



"BAYER: SCIENCE FOR A BETTER LIFE"

The industrial leader BAYER is celebrating its 40th anniversary by providing an award for Universitat Rovira i Virgili health projects

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2011

The objective of this funding opportunity is to support novel research to improve human health.

AWARD MECHANISMS

Relevant research areas	<p>Project should focus on one of the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cerebrovascular disease: mechanisms that lead to the development of, or complications in, cardiovascular disease and stroke, especially as a result of pathological effects on vascular function, inflammation, oxidation, thrombosis or metabolism. Projects on the rehabilitation of deficiencies produced by cerebrovascular diseases can also be submitted.2. Macular degeneration: investigation into treatment and other ways helping those coping with the challenge of living with the loss of their central vision.3. Pulmonary hypertension: investigation into increasing recognition and new therapies. <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to describe the ethical considerations involved in the design of research programs in the population and public health.</p>
Researchers	Applicants for these awards must be URV researchers who hold a doctoral degree.
Maximum duration of the project	1 year
Maximum award	<p>Direct costs of €10,000 for the duration of the project. 60% will be paid at the beginning of the project and the rest after the final report has been submitted.</p> <p>This award will not be increased with an extra amount as overheads.</p>



Deadline for submission of all application materials	07 October 2011 at 1 p.m. (in the general registry of the URV).
Peer review	Applications will be reviewed by a scientific peer review committee, consisting of two peer reviewers recruited from outside the URV who are experts in the scientific disciplines and topics of the research projects submitted.
Advisory committee	One expert from Bayer and three experts from URV will make the final recommendation for funding. A URV lecturer will be secretary.
Final report	The successful research team will have to submit a final report two months after the end of the project.
Communication requirements	The successful research team is required to acknowledge Bayer in any communication or publication related to the award and project.
Applicant notification and public ceremony	The company and the URV will organise a ceremony to publically announce the successful team.


DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Section/Topic	Item no	Checklist item
Title and abstract		
	1	Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance see CONSORT for abstracts)
Introduction		
Background and objectives	2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale
	2b	Specific objectives or hypotheses
Methods		
Design	3	Description
Outcomes	4	Completely defined, pre-specified, primary and secondary outcomes, including how and when they were assessed.
Statistical methods	5a	Statistical methods used
	5b	Methods for additional analysis
Results expected		
Outcomes and estimation	6	For each primary and secondary outcome, results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval)
Discussion		
Generalisability	7	Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of results
Interpretation	8	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harm, and considering other relevant evidence.
Other information		
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Budget		
	10	A well-designed and well justified budget of the proposal
Timetable		
	11	You should consider including a project timeline to give the reader a snapshot of your project. This usually involves breaking the research down into components of about three to six months' duration and specifying the order in which the research will be undertaken.



SELECTION PROCESS

- ➔ Step 1: All proposals will be revised according to the administrative eligibility criteria. The ones which are incomplete will, in principle, not be processed any further.
- ➔ Step 2: The technical project, which must be anonymous, will be sent to peer review and to evaluation by the advisory committee.
- ➔ Step 3: Applicants will be notified in December 2011 as to whether or not they have been selected.
- ➔ Step 4: Final report will be presented.

