

## **Additional info about the call:**

### **Purpose of the call**

Promote and accelerate the development of OOC models that could replace animal testing.

### **Who can apply**

Researchers working in academic institutions located in the European Union and the United Kingdom. The call is open only to researchers and groups that are currently not early adopters of BIOND Solutions BV.

### **What to apply for**

The winner of the call, will receive an in-kind contribution from Bi/ond, with an estimated value of € 15,000.00. With this budget, Bi/ond will help the winner to develop a new OOC model. This grant will cover the following costs:

- Organ-on-chip hardware (chips and interface);
- F2F trainings;
- Online support.

Project duration: six months.

The remaining applicants who will not receive the grant, will be eligible for a 20% discount on Bi/ond products to be used within December 2021.

### **How to apply:**

The applicants will have to submit the filled application form before the deadline below. The application should describe a research project using Bi/ond's Organ-on-Chip. To know more about Bi/ond's product, visit [www.gobiond.com](http://www.gobiond.com). All submissions should contain non-confidential information only. Applicants information will be collected and stored in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### **When to apply**

Applications received until the cut-off date will be evaluated and projects will be selected for funding.

- The launch of the initiative is the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.
- The deadline for submitting full proposals is 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, 5 pm CET.
- Announcement of results: 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

The selected project will have to start latest by: 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2021.

### **Assessment Criteria**

In this call, the proposals are assessed according to the following four assessment criteria:

1. Problem posed and problem analysis, contribution to solution;

2. Expected impact and route to impact to replace animal testing;
3. Quality of the team;
4. Quality of the research.

Criterion 1 carries 25% weighting in the overall assessment, criterion 2 a weighting of 35%, and criteria 3 and 4 carries both a weighting of 20%.

To qualify for the founding in this program, applicants must meet the following conditions which are set out below:

1. The research performed within the *OOC Transition* initiative is both 100% free of laboratory animals and does not involve animals in any other way. This means that Bi/ond will not fund project that use slaughter house material or animal species falling outside the definition of the Animal Experiment Act;
2. The partners are willing to participate in communication about the research via Bi/ond and our supporter channels. Example include interviews, newsletters, photos, videos, etc. These forms of communications are always agreed in advanced with the parties involved;
3. Where the applications concern in vitro models, the use of Fetal Calf serum (FCS)-free media is strongly advised.

#### Procedure

The selection committee will be composed by the Bi/ond team. The committee will grade the proposals using the criteria listed above. The applicants will be informed about the evaluation of their proposal the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. No rebuttal phase is planned for this grant.