

## **Cross-border Institute of Healthcare Systems and Prevention – Application guidelines for cross-border research**

The Department of Health Services Research of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Oldenburg together with the Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health from Groningen have joined efforts to create the Cross-border Institute of Healthcare Systems and Prevention. Both institutions give great relevance to cross-border research convinced that by connecting, cooperating and sharing, healthcare in the border region can be improved. Thus, the Cross-border Institute for Healthcare Systems and Prevention is calling researchers to apply for cross-border research grants under the following criteria:

### **1. Target audience**

Researchers from the University of Oldenburg and from institutions affiliated to the Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health<sup>1</sup> in Groningen who are experts in one of the following two research topics:

- a) life-course health and mobility, or
- b) prevention of antibiotic resistance

Societal and business representatives as well as researchers from other institutions from both regions, i.e. Groningen and Oldenburg, might be included as cooperation partners as well.

### **2. Creation of a consortium**

A consortium needs to be created and registered with the cross-border institute (CBI), consisting of cross-border group members from both sides of the border. The consortium should include at least one researcher from the University of Oldenburg and from the partner institutions of the Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health in Groningen. The group members need to have experience in one of the two research topics stated in point 1. To register with the CBI and for questions regarding funding, please contact Dr. Adriana Pérez Fortis by using the following E-mail addresses: [cbi@rug.nl](mailto:cbi@rug.nl) or [cbi@uol.de](mailto:cbi@uol.de).

### **3. Terms of the pre-proposal**

Four major eligibility criteria need to be fulfilled:

- i. Addressing cross-border aspects on the two major research topics, i.e. life-course health and mobility or prevention of antibiotic resistance
- ii. The consortia must engage in question-generating activities, in which topics in cross-border healthcare and their implications are discussed in order to formulate a clear and relevant research question
- iii. Multidisciplinarity, i.e. partners from different fields or sectors should be involved.

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<sup>1</sup> University of Groningen, University Medical Centre Groningen and Hanze University of Applied Sciences

- iv. Submitted projects should be designed as pilot studies, which build the basis for subsequent larger projects.

The pre-proposal should be submitted using the CBI consortium form.

#### **4. Time frame**

The CBI will execute the time plan as a two-step procedure:

##### **First step: Pre-proposals**

- Applicants can prepare their project pre-proposal from the receipt of this call until the submission deadline.
- Registered consortia must submit their project pre-proposal to the CBI before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 17.00 CET, by sending it to both [cbi@rug.nl](mailto:cbi@rug.nl) and [cbi@uol.de](mailto:cbi@uol.de)
- On November 22th, 2019 a CBI event will take place where consortia should present their project pre-proposal. More information will follow.
- At the end of November, pre-proposals will be evaluated by a committee of the CBI. This committee will vote for the projects that will be invited to submit a full proposal.
- On December 16<sup>th</sup>, applicants will be notified by the committee on whether they were selected to submit a full proposal.

##### **Second step: Full proposals**

- Applicants who were selected to submit a full proposal will receive feedback from the reviewers. The consortia should consider this feedback when preparing the full proposal. The specific guidelines for the preparation of the full proposal (approximately 2-3 pages) will be provided. The final versions of the full proposals must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.
- The deadline for the submission of the application including the full proposals to the German Ministry of Science and Culture (MWK) / Scientific Commission of Niedersachsen (WKN) will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- The application will be evaluated by external reviewers selected by the MWK.
- Full proposals can be funded for a period of up to 3 years and a maximum of €200.000.

##### **Outlook:**

- Starting date for approved projects will be January 2021.
- Follow-up submissions of larger projects will be possible in subsequent years and should be outlined shortly in the proposal.

## CBI consortium form

cross-border aspects of life-course health and mobility  
 cross-border aspects of prevention of antibiotic resistance  
*(Please choose)*

Consortium leader:

Name of the organization:

Address:

Tel.:

Email:

### Consortium partner

Name of the organization:

Contact person:

Address:

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Email:

Name of the organization:

Contact person:

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Please add more rows if needed.

**Brief description of the research question and their relevance for healthcare and prevention**

Max. 200 words:

**Why is it important to study the research question on a cross-border basis?**

Max. 200 words:

**Please describe a.) study design and methods, b.) expected outcomes, c.) outlook for a subsequent larger project**

Max. 1000 words:

**What is the project-specific expertise of the research consortium?**

Max. 200 words