

National Institute on Aging: co-funding scheme

UK-US collaborative funding in the biology of ageing

BBSRC Je-S proforma deadline: closed to applications

Cycle I application deadline (by invite only): 5 February 2013

Background

In 2009 BBSRC and National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded six grants via the joint Collaborative research on the biology of ageing (see related links) whereby NIA funded US partners (total \$3M) and BBSRC funded UK partners (total £2.6M).

To continue to encourage UK-US collaborations, BBSRC and NIA have established a co-funding scheme whereby we will support the UK component of joint UK-US projects submitted to the NIA grant funding system. Currently, up to £2M is available for this scheme.

Scope

The funders wish to encourage high quality, innovative collaborative research to advance the understanding in the biology ageing in the following specific topic areas only:

- Age-related effects of diet on bacteria and gut health - Discovering how interactions between nutrition, the gut microbiota and host tissues influence health in later life
- Ageing bladder & bowel - The underpinning biology and physiology of the ageing bladder and bowel, and the maintenance of homeostasis and function throughout the lifecourse
- Age-related changes in circadian rhythms and sleep- How the ageing process affects circadian/biological rhythms and sleep, and implications for health and wellbeing in later life.

The UK component must fall within our remit (see 'Our portfolio' in related links). We will **not** fund research directed at human pathology and disease. The US component should address NIA's remit.

How to apply

Information below is for reference only. This call is now closed to new applications.

See also supplementary guidance in downloads.

- Potential UK applicants are strongly advised to contact BBSRC prior to the application and submission process using the brief Expression of Interest form (see below)
- The UK component of UK-US collaborative projects will be assessed through the NIA peer review process and funded by BBSRC
- **Applications must be submitted to the NIH** (including a cover letter asking for assignment to NIA). Applicants should respond to [NIH: Department of Health and Human Services: Funding announcement PA-11-260](#). The US partner must be the Primary Investigator (US nomenclature) and the UK partner should be set out as a subcontract
- A Lead Investigator (US nomenclature) for the UK component must be designated (note: this would be equivalent to a UK Principal Investigator). Further UK Investigators (Co-Investigators) may be identified and costed on the subcontract. The institution of the Lead Investigator will be responsible for receiving and distributing BBSRC funding

- We will supply the applicants with a letter of support **which must be included in the application**. The letter of support will state that in the event the application is successful, BBSRC will fund the UK component of the collaboration (identified in the subcontract), subject to budget (see Supplementary Guidance).
- The NIA cycle due date (closing date) is: 5 February 2013, 5pm (for further details visit: [NIH: Department of Health and Human Services - standard due dates](#)).

Application download

- [Expressions of interest form \(DOC 46KB\)](#)

Additional information for UK partners

- UK applicants **must be eligible for BBSRC research funding** and the standard BBSRC responsive mode eligibility rules apply. Full details of eligibility conditions can be found in our grants guide (see downloads).
- **The UK component must fall within our remit** (see 'Our potfolio' in related links) and for the purpose of this co-funding scheme, only applications that address one or more of the specific topic areas stated above will be considered at this time
- The UK research component should be integrated in the overall research plan
- For the purpose of this co-funding scheme, projects must be up to 3 years in duration
- Applicants are strongly advised to have contacted BBSRC prior to the application and submission process to ensure eligibility and remit criteria have been met
- To obtain a letter of support from BBSRC, the UK Lead Investigator will need to generate a standard proposal proforma using the Je-S system, but this should **not** be submitted electronically to the BBSRC at this stage (see Supplementary Guidance).
- The completed PDF documents (Je-S proforma and CVs) should then be **sent electronically to Coll.Age@bbsrc.ac.uk by 10 January 2013, 5pm.**
- The UK Lead Investigator must send an electronic copy of the full submitted NIA application form to BBSRC (Coll.Age@bbsrc.ac.uk)

Key dates

	Cycle I (2013)
Deadline for submission of Je-S proforma to BBSRC: Coll.Age@bbsrc.ac.uk	10 January 2013, 5pm
Deadline for submission of standard R01 applications to NIA	5 February 2013
NIA merit review	June 2013

NIA Advisory Council round	September/October 2013
Earliest project start date	January 2014

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