





## PMC<sup>1</sup> CALL OVERVIEW

## **CONTEXT**

The PMC is keen to build new collaborations between clinicians and researchers from Luxembourg and to foster new synergies. To aid in this process, the three PMC-related institutions CRP-Santé, LCSB and IBBL have developed a fund to 'pump prime' new initiatives. This program will be trialled in 2015/2016 to determine its feasibility going forward.

The expectation is that the funding will be used to initiate new collaborative research projects on biomedical research between clinicians and researchers who are based in different research institutions. Priority will be given to projects that are novel and innovative, that are establishing new collaborations within Luxembourg and where preliminary data is needed prior to submitting an application to an external funding agency.

# The main expected return on investment of such funding relies on:

- Solving unmet clinical needs with innovative approach
- Fostering research interactions between the three biomedical research institutes of Luxembourg.
- Enabling researchers/clinicians to develop this project into an externally funding project if successful

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS**

- Applicants based in Luxembourg
- A minimum of two organisations (ideally three) must be involved in each funding application.
- A maximum of 50kEuros can be requested per funding application
- This funding can be used for consumables, external sample analyses, data collection, inter-institution costs (at cost price), market research, literature reviews, pilot studies led by clinician-researchers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PMC: Personalized Medicine Convention

- It cannot be used for existing staffing, existing infrastructure or already funded project components (Please note the funding cannot be used as a "bridge fund" for researchers).
- All awarded funds must be spent within two years of project approval.

#### **PROCESS**

The application should be a maximum of five A4 pages in length, and should contain the following:

- Name of Leader and names of main researchers who will participate in the project and their institutions
- A clearly stated hypothesis
- A description of the work to be undertaken;
- Impact of such proposal
- Proposed start and end dates;
- Expected deliverables
- An explanation as to why pump priming funding is necessary;
- A summary of the funding requested with a clear justification of the costs;
- Clearly articulated next steps following the pump priming award (incl. subsequent submission of a grant application)
- · Any other collaborations involved; and
- Any other relevant information.
- Applications should be emailed to <a href="mailto:pmc@ibbl.lu">pmc@ibbl.lu</a>
- Any questions should be directed to Angela HOGAN +352 27 44 64 42

Applicants must submit a final report upon spend completion and inform <a href="mailto:pmc@ibbl.lu">pmc@ibbl.lu</a>

The PMC Board<sup>2</sup> encourages you to discuss these ideas under corresponding "Core Groups" (cancer, cardio-metabolic, microbiome, neurodegeneration, immunology... groups)

## **TIMEFRAME**

- The first call for 2015 will be announced on Monday 1st September 2014
- Application forms should be completed and submitted to <u>pmc@ibbl.lu</u> by 15<sup>th</sup>
  October 2014
- Applications received after this period will not be accepted.
- The PMC Board will review the applications and determine which proposals will be funded on the basis of a score composed of scientific excellence and impact.
- Decisions to applicants will be communicated during the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- If all funds are not allocated within this first call, a second call may be communicated later in 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PMC board will be composed of Jean-Claude Schmit, Rudi Balling and Catherine Larue

#### **ASSESSMENT**

The applications will be assessed based on a series of criteria:

- Scientific and technical excellence (maximum score of 5 (threshold 4))
  - Clarity and pertinence of the objectives
  - Soundness of the concept, including trans-disciplinary considerations, where relevant
  - Extent that proposed work is ambitious, has innovation potential, and is beyond the state of the art (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches)
- Clinical impact (maximum score of 5 (threshold 4)):
  - Whether the proposal will contribute to the society or the patients' or clinicians' community
- Threshold is 8/10. No proposal under a score of 8/10 will be considered for funding

The intention of the PMC board is to select original projects/programmes with a chance for a subsequent submission of a grant application to an external funding agency.

## FOLLOW UP

Once granted, the selected programs will be followed up and presented once a year in front of the PMC Board