

## **BIRAX Ageing Call for Proposals**

### **Frequently asked Questions**

#### **When is the deadline?**

The deadline for preliminary proposals is **15 October 2018, 22:00 GMT**.

#### **Can the grant be used to cover a post doc's salary?**

The costs of permanent staff or existing positions cannot be included. The costs of post doctoral research personnel or research assistant fees dedicated to the project can be included but **not** regular salary / payroll related costs.

#### **Can a third party be a part of the collaboration?**

Yes.

- We can allow Israeli and UK co-PIs but all funding will be handled by either the Israeli or UK PI. Additional funding will not be available for co-PIs.
- Non Israeli and non UK co-PI's are very welcome, but cannot receive funding from BIRAX (Funds must be in place).
- Companies are very welcome, but cannot receive funding from BIRAX (Funds must be in place).

Letters of intent relating to third parties will be requested at full proposal stage.

#### **Is it possible for multiple PIs from one country to work with a PI from another country?**

We encourage group collaboration as long as both the UK and Israel are involved. We also encourage third party collaboration from industry.

In the case of Israeli or UK co-PIs, then funding can be moved to them at the discretion of the main PI in that country - BIRAX will not provide additional funds, nor will it allocate existing funds. A third PI who is not from the UK or Israel cannot be funded by BIRAX. If the PI is fully self funded then this is acceptable.

#### **How can I find a partner?**

You are encouraged to attend one of the [two academic conferences](#) we will hold on the first week of September 2018 in connection of the call for proposals:

- 3 - 4 September 2018: Precision Medicine in Ageing
- 4 - 6 September 2018: BIRAX Conference on Ageing

Both conferences will be held at Guy's Hospital Campus, King's College London, and will provide ample opportunities for networking for the purpose of finding a partner.

The registration website for the conference will be published shortly. In the meantime, for more information please email [biraxrmi@britishcouncil.org.il](mailto:biraxrmi@britishcouncil.org.il).

**How long are the grants for?**

We will award grants of a value up to £400,000 over three years. Please note that the amount of the awarded grant to individual projects will pend on the availability of funds.

**Can a portion of the grant be used to fund training (including international conferences outside of the UK and Israel) for post-docs working on the BIRAX project?**

Yes.

**If you work for two different institutions can fund from the grant be channeled to both?**

Yes, as long as the work being done at the various institutions is relevant to the BIRAX project. However payment will only be made to the one institution applicants note in their application.

**Do we need to include a budget in the preliminary proposal?**

No.

**How long should the application be (in pages)?**

There is no overall limit to the application in page length but each question has a limit as to the number of words.

**Can the proposal be for less than 3 years?**

No. Research proposals should be for 36 months in duration.

**Is it possible to apply for funding as a consortium? Are double grants permitted?**

The BIRAX Ageing all for Proposals is not able to fund a 'consortium' of partners or double grants.

**How will the different strands be assessed? Will there be a difference?**

All applications will be evaluated in a competitive process. The academic selection panel is independent and will score applications according to the criteria noted in the Guidelines document. The funding bodies may have input in the peer review stage and at the end of the process.

**How much funding can be directed to indirect costs?**

Up to a maximum of 10%.

**Can Investigator time be included?**

No, salary costs and supplements to salaries for investigators cannot be included.

**Can I submit two research proposals (with two different PIs) if for one of them I am only a collaborator?**

You cannot submit two proposals in parallel. Nevertheless, you can be a collaborator on as many projects as desired, as long as not a recipient of the grant, and not funded by BIRAX.



**Will teams that have a proven track of collaboration be prioritised?**

No, we would welcome new and innovative partnerships. We also like to see interdisciplinary collaborations that would not normally be brought together.

**Should team members be listed in the application?**

If the team is known it is possible to list the members, however but grant will be held by PI.

**What if I have a question that isn't answered here?**

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