to the Steering Committee of Uruguay Innovation Hub. The latter will be responsible for selecting the organization that will implement the acceleration program.

The selected organization will receive up to USD 300,000 annually for six years to support its operations in Uruguay, representing 80% of the total project cost. The organization is required to contribute the remaining 20% with its own funds.

2. Request for Proposals

The call remained open from Monday 13th november 2023 at 2pm to Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 2pm.

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3. Request for Proposal's Results

At the close of the call, a total of 6 proposals were submitted, as detailed below:

Proposal Code	Project Title	Applicant Organization	Country	Other Participating Institutions
CB_X_2023_1_179647	LAB+ VENTURES FUND L.P.	Institut Pasteur de Montevideo	Uruguay	Lab+ Ventures Fund L.P. FICUS
CB_X_2023_1_179676	GRIDX - ATGen biotech company builder & accelerator	ATGen	Uruguay	OLONIR ZURALEY GRID EXPONENTIAL SA
CB_X_2023_1_180093	WBC Ventures - Biotech venture builder development in Uruguay: leveraging on the Brazilian experience	Associação Wylinka	Brasil	Fundação Biominas Caos Focado
CB_X_2023_1_180109	COMPANY BUILDER CON FOCO EN BIOTECNOLOGÍA	Universidad ORT Uruguay / Centro Biotecnológico de Investigación e Innovación / CIE BIO	Uruguay	Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay / Latitud - Fundación LATU / Latitud e Ingenio CITES
CB_X_2023_1_180142	Acelerando la consolidación de la innovación Biotech en Uruguay	Impact Hub Colombia	Colombia	Beta Impact Venture Fund LP IMPACT HUB MONTEVIDEO SAS Impact Hub Buenos Aires S.A.S
CB_X_2023_1_180280	Securitas Bio, un modelo innovador de creación de empresas disruptivas con impacto regional y foco en salud humana y animal	Securitas Biosciences Uruguay SA	Uruguay	-