

Innovations for Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery

Grand Challenges

Application Instructions

Information Required for Application

Please refer to the following guidelines as you prepare your application to the “Innovations for Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery” RFP.

Your application includes:

- Applicant profile and information – completed via our application portal
- Proposal document– uploaded as a Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF file
 - Maximum 5 pages
 - Figures and references relevant to this project are included in this page count
- Budget table and narrative (1 page, use template provided, in USD) – uploaded as a Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF file

Please note that a template for the budget table and narrative can be found within the application portal within the corresponding upload task. Details on each section can be found below. Along with this application instructions document, we encourage you to reference the request for proposals overview document and the challenge rules and guidelines to ensure that your proposal responds to the challenge.

Applicant Profile

To begin your application, please click on the “Apply for this opportunity” button at the top of the challenge page. Through this link, you will be able to access the “Innovations for Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery” program. Either create a new account, or log-in to the system if you have previously created an account and begin your application by filing out the applicant profile.

Proposal document – 5 pages maximum

Proposal Format

Your proposal must be formatted as follows.

- No longer than 5 pages maximum (8.5 in x 11 in letter size)
- 11-point font or larger
- At least 0.5” margins all around
- Single line spacing
- Standard character spacing (neither expanded nor condensed)
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF filetype
- Entire file size of 3MB or less
- Please do not include a cover sheet with your proposal. A cover sheet will be automatically generated from your registration data.

Applications that do not adhere to these restrictions may be blocked from submission and review.

Proposal Content

Please include the following in your proposal document: (suggested lengths in parentheses)

1. Introductory information (up to 1/2 page):

- A short description of the specific problem your proposal addresses
- A few sentences (in bold) that summarize your idea or approach for a solution
- How your idea addresses the objectives laid out in the RFP
- How your idea is novel or innovative

2. Proposal information (up to 4 pages):

- A clear hypothesis and vision for the proposed work
- Defined objectives that outline the key aims of your project
- The background, preliminary data, and work that has led up to the project
- Your approach and methods, and how they will effectively address the objectives outlined in the RFP.
- The expected outcomes from your work

3. Team description (up to 1/2 page):

- Provide a comprehensive description of the project lead, highlighting their qualifications, expertise, and relevant experience that make them well-suited to successfully execute this project.
- List all co-applicants and collaborators, detailing their roles, affiliations, locations (country and region), areas of expertise, and specific contributions to the project.

Budget Table and Narrative – 1 page maximum

Please use the budget template (linked and on the application portal) to include a breakdown of allowable direct costs under the following categories.

- Personnel
- Subawards (subgrants, contracts)
- Capital Assets/Equipment
- Travel*
- Supplies
- Other Expenses
- Indirect Costs**

Additionally, please provide a one (1) paragraph budget narrative to explain the major cost drivers and how costs relate to planned activities and target outcomes. If you are including funds for subawards in your budget, please explain the nature of the subaward relationship and if to multiple entities, please describe all.

**Ensure the budget includes travel funds for up to two trips per year (one Europe and one United States) to support the collaborative efforts of this consortium.*

***Please refer to the individual funders policies on overheads and indirect costs (below). Please note that the available overheads/indirect costs may vary from funder to funder and depending on awardee organization type and allowable limits. Recognizing this variance, we suggest you add a range, or your best estimate for this line item, and understand the need to be flexible on*

this if chosen to move forward in the process. Indirect costs must be included within the up to \$5M budget amount.

- [Gates Foundation indirect cost policy](#)
- [Wellcome's overheads policy](#)
- *The Novo Nordisk Foundation does not cover overhead/indirect costs. However,*
 - *Applicants to the Novo Nordisk Foundation that are not based at Danish universities may allocate up to 5% of the budget as direct administrative expenses. The amount allocated to direct administrative expenses must be included in the total budget of the grant application and can include expenses that are directly related to the applied-for project, such as costs towards accounting, payment of salaries, purchasing, hiring, financial reporting and auditing on the project. More information will be provided to applicants invited to submit a full application to the Novo Nordisk Foundation.*
 - *Applicants from Danish universities can apply for the project supplement for research grants. More information on the joint model for project supplement is found at [Universities Denmark's website](#). Questions related to the project supplement should be directed to the research support units at your university.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to many application questions can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) document](#).

Inquiries

Please direct all questions about this initiative, selection criteria or application to grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org