

Call for Proposals for "Junior researchers for neglected tropical diseases"

9 April 2009

Guidelines for applicants

Registration

Applicants should register at the electronic proposal system as soon as possible (<https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/ntd1/>). To register, please fill in the data sheet of the system. The same data sheet can later be used for the final electronic proposal submission.

Proposal submission

Electronic proposal submission is mandatory. For application please use the proposal template provided within this document. Please fill in all fields and upload your proposal in PDF-Format **online by September 1st, 2009 at 11 a.m. (Berlin, 11 a.m. local time) at the latest**. Please take into account that the online data entry may be overloaded at the day of the deadline. It is therefore recommended to transfer all obligatory data in good time.

In addition, please submit a **paper version** of your proposal signed by the applying institution (1 original + 3 copies) to the Call Secretariat **by 04.09.2009**:

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Proposal structure

The proposal document must not be longer than the number of pages indicated below (DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced). **Proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.**

Proposals must include the following information:

- Project title
- Name and full affiliation of the applicant

- Project summary (identical to the electronic sheet, i.e. max. 1600 characters)
- Background and present state of the art in the research field (max. 1 pages)
- Work plan (aims, methodology, involvement of participants clearly defining the responsibilities and workloads [expressed in person months], access to pathogen/patients/patient material, time plan, project coordination and management, references; max. 8 pages)
- Scientific justification of requested budget as far as not given within the electronic data sheet (if applicable, also specifying co-funding from other sources necessary for the project; max. 1 page)
- Cooperation with institution/s in endemic regions based on equal partnership (max. 1 page)
- Existing and planned coordination/networking with international organisations/institutions in the field of neglected diseases (max. 1 page)
- Potential health impact and exploitation/dissemination of expected project results in public health systems of endemic regions (max. 1 page)
- Description of patents and present / future position with regard to intellectual property rights, both within and outside the research project (e.g. any barriers to sharing materials or results; max. 1 page)
- Description of ongoing research projects of the applying institution related to the present topic (indicating funding sources [include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency] and possible overlaps with the proposal max. ½ page)
- Gender, ethical and legal issues (e.g. informed consent, data protection, use of animals), if applicable, according to national regulations (max. ½ page)
- Brief CVs of future group leader/post-doc with a list of up to five relevant publications within the last five years especially regarding experience in endemic regions (max. 1 page)

Please note

It is strongly recommended to meet the deadline and observe the format of the proposal structure.

The Call Secretariat will assess proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (e.g. date of submission; inclusion of all necessary information in English). The Call Secretariat will also check the scientific eligibility of the proposal (i.e. conformity with the aims of the call).

Proposals not meeting the formal criteria will be rejected. Proposals passing the formal criteria check will be forwarded to the Scientific Evaluation Committee for evaluation.

Applicants are strongly advised to contact the Call Secretariat in advance of submitting an application.