

## National Annex: UK – BBSRC (revised – clarifications highlighted)

**Partner:** Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) UK

### Notice:

BBSRC supports the Third Call for Proposals of the ERA-Net for Coordinating Action in Plant Sciences (ERA-CAPS) and encourages its molecular plant science research community to apply for funding for collaborative research. Support includes both the main call and the sub-call on Data Challenges in Plant Sciences. Dependent on scientific excellence and all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, BBSRC will fund between £2.5M and £4M in total for grants awarded through this call. This budget covers both the main call and the sub-call addressing Data Challenges in Plant Sciences.

The official national call announcement for the UK will be published on the BBSRC website.

All UK components submitted to this call will be subject to standard BBSRC funding criteria. The following guidance should be read in conjunction with the BBSRC grants guide (<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/documents/grants-guide/>).

Applicants are strongly advised to contact their National Call Coordinators (NCC) before starting to prepare proposals for application.

### Eligibility and national funding modalities:

Standard BBSRC eligibility criteria, as described in section 3 of the BBSRC grants guide (<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/documents/grants-guide/>) will be applied to the UK component of applications submitted to this call. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Research Council Institutes (RCIs) that are normally eligible to apply for research grants are eligible to apply to this call.

The BBSRC grants guide is currently being updated. A new version will be available at the full-proposal stage.

Enquiries can be directed to the National Call Coordinators ([Elly.Tyacke@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:Elly.Tyacke@bbsrc.ac.uk) or [Paul.Wiley@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:Paul.Wiley@bbsrc.ac.uk)) in the first instance.

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants as defined in the call notice, and BBSRC will fund the UK partner of any successful transnational collaboration.

### Additional national regulations and guidelines:

**BBSRC funding is limited to one UK PI (i.e. one institution) per consortium. Additional UK partners may be included in the application if they are not requesting funding through the call.** This is due to a smaller BBSRC budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call compared with previous ERA-CAPS calls. All applicants should be aware of this reduced budget when preparing their proposal.

Applicants who intend to collaborate with industrial or other non-academic partners should note that any costs incurred, direct or otherwise, by these partners cannot be met by

BBSRC. Costs incurred by the UK academic partner as a direct result of working with the other consortium partners (such as visits to labs or exchange of materials) can be requested.

Studentships will not be supported by BBSRC as part of this call and students should not be included on the UK component.

An application will not be accepted for a project that is essentially the same as one currently under consideration for funding by a BBSRC committee, other research council or any other funding body.

If the proposed research addresses challenges faced by Developing Countries (i.e. those on the DAC list of ODA recipients: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>), applicants are asked to explicitly define in their proposal the expected impacts in these countries.

The UK component of applications should be costed on the basis of full economic costs (fEC). If the grant is awarded, BBSRC will provide funding on the basis of 80% of fEC. The submitting organisations must agree to find the balance of fEC for the project from other resources. **Costs should be included in Euros at the exchange rate of £1 = €1.3 and the total amount requested must be equivalent to the 80% that will be requested from BBSRC.** Successful UK applicants will receive BBSRC grants in Pounds Sterling.

Please include a statement on the ERA-CAPS application form to confirm the exchange rate used and that costs are entered at the 80% fEC level on the application form.

For UK applicants, indirect and estates costs should be included in the “Other” category on the ERA-CAPS application form, and detailed (in the full proposal only) in the “Justification of Costs” section.

For the UK component of successful proposals submitted this call, applicants will be required to submit an additional form through the Je-S system. Additional guidance will be provided to successful applicants. Grants will be subject to standard Research Council Grants Terms and Conditions.

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