GENESIS CALL

FOR LIFE-SCIENCES INDUSTRY PARTNERS

First access to top science from Heidelberg and Karlsruhe

Promising spin-offs usually reach industry only once their first round is priced. Meet the best science-based founders before that, work with them on your challenges and secure a preferred right to invest in their first round.

THEMATIC FOCUS

Engineering Human-Relevant Biology

Predict better
Organoids, organ-on-chip, AI-based prediction

Scale better
Bioprocessing, biofabrication, lab automation

Apply better
Diagnostics, targeted therapies, digital health

WHY GENESIS CALL · AN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Real-world conditions to turn science into business

The programme draws on the three leading research institutions that co-own InnovationLab:

Heidelberg University

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)

Twelve months inside InnovationLab

Teams are employed by InnovationLab, with labs and administration – full focus on the venture.

Evidence before capital

Two hard gates, after months 4 and 8, decide whether a team continues.

Proven with FLEXOO

Spin-off by InnovationLab and co-founded by Socratyes in 2023, founders hold 75%, €11M Series A in 2026.

WHAT YOU GET · THREE COHORTS OVER THREE YEARS

~150
Applications screened
You see them all, across three calls.

24
Finalists you meet
Meet every finalist and sit on the jury.

12
Teams you work with
Bring your R&D challenges and pilot prototypes with them.

1st
Right to invest
A preferred allocation in their first round. Founders keep ~75–80%.

Per cohort: ~50 applications, 6–8 jury finalists, 4 teams with up to €250k each, targeting two spin-offs.

See if GENESIS CALL fits your pipeline.

We walk you through the programme, the selection process and how a partnership could support your R&D priorities.

€500k over three years
€200k in year 1, €150k each in years 2 and 3

- ✓ No equity upfront and no obligation to invest
- ✓ Years 2 and 3 are paid only if a team of the previous cohort passes Gate 2
- ✓ IP rules for joint pilot projects agreed before work starts

We'll come to you – or meet in Heidelberg or online.

LET'S TALK

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