An introduction to IMI’s Call for proposals

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Summary

• Outline of Call Procedure

• Call Definition

• Stage 1 – Expression of Interests

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IMI Call procedure: Overview

1. Call Definition
2. Call Launch
3. Stage 1 Expression of Interest
   Submission – Evaluation – Ranking
4. Stage 2 Full Project Proposal
   Submission – Evaluation – Selection
5. Contract Negotiation
6. Project Kick-off
7. Project Execution
8. Completion of the Project - Final Report
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Call Definition

• Research topics definition initiated by EFPIA companies
  – *Based on the Strategic Research Agenda*

• Consultative workshop with Experts, IMI Scientific Committee

• Formal consultation on Call documents
  – *IMI States Representatives Group*
  – *IMI Scientific Committee*
  – *European Commission*

• Approval by IMI Governing Board

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Call Launched
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Stage 1: Outline

Launch of the Call

Submission of Expressions of Interest by Applicants Consortia

1st peer review: (remote + panel meeting)  
evaluation + ranking

Ethical screening of 1st ranked consortia by ethical experts

Approval of the 1st ranked consortia by IMI Governing Board

Invitation to submit Full Project Proposal

Approx 3 months
Who are Applicant Consortium....

IMI beneficiaries

- Academic1
- Academic2
- Academic3
- Pat.Org. 1
- SME 1
- SME 2

Regulatory body
Stage 1: Finding Partners

- IMI infoday

- IMI Partner Search Tool
  [http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search](http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search)

- Local IMI contact point
  [www.imi.europa.eu/content/states-representatives-groups](http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/states-representatives-groups)

- FP7 Health National Contact Point (NCP)
Stage 1: Submission of an EoI

- Call documents
  - Call Text
  - Rules for submission, evaluation and selection of expressions of interest and full project proposals
  - Rules for participation
  - Evaluation form

- Guidance notes for the preparation of Expression of interest + Template

- Submission within deadline in the electronic submission tool: SOFIA
Stage 1: Evaluation Objectives

- To **select** and **rank** the best expressions of interest (EoIs)

- Competition between EoI consortia

- To provide each applicant with **fair and clear** feedback in the Consensus Evaluation Report
Stage 1: Evaluation Key aspects

- Minimum of 5 independent experts

- Focus on:
  - Science and technological excellence
  - Partnership
  - Work plan outline (incl budget, timelines & deliverables)
  - Ethical issues

- Hearing up to 4 highest scored EoIs if necessary

- Participation of EFPIA consortium coordinators to the discussion but not to the final scoring and final ranking

Outcome: Consensus Evaluation Report
Stage 1: Ethics Screen

For the top-ranked EoIs

• Ethics screening carried out by ethics experts

• Aim: to identify any ethical issue that would need to be addressed at stage 2 in the full project proposal

• Feedback to the Applicant Consortium: ethical screening form
• Outline of Call Procedure
• Call Definition
• Stage 1 – Expression of Interests
• **Stage 2 – Full Project Proposals**
Stage 2: Call procedure

Submission of Full Project Proposal by Full Consortium

2nd peer review
(remote + panel meeting)
incl. Full ethical evaluation

Full Project Proposal Go / no-go decision

Preparation of Description of Work by Full Consortium + IMI Executive Office

Preparation and signature of the Project Agreement by the full consortium

Signature of Grant Agreement by Full Consortium and IMI Executive Office
Stage 2: Submission of a Full Project Proposal

- Call documents
  - Rules for submission evaluation and selection of expressions of interest and full project proposals
  - Rules for participation
  - Evaluation form (stage 2) + ethical review form

- Guidance notes for the preparation of Full Project Proposal + Template

- Submission within deadline in the electronic submission tool SOFIA
Stage 2 Evaluation: Overview

- **Objective:**
  - Recommendation for funding for each full project proposal:
    - YES
    - YES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
    - NO

- **Differences from Stage 1**
  - No competition
  - EFPIA is now part of the Consortium

- Upon agreement Governing Board, Full Consortium invited to enter into final negotiations for a Grant Agreement with IMI JU
Stage 2 Evaluation: Key Aspects

- Minimum of 5 independent experts + ethical experts

- Focus on:
  - Science and technological excellence
  - Project implementation plan
  - Consistency with Call topic and Stage 1
  - Potential impact of project results

- Hearing with Full Consortium

- Ethical review in parallel

Outcome: consensus evaluation report + ethics review form
Stage 2: Outcome

Private Investment in kind

EU Public Funding cash

ACADEMIA

PATIENTS’ ORGANISATIONS

HOSPITALS

SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES

REGULATORS

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Pharma 2
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