

Three EU calls for proposals on health research issued

As part of the largest ever package of EU funded research calls, three calls for proposals in the area of health research were published on 20 July 2010. Two calls for proposals were launched in the Health Cooperation section, one involving single-stage and the other two-stage procedures with total indicative budgets of more than EUR 650 million. In addition, another call under ERA-net, which aims at stepping up the cooperation of research activities carried out at national or regional level, includes a few health related issues along with several other fields of research.

Two stage health call with deadlines on 13 October 2010 and 10 February 2011.

This call with Identifier: FP7-HEALTH-2011-two-stage is the biggest health related research call, with an indicative budget of € 498 000 000.

Among its many issues reflecting the 2011 health research programme, the call addresses *for example* the following topics: Regenerative medicine clinical trial; Proteins and their interactions in health and disease; Understanding the role of neuro-inflammation in neurodegenerative diseases; Human development and ageing; Investigator-driven clinical trials for therapeutic interventions in elderly populations; Anti-microbial drug resistance; Investigator-driven treatment trials for rare cancers; Diabetes and obesity, including investigator-driven clinical trials to reduce diabetes complications; Molecular and physiological effects of lifestyle factors on diabetes/obesity; Developing methodologies to reduce inequities in the determinants of health; Analysis of integrated strategies for sustainable behaviour change.

Submissions have to be made at the latest, for stage 1 proposals by 13 October 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time), and for stage 2 proposals by 10 February 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time).

For further information:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=324

Single-Stage HEALTH 2011 call with deadline 10 November 2010

The call with identifier: FP7-HEALTH-2011-single-stage has an indicative budget of EUR 160.50 million. Among its many issues reflecting the 2011 health research programme, the call addresses *for example* the following topics: New therapeutic approaches in chronic inflammatory and autoimmune diseases; Anti-microbial drug resistance; Multidisciplinary research on the evolution and transfer of antibiotic resistance; Epidemiology and aetiology of infection-related cancer; Developing and implementing methods for the transfer of research into policy in the fields of health promotion and disease prevention; Networking of major research institutions to coordinate communication actions aimed at the media and the general public; New methodologies for clinical trials in personalised medicine.

For both above calls, proposals have to meet basic conditions for eligibility – such as the minimum number of participants (in most cases 3) or the ceiling for the maximum requested EU contribution to the budget and particular requirements which differ for each topic. Within this framework, it is then up to the applicants to propose a number of partners, the duration of the project or the financial contribution requested from the EU. The quality, feasibility, implementation and impact of the proposed work as well as the match between the expertise of the consortium and the project goals are subject to the evaluation carried out by independent experts.

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Eranet call including health topics runs until 22 February 2011

The Eranet call FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD includes two sub-themes related to health: Research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing as well as ERA-NET on diabetes prevention and treatment.

For further information:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=312

<http://cordis.lu/coordination/era-net.htm>

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