

Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Collaborative Funding – Supplementary Guidance

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) in collaboration with the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and U.S Department of Agriculture, are pleased to announce a call for collaborative projects involving researchers from the UK and US, China and/or Israel under the Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases programme (EEID). United States- Israel Binational Science Foundation and National Natural Science Foundation of China are other partnering organisation.

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The collaborative projects **must include a US investigator who will lead the submission through the NSF process**. The UK component of the collaborative projects will be assessed through the NSF peer review process and funded by BBSRC on behalf of UKRI funding councils (EPSRC, ESRC, NERC, and MRC). Details of the application mechanism are set out at the link above, but some essential additional information for the UK partners is set out below:

1. A **Lead Investigator** (*US nomenclature*) for the UK component of the collaborative proposal must be designated. Note: On the Je-S form this will be the UK Principal Investigator. Further UK Investigators (Co-Investigators) may be identified and costed on the subcontract, the institution of the Lead Investigator will be responsible for receiving and distributing UKRI-BBSRC funding.
2. Standard BBSRC eligibility criteria apply for all (UK) lead investigators and co-investigators. For detailed guidance, please see section three of our grants guide (see downloads). Applications must be submitted by UK Research Organisations that are eligible to receive funding from UKRI. Any queries about eligibility for this call should be submitted to UK-USCollab@bbsrc.ac.uk.
3. The UK component of the collaborative grants **will be funded for maximum of three years**.
4. Applicants should generate a standard proposal proforma using the Je-S system, taking note of the following points:
 - a. Create a standard BBSRC proposal on the Je-S electronic system **but DO NOT FORMALLY SUBMIT this** to the BBSRC at this stage. When filling the Je-S form please select the **'Small Grants' scheme** and the call name is **'UK Partner Funding'**.
 - b. Costings for the UK component of the project should be entered onto the Je-S system but the completed Je-S Form **should not** be submitted electronically to the BBSRC at this stage.
 - c. Applicants **do not need to complete** the following document data when developing this Je-S document:
 - Classifications
 - Case for support

- d. All other 'Document data' sections of the Document Menu will need to be completed including the **justification of resources for the UK component, Impact Summary, Pathways to Impact and Academic Beneficiary** sections.
 - e. Applicants should also prepare CVs for Investigators and researchers; these should be in PDF format and follow the NSF guidance for CVs (see 'Biographical Sketch(es) at the following link:
https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=5269&ods_key=nsf19592).
 - f. Once all relevant details have been completed, the **Document Menu** option 'Create Document for Printing' (in Document Import / Export section) should be selected. On clicking this link, the 'Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF)' print format should be selected within the pop-up window, and the resultant downloaded/emailed file should be saved locally.
 - g. The completed PDF documents (Je-S proforma and CVs) should then be forwarded to the US Principal Investigator for inclusion as a supplementary document in the overall proposal. **Please also send an electronic copy of this document to UKRI-BBSRC at UK-USCollab@bbsrc.ac.uk before C.O.P on 20 November 2019.**
5. For any queries on specific UK issues please contact:
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