BactiVac Catalyst Funding – Project Applications

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question (Q) / *Answer (A)*

Q Do all project collaborators need to be BactiVac Network members?

A Yes, all named collaborators do need to be Network members

Q Can I apply for membership at the same time as submitting an application for funding?

A Yes, the Network can process both applications in parallel

Q Is it compulsory to have a UK partner within the application collaborators?

A Yes, there must be a UK partner listed in the application

Q Does the UK institution need to be the lead applicant?

A No, the lead applicant can be based anywhere in the world

Q Are UK government core funded institutions such as NIBSC eligible to apply?

A Core funded institutes, such as NIBSC are eligible to apply but not as the Lead Applicant. Any funding requested must be to deliver novel research that is not covered by their core funding and applicants will need to confirm this in their application (in the justification for resources requested section of the form)

Q Can an investigator or an institution be a co-applicant on multiple applications?

A An individual can apply as lead applicant in one application but can be included as a co-applicant on multiple applications. An institution can be the lead applicant institution on multiple applications (i.e. more than 2), provided that the lead investigator on each application is different, the substantive content of the application is different, and the team composition is different. We are keen to encourage new novel partnerships between diverse network members, especially those involving LMICs

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Q Are recipients from past or current BactiVac catalyst funding eligible to apply for funding?

A *We are keen to encourage applications from individuals and/or institutions that have not, as yet, benefited from BactiVac catalyst funding. However, recipients from past or current BactiVac-supported research may apply to this round of catalyst funding provided that the proposed project is deemed by BactiVac to be distinctly different from previously funded research. BactiVac will not normally consider applications for follow-on funding for research that was initially supported by the Network, as the expectation is that previously successful applicants secure additional follow-on substantive funding from other external sources*

Q Where can I find a list of countries that are considered to be Low to Middle income countries (LMIC)?

A *The Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible countries <u>can be found here</u>; all LMIC countries that are appear on this list are considered to be ODA eligible*

Q Do applications have to have an LMIC partner?

A *No, we will accept and consider applications without an LMIC partner. However, as there is an Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) requirement on our funding, the proposed research needs to be primarily of direct benefit to LMICs. Preference will also be given to applications that are LMIC-led and/or have LMIC partners involved*

Q Do applicants and co-applicants have to be based at different institutions?

A *Yes, at least one of the co-applicants must be based at a different institution.   Applications where all applicants are based at the same institution will not be accepted*

Q How can I find more details about potential collaborators?

A Our <u>Members' Directory</u> *is a tool where members of the Network can login and access further details about other members and thus identify potential collaborators*

Q Do I need to have all the research governance requirements for the project already in place (e.g. collaboration agreements, intellectual property (IP) considerations, animal licences, etc.)?

A *Projects funded in Round 6 must start no later than 01 December 2022. Therefore, the expectation is that any required research governance is in place by this time so that the start of the project is not delayed. BactiVac Network funding available in this round is time-limited and therefore delays to start dates cannot be accommodated*

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Q Does the BactiVac scope include the development of bacterial vaccines to veterinary as well as human pathogens?

A   Yes, the scope of the Network includes the development of vaccines against bacterial diseases in both humans and animals. BactiVac is also interested in funding projects that address the emergence and spread of AMR in both humans and animals that poses a significant threat to human health through the development of vaccines against these antibiotic resistant pathogens

Q Is the inclusion of investigator/applicant supervision time/costs allowable?

A   No, investigator/applicant project supervision costs are not supported and should not be included in the budget requested. We will consider funding applicant salary costs where their time is committed to directly delivering the research and a justification for this would have to be included within the application

Q How much information is required in Section 16 regarding the 20% matched funding for UK institutions?

A   The information needs to show that the UK host institution is aware of the need to meet the remaining 20% of the fEC funding so that the direct costs required to deliver the project are provided to the lead applicant. This only applies to UK higher education institutions who are costing their requests for funding on an fEC basis

Q Must the budget be broken down equally between all applicants in the proposal?

A   No, however proposal budgets should ensure that all partners are adequately resourced to deliver their respective contributions to the research project. Applicants should also ensure that they provide details in the application form of any matched funding or in kind contributions provided in support of the project from other sources as this is key information that the Network needs to track and report on

Q Will I be notified if my application is deemed ineligible?

A   Applications submitted by the submission deadline will undergo a screening to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria and that all the required supporting documents requested have been provided. An email acknowledging receipt of your application will be sent by the BactiVac Admin Team to the email address provided within 2 working days of receipt

Q Will I receive feedback on my proposal?

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All eligible applications submitted by the deadline will be put forward for peer review. If your application is unsuccessful, anonymised feedback can be provided, upon request, to support you in improving your application in future rounds of catalyst funding

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