

# **BIRAC WT Preliminary Application Notification**

## **Purpose**

The **BIRAC-Wellcome Trust Joint Call in Translational Medicine** is a funding round that is jointly funded by BIRAC and the Wellcome Trust with the objective of funding translational research projects to deliver safe and effective healthcare products for India at affordable costs, under the current theme:

### **“Diagnostics for infectious diseases”**

Projects must take into account the criteria for affordability, that the development path proposed maximises wide-spread adoption and have a realistic possibility for downstream uptake by a follow-on partner.

Applications that encourage innovations that bring together researchers from both the public and private sectors, and across all scientific disciplines such as medicine, physics, chemistry, computing, engineering, biology, materials science, as well as cross-border collaborations are equally encouraged.

## **Eligibility**

All applications must fall within the scope of the theme above, and must have demonstrated validated technical proof of concept.

The principal applicant should be based in India and a significant proportion of the programme should be conducted in India. Applicants should normally hold a position of responsibility within the eligible organisation and be able to sign up to or comply with the conditions or terms of an award. In addition, postdoctoral research assistants - whether seeking their own salary as part of the grant proposal, funded by the Wellcome Trust on another grant, or funded by another agency - are eligible for coapplicant status if they make a significant contribution to a research proposal and have agreement from their funding agency.

Awards will be agreed by BIRAC-Wellcome Trust Joint-Call Funding Committee and each successful application under the Joint Call may be funded by either BIRAC or the Trust in accordance with that Funder's standard funding terms and conditions. The decision as to which Funder will fund each successful application will be at the sole discretion of the Funders and will be final and binding on applicants.

**Applicants will need to ensure that they can sign up to the terms and conditions of at least, the Wellcome Trust (see under Wellcome Trust Terms and Conditions) or BIRAC (see under BIRAC Terms and Conditions).**

## **Application Process**

All applications must be received by the specified closing deadline, and all information provided will be available to both Funders.

All preliminary applications will be subject to a preliminary application triage process.

Shortlisted applications selected by the preliminary application triage process will be invited to submit full applications and will be subject to international peer review and due diligence by members of the Trust's Technology Transfer Advisory Group (TTAG) and other experts

nominated by BIRAC. Applicants will be expected to make a presentation on their proposal to the BIRAC-Wellcome Trust Joint-Call Funding Committee.

All full applications are taken forward by invitation only. Uninvited applications will not be considered.

## **Contacts**

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## **Wellcome Trust Terms and Conditions**

For the Trust, neither working capital, building nor refurbishment expenditure will be provided. Funding will be released in tranches against the attainment of pre-agreed project milestones. Other funding terms will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis with applicants, and will be detailed in a funding agreement which will govern the award. Companies will normally be expected to sign up to specific terms relating to the scheme.

### *Intellectual property rights (IPR)/publications*

If there are any restrictions on IPR or publications arising from your research, you must provide a written statement that details them. Restrictions on intellectual property may affect your eligibility to apply to the Trust. Please refer to the Trust's conditions or terms of an award.