

Beyond animal testing, transitioning towards OOC: OOC Transition Initiative

Application Terms and Conditions (the Terms and Conditions)

Objective of the Call

At Bi/ond we believe that a future without animal testing is possible, and Organ-on-Chip (OOC) technology is working on providing more accurate and cruelty-free models. The accuracy and the success of these models will be the result of joint efforts between research, industry and associations. Together with associations we are launching a call for researchers in the OOC field. The objective of this call is to promote and accelerate the development of OOC models, using Bi/ond' product, with the potential to reduce and replace animal testing.

Challenge Procedure

Eligible criteria:

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 Bi/ond (BIOND Solutions BV).

To qualify for the research grant, 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 slaughterhouse 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.

Review Process:

Applications for the call OOC Transition initiative will be reviewed by dedicated Bi/ond innovation committee. All submissions will require the following information:

- Applicant General info (name, address, employment information, email, phone)
- Public summary (max 1000 characters)
- Innovation Level & Relevance to the 3R (max 1000 characters)
- Objectives (max 1000 characters)
- Concept/Methodology (max. 2000 characters)
- Project Team (max. 1000 characters)

- Implementation (max 1000 characters)
- Is the technology patent protected (if so, provide the primary patents)
- Do publications exist for the technology (if so, provide fundamental publication)

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%.

The submissions will then be evaluated by Bi/ond innovation committee and the winning proposals will be selected. The committee will grade the proposals using the criteria listed above. The applicants will be informed about the evaluation of their proposal on the 14th of January 2021. No rebuttal phase is planned for this grant.

The call will open on the 13th of October 2020. The deadline for submitting full proposals is the 17th of December 2020, 5 pm CET. Only proposals submitted within the call timeline will be considered.

Award

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 transition from their current model to one based on OOC.

This grant will cover the following costs:

- Organ-on-chip hardware (inCHIPit™ and comPLATE™);
- 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 by the end of 2021.

Intellectual Property

Background Intellectual Property.

Any party's background intellectual property is and shall remain the separate property of the respective party. No right, license, title, or interest in Background Intellectual Property owned or controlled by any Party is granted or implied.

Confidentiality

All submissions should contain non-confidential information only. Confidential details on project content will not be revealed. Bi/ond will not market or distribute submissions. Bi/ond retains the exclusive right to make any press release or any kind of public communication about the competition.

Data Privacy

BIOND Solutions B. V., Molengraaffsingel 12, 2629 JD Delft, The Netherlands, uses your personal data collected in this form for evaluating your submission, including to contact you via phone or e-mail (Art. 6 (1) b) General Data Protection Regulation), to track repeat and multiple applications from the same applicant. We process the information you provide, in accordance with our Privacy and Cookie Policy. By providing the above information, you consent to such processing and you warrant that all information you provide about yourself is true, accurate, current, and complete. Furthermore, you confirm that you obtained the explicit consent of any other persons whose personal data you may provide. You understand that transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure and is not encrypted; Internet or phone service providers are third parties used for delivery of the messages therefore you understand that transfer of messages via these communications channels are subject to their own terms and conditions. Your personal data will only be shared by us with Bi/ond affiliates and partners, including, but not limited to an independent review committee evaluating your application for the purposes of such evaluation. Where we share your data with recipients outside of the EU, we conclude standard contractual clauses ("Clauses") issued by the EU Commission to safeguard your data.

You have a right to receive and inspect your stored personal data, to demand its correction or deletion, to object to its future use and to receive copies of the Clauses, for example, by contacting our data protection officer (info@biondteam.com). We will keep your data as long as we may collaborate with you (now or in the future).

Indemnification

Applicant herewith agrees to indemnify Bi/ond (including its affiliates, representatives, agents, and collaborators) and hold it harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, expenses or other liabilities whatsoever which may occur to Bi/ond as a direct consequence of the application for the Call by the applicant, or any of its employees, agents or representatives.

Liability

Except for a breach of confidentiality, neither the applicant nor Bi/ond shall be liable to the other party for any indirect, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages in connection with these Terms and Conditions even if such party is advised of the possibility thereof.