National Annex: UK - BBSRC

Partner: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) UK

Notice:
BBSRC supports the Second Call for Proposals of the ERA-Net for Coordinating Action in Plant Sciences (ERA-CAPS) and encourages its molecular plant science research community to apply for funding for collaborative research. Dependent on scientific excellence and all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, BBSRC will fund up to £6 million for grants awarded through this call.

The official national call announcement for the UK will be published on the BBSRC website.

All UK components submitted to this call will be subject to standard BBSRC funding criteria. The following guidance should be read in conjunction with the BBSRC grants guide (http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Guidelines/grants-guide.pdf).

Applicants are strongly advised to contact their National Call Coordinator (NCC) before starting to prepare proposals for application.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:
Standard BBSRC eligibility criteria, as described in section 3 of the BBSRC grants guide (http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Guidelines/grants-guide.pdf) will be applied to the UK component of applications submitted to this call. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Research Council Institutes (RCIs) that are normally eligible to apply for research grants are eligible to apply to this call. Enquiries can be directed to the National Call Coordinators (Tristan.Glenn@bbsrc.ac.uk or Paul.Wiley@bbsrc.ac.uk) in the first instance.

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants as defined in the call notice, and BBSRC will fund the UK partner of any successful transnational collaboration.

Additional national regulations and guidelines:
Applicants who intend to collaborate with industrial or other non-academic partners should note that any costs incurred, direct or otherwise, by these partners cannot be met by BBSRC. Costs incurred by the UK academic partner as a direct result of working with the other consortium partners (such as visits to labs or exchange of materials) can be requested.

Studentships will not be supported by BBSRC as part of this call and students should not be included on the UK component.

The UK component of applications should be costed on the basis of full economic costs (fEC). If the grant is awarded, BBSRC will provide funding on the basis of 80% of fEC. The submitting organisations must agree to find the balance of fEC for the project from other resources. **Costs should be included in Euros at the exchange rate of £1 = €1.2 and the total amount requested must be equivalent to the 80% that will be requested from BBSRC.** Please include a statement to confirm the exchange rate used and that costs are entered at the 80% fEC level on the application form.

For the UK component of successful proposals submitted this call, applicants will be required to submit an additional form through the Je-S system. Additional guidance will be provided to successful applicants. Grants will be subject to standard Research Council Grants Terms and Conditions.

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