

CALL FOR IDEAS**PROMOTING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO VACCINES DEVELOPMENT AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

Deadline: January 30, 2009

1) How to submit your proposal under the call for ideas

Go to the website www.fondazionecriplo.it, download the two application forms, fill them out and email them to iniziativavaccini@fondazionecriplo.it

Please do not send any paper document. Any paper document sent by regular mail shall not be accepted.

2) Assessment and selection of proposals

The Call for ideas will allow the Foundation to acquire an overall picture of:

- the number and type of organizations that work on infectious diseases in Lombardy,
- their relationships with international leading teams working in this field,
- the innovative approaches to vaccines development that can be pursued,
- the financial requirements for these projects.

Assessment will focus on research features and the innovativeness of proposals. An *ad hoc* International Scientific Committee will judge the scientific content of the project. Aspects related to budget and partnerships will also be taken into account.

Proposal shall not be accepted if:

- a) submitted by organizations, including partners, that are not eligible to receive grants from the Foundation (see paragraph 3 "*Organizations eligible for Fondazione Cariplo grants*");
- b) submitted after the deadline date;
- c) not compliant with the instructions set out in the application forms.

To ensure that the focus will be exclusively on the assessment of the ideas submitted and on their degree of innovativeness, the applicants' identity will be blinded to the Peer Review Committee. All Committee members will view all the proposals to enable assessment on a comparative basis.

The proposals shall not constitute an official grant request.

Fondazione Cariplo shall contact the applicants to inform them of the outcome of the assessment and may invite them to submit a full proposals and an official grant request.

Selection of proposals is expected to be completed within April 2009.

At the end of selection completion, proposals list will be published on Fondazione Cariplo website.

3) Eligible organizations for Fondazione Cariplo grants

Fondazione Cariplo makes grants exclusively public organizations, social cooperatives (Act 381/1991), social enterprises (Legislative Decree 155/06) recognized ecclesiastical organizations (Act 222/1985) as well as private nonprofit organizations established on the basis of the Italian Civil Code, Book I and whose activities are consistent with the purpose of the Foundation as set out in its Statute.

Thus, ineligible projects are those submitted by:

- a) associations and organizations that are not officially registered (without registered charter and statute);
- b) associations and organizations whose statute do not set out the following conditions:
 - nonprofit purpose;
 - the prohibition for its members or directors to participate in the distribution of profits generated by the organization activities (profit-sharing prohibition);
 - clause stipulating that upon the dissolution of the organization its net worth will be used for the public good or be transferred to other nonprofit organizations.

- > The absence of the last condition under b) does not constitute a cause for ineligibility in the assessment stage, but if the organization does not amend its statute to incorporate such a clause it shall not be eligible to receive any grant which may be awarded to it.
 - > Organizations registered as social cooperatives, volunteer organizations in the relevant regional registers or as NGOs in the relevant national registers shall be eligible for grants even if their statute do not set out the conditions above.
- c) organizations with legal status within the scope of Book V of the Italian Civil Code, except for social cooperatives (Act 381/91) registered in the relevant sections of prefecture registers and social enterprises (Legislative Decree 155/06).

No grant can be awarded to political parties, trade union organizations and bodies, trade organizations, entities either directly or indirectly involved in lobbying or electoral campaigns to influence voting, entities working to limit the freedom and dignity of citizens or promoting any form of discrimination. Any grant request submitted by natural persons shall be declined.

Referring to geographic location, organizations located in Lombardy or in the provinces of Novara and Verbania shall be eligible as lead organizations of the partnership. Both Italian and foreign partners are welcome. Any application by a single organization shall be declined.

4) *Required documents*

The two application forms (Form 1 and Form 2) filled out in accordance with the following instructions are the only documents required to submit the proposal.
No attachments and/or paper documents shall be accepted.

Information shall be treated in compliance with Legislative Decree 196 of June 30, 2003 "Personal data protection code" as indicated in the website of Fondazione Cariplo.

5) *Application forms*

Applicants are requested to fill out the two forms separately to ensure the Scientific Committee can conduct a blind assessment of the scientific merits and the innovativeness of proposals. Applicants are kindly requested not to include any reference to the organizations and/or individual researchers involved in the project in form 2.

The information about partnership has to be indicated in Form 1 Section IV; the assessment will be performed by Fondazione Cariplo in order to verify that the partnership meets the requirements and is eligible to be funded

Information related to financial aspects has to be indicated in form 1 Section III.

Please complete form 2 in English, while you can use either Italian or English in form 1.

Instructions about the information to be provided in each form are set below:

FORM 1 (no more than 2 pages):

General data	Title
	Leading organization
	Principal Investigator
	e-mail
	telephone number

Section I. *Project partnership*

List the organizations that will participate in the project (leading organization and partners), indicating the name of the principal investigator of each operational unit and a brief description of the role of each partner and the value added by each of them.

Section II. Budget

Indicate the estimated project total cost , as well as total costs for each item and for each partner. The financial requirements of each partner have to be commensurate with its role in the project. Indicate the expected duration of the project.

FORM 2 (no more than 3 pages):

Title.

Section III. The idea

Describe briefly your idea and give evidence of its innovative approach to the topic identified by the Call. Point out the needs that the project is supposed to meet and state why you expect it to succeed.

Section IV. The implementation plan

Describe briefly the project design and implementation plan. If new technologies or tools will be developed, provide a short technical description. Indicate the expected duration of the project and its overall cost, providing justification for each item (personnel, consumable, equipments...)