

## **MMV call for proposals 2016 for Endemic-Region Challenge Grants to exploit the Pathogen Box**

MMV is issuing a call for proposals from endemic-country scientists to exploit the rich selection of active compounds within the [Pathogen Box](#) and boost neglected disease drug discovery. Five grants of USD 50,000 each are available to make the strongest proposals a reality.

Modelled on MMV's award winning [Open Access Malaria Box](#), the Pathogen Box of 400 active compounds was launched in December 2015. Researchers requesting a Pathogen Box receive it free of charge. In return, they are asked to publish any data generated in the public domain, thus creating an open and collaborative forum for neglected diseases drug research.

Of the researchers who submit grant proposals, five will receive USD 50,000 each for their work on the Pathogen Box compounds. The goal is to kindle new research in disease-endemic countries, thus Principal Investigators must be based in endemic regions, where the majority of the work will be undertaken. Project proposals are expected to be at the concept stage (i.e. no prior experimental work is required) and work needs to be completed within 1 year. Selection will be made based on scientific merit and the potential for capacity building in disease-endemic countries.

### **Information for submission** *(please read the instructions carefully)*

Deadline for submission to MMV office: 12 noon (CET) 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Please read the instructions carefully. Proposals should not exceed 2 pages and must be sent electronically using the template provided; please see the contact details at the end of this document.

Please note: only one Challenge Grant proposal per group can be submitted.

Proposals may be based on further chemistry (e.g. expansion of structure activity relationships) or biological approaches (e.g. further screening or mechanistic investigation).

Proposals will be competitively assessed by MMV. Five proposals will then be awarded each with a single grant of USD 50,000, subject to contract. Before applying to this call, please review the [sample contract](#) to ensure that you and your institution can abide by the conditions.

It is envisaged that the grant recipients will be notified in May 2016 with projects beginning in August 2016.

Experience has shown that competition for MMV funding is high and as such it is in your interest to present the proposal as completely and concisely as possible.

Please remember when preparing the application that the MMV Review Committee is already familiar with the key issues of neglected diseases and the need for drugs. As such, please focus on key information and plans. Specifically, your 2-page (A4 paper) application should outline:

- Project title
- Contact details of Principal Investigator and key partners together with their respective areas of responsibility and contribution to the team as well as a succinct description of their professional expertise
- Overall goals of the project and the neglected disease to be addressed
- Scientific basis for the project
- Key timed milestones towards the project goals and details of how the USD 50,000 will be used
- How this grant will benefit the investigator and build capacity for research and development in his/her disease-endemic country

If accepted, the project will be granted the money as soon as the legal letter of agreement is signed.

**SUBMISSION CONTACT DETAILS:**

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Send your 2-page Endemic-Region Challenge Grant proposal electronically to: [proposals@mmv.org](mailto:proposals@mmv.org)