

**Crowd sourcing for the biological sciences: March 2013 call**  
**Stage 1: Intention to submit**

**Applicants are required to submit an Intention to Submit.** A template form and guidance for completion are provided (see 'How to apply'). Send your completed Intention to Submit form to [crowd.sourcing@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:crowd.sourcing@bbsrc.ac.uk) under the subject heading 'Completed Intention to Submit Form' by **5 March 2013, 4 pm.**

The Intention to Submit is not part of the assessment process, but allows BBSRC to obtain an early stage indication of:

- Demands on funding
- Applications that may overlap with one another, or with previously funded activities
- Issues relating to remit and fit to strategic priorities

Receipt of the completed form will be acknowledged and, where appropriate, the Council will provide feedback to potential applicants on the issues above by 11 March 2013.

**Stage 2: Full application**

Full applications will only be accepted from applicants who have submitted an intention to submit form (see above).

Apply via the Je-S website (see external links) by **9 April 2013, 4pm** with your completed application form. In order to see the CSBS call in Je-S, select the following options from the drop-down menus:

- Council: **BBSRC**
- Document Type: **Standard Proposal**
- Scheme: **Standard Grants**
- Call: **2013 Crowd Sourcing in the Biological Sciences**

Applicants are advised to read the BBSRC Grants Guide before completing the application (see related links).

The application should include:

1. **Track Record and Case for Support** (a maximum of 8 sides of A4)

The page limit for the combined track record and case for support is 8 sides of A4. **Proposals exceeding the 8 page limit will not be accepted.**

Previous research track record (suggested one to two pages). This should:

- Provide a summary of the results and conclusions of recent work relevant to the proposal. It should include reference to both BBSRC funded and non-BBSRC funded work. Details of past collaborative work with industry and/or with other beneficiaries should be given.
- Indicate where your previous work has contributed to the UK's economic competitiveness or to improving the quality of life.
- Outline the specific expertise available for the research at the host organisation and that of any associated organisations.
- Relate to all applicants involved in the project.

Case for support (suggested up to seven pages) should include the following:

- **Background**
  - Description of the scientific problem and its wider scientific context
  - The rationale for using a crowd sourcing approach to solve it.
- **The proposed crowd sourcing project**
  - The objectives of the application;
  - The proposed solution that utilises crowd sourcing;
  - The uniqueness and benefits of the proposed project (including related projects, in the UK, internationally or commercially available);
  - Strategic relevance to BBSRC (including current Council-wide strategic priorities);
  - Evidence for need and potential longer term options for continuation of the project.
- **Description of the management of the project**
  - The management structure of the project
  - A clear strategy for engaging and managing the ‘crowd’

Illustrations and references should be included in the page limit and should not be submitted as additional documents or as an annex, in accordance with standard BBSRC policy.

The case for support should be a self-contained description of the proposed work with relevant background, and should not depend on additional information. Applicants must not include URLs to web resources in order to extend their case for support. Within the list of references, URL links to relevant publications or online resources are permissible.

## 2. **Data Management Plan** (maximum of 1 side of A4)

This attachment type is to be used by applicants to provide information relating to data sharing. Our Data Sharing Policy can be found at [www.bbsrc.ac.uk/datasharing](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/datasharing). This should be submitted as a standalone document (not embedded in the Track Record and Case for Support) as document type “Other attachment”.

## 3. **Pathways to Impact** (maximum 2 sides of A4)

The Pathways to Impact statement must be specific to the project and contain timelines and objectives. See related links for guidance.

## 4. **Justification of Resources** (maximum 2 sides of A4)

## 5. **Work Plan** (maximum of 1 side of A4)

This attachment type is to be used by applicants to provide a diagrammatic workplan for the proposed project. It must not be used to extend the case for support. **This document is mandatory for the CSBS call.** It should be submitted as a standalone document (not embedded in the Track Record and Case for Support) as document type “Workplan”.

## 6. **Other documents**

- CV of the Principal Investigator: up to 2 pages;

- CVs for all Co-Investigators and named researchers: up to 2 pages per person
- Letters of Support – please ensure that all letters of support are on headed paper and that they are signed and dated. Only directly relevant Letters of Support should be submitted.