



LBNet, a BBSRC NIBB  
**Consortium building meetings funds**

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

Call status: ***Open***

LBNet, a BBSRC NIBB invites applications for funds (up to £6000) for Consortium building meetings to cover the costs of organising meetings and brainstorming sessions to form teams and ideas for the IB Catalyst, Horizon 2020, ERANET or other calls requiring the participation of multiple partners. The funds can be used to cover venue hire, meals and overnight accommodation for meeting participants plus travel costs for the organiser (other attendees will be expected to pay for their own travel).

## **BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS**

LBNet encourages the formation of international consortia, led by UK coordinators to develop proposals for major international funding opportunities such as IB Catalysts, Horizon 2020, ERA, G8 and similar programmes that align with the remit of LBNet. Such proactivity will widen the impact of the network into the international arena (Horizon 2020, ERANET), increase the funding drawn down by UK groups and ensure the UK is leading the way in this internationally competitive area.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

• Applications can be made by LBNet members ([www.lb-net.net](http://www.lb-net.net)) eligible for BBSRC funding <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants-guide.aspx>

## **APPLICATION PROCESS AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The applicant should submit a pdf file no longer than three sides of single spaced 11pt Arial text and with a 20mm margin. The pdf file must contain the following sections:

**1-Applicant details:** name, position, University, address, e-mail and telephone.

**2-Case for support:**

- Details of the call the consortium will develop a proposal for (e.g. IB catalyst/Horizon 2020).
- Outline of the scope of the final proposal including the main scientific objective, its fit to the call topic and to the scope of LBNet.
- A list of proposed participants, including their country and institution and role in the proposal and a demonstration of the balance of academia and industry.
- Objectives and Benefits. Include details of how the workshop will assist in achieving the main objectives and a plan for delivering a proposal in time for the call deadline.
- Budget requested and justification of costs.

In addition to the pdf file, the applicant should include a 2-page CV and list of recent publications

### **Assessment Criteria**

Applications are assessed by the LBNet Executive Group and approved by the network Management Board.

Proposals are assessed against the following criteria:

- Relevance to the remit of the LBNet scope and how it will fit with the intended call (IB catalyst, Horizon 2020, etc)
- Quality and appropriateness of participants
- Involvement of relevant industrial partners
- Interdisciplinarity and incorporation of systems or synthetic biology approaches

### **Submission:**

The application (single PDF) together with the applicant CV should be submitted by e-mail to the Network Manager ([veronica.ongaro@york.ac.uk](mailto:veronica.ongaro@york.ac.uk)).

### **FUNDS DISTRIBUTION**

The applicant's institution will invoice the University of York within 2 months of the organised event. Together with the invoice a breakdown of the costs will be requested.

### **Data protection regulations**

Copies of the applications will be made available to the BBSRC, who will use information provided in the application for processing the proposal, the award of any consequential grant, and for the payment, maintenance and review of the grant. To meet the Research Councils' obligations for public accountability and the dissemination of information, details of awards may also be made available on the Research Councils' websites and other publicly available databases, and in reports, documents and mailing lists.

### **REPORTING**

The recipient will be requested to submit a short proforma report at 12 and 24 months after funds are distributed to let LBNet know if a full proposal had been submitted, the full value and specific value to the UK, the outcome of the proposal and any other new collaborations that have arisen as a result of the meeting that was funded.

### **CONTACT**

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