**BIRAX Ageing 2021 Call for Proposals**

**Frequently asked Questions**

**When is the deadline?**
The deadline for preliminary proposals is **04 April 2022, 22:00 GMT.**

**Can the grant be used to cover a postdoc's salary?**
The costs of permanent staff or existing positions cannot be included. The costs of post-doctoral research personnel or research assistant fees <u>dedicated</u> 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, 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 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 depend 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.

**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 for Applicants document.

**Are the funding partners involved in the selection process?**
BIRAX partners may fund, fully or partially, selected projects that fall within their area of interest. They do not, however, have an impact on the selection process, which is undertaken solely by the BIRAX Selection Panel. They may be approached to suggest peer reviewers from their contacts. Once the final shortlist is drawn by the Selection Panel, the funding partners may take the shortlisted projects to their funding committees for a final decision on their part.

**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 you are not the recipient of the grant, and not funded by BIRAX.

**Will teams that have a proven track of collaboration be prioritised?**
No, we 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 the grant will be held by the PIs.

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