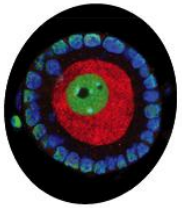
How to get Involved and the Application Process



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Outline Timetable

Town Meetings - **NOW**

_connect Discussions - **NOW**

Outline Proforma Due – 16:00 16 April

1st Panel Meeting – Mid May

PIs Meeting – Mid May

Full Timetable

Full Proposal Prep – May to July

Full Proposals Due – Mid July

2nd Panel Meeting (with Interviews) – Late Sept

Grant Announcements - Dec

Outline Process

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Why?

- Avoid duplications of similar areas
- Enable the widest possible involvement from both academia and business at an early stage

What should be discussed?

- Broad Network topic
- Which industries are involved
- What expertise/skills would be useful, and Who
- NOT detailed scientific discussion

Participation in the _connect group and submission of an Outline form is essential if you wish to submit a full proposal.

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How to start or participate in a discussion?

- Visit the FAQ in the _connect group

How to receive updates?

- Visit the FAQ in the _connect group

Who are, and what is the role of, the Co-ordinators

- Dr Adrian Higson (NNFCC)
  - Encouraging industrial and academic contacts to join
  - Commenting on sectors, issues and pipelines
  - Impartial advice
- Dr Michael Booth (BBSRC)
  - Process answers and FAQs

Outline Proforma

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Leadership (Q3)

- The Principal Investigator/Director (and Management Board representatives) will act as ambassadors for the science area represented by the Network and the wider UK Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy sector by:

  - leading an Internationally recognised Network

  - attending and contribute to events within relevant areas at the request of BBSRC

  - providing input during the development of relevant UK (and EU) policy

- One PI and (if necessary) one Co-I can request salary costs

Outline Proforma

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Management (Q3)

- Salary costs for a Network Manager can be requested
  - Appropriate estates and indirect
  - Day-to-day Network management, event coordination, outreach and website development
  - Full/part time or ad hoc; whatever is appropriate to the size of the Network

- Governance structure and Management Board
  - Provide assistance to the Director on all Network functions
  - Ensuring appropriate use and monitoring of proof of concept funding
  - Industrial involvement encouraged

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Network Events (Q4)

- Travel for key International speakers to provide a global dimension
- Venue costs
- What will these events add beyond what is already available?

Proof of Concept studies (Q3 & 4)

- Realistic ambition and scale
- Where are you targeting the out-puts? RM, sLoLa, Catalyst, TSB etc?
- Monitoring, tracking and reporting

What the funding will cover

Director and Co-Director Salary Costs

Costs claimed as PI and Co-I on grant

Network Manager

Salary costs to cover full/part-time/ ad hoc manager

Day-day running of network, event coordination, outreach and website activities

Network Events

Venue costs, travel for key international speakers

Proof of Concept Studies

Realistic ambition and scale

Monitoring, tracking and reporting covered in application

Outline Proforma

Scale (Q6)

Funding awarded depends on:

- Community size
- Proposed activities
- Degree of business engagement

Larger Networks
will have to demonstrate:

- Clear strategic relevance
- Existing relevant grant support
- Evidence of business interest
- Track record of business engagement
- Critical mass of researchers
- Established international links

Outline Proforma

10 “core” Network Members (Q9)

- Who are interested now
- Might form the initial management committee
- Diversity; disciplines and background
- Have they had some _connect involvement and input on proposal development
- No salary request
- NOT static

Outline Assessment

Outlines uploaded to _connect by 16:00 16 April

- Folder in under the “Documents” tab
- PDF logically name with PI, Network and FINAL

Office review and Committee meeting mid-May

- Network overlap
- Scale
- Strategic relevance
- Coverage/diversity
- _connect activity underpinning proposal drafting

Likely meeting with prospective PIs soon after, especially where mergers have been recommended

(date released soon)

Full Proposals

Full proposals to be submitted via JeS in mid-July (date release soon)

- Proforma as for standard grants
- Most attachments the same
- **up to** 10 page Case for Support; specific guidance given after Outline panel meeting
- Attachment of interested participants list

Committee meeting late September

May involve an interview with prospective PIs (date released soon)

Any Questions or Network Ideas?