The Pandemic Institute

The Pandemic Institute "Rapid Response" Fund: Application Guidance

This funding call is only eligible to The Pandemic Institute investigators – see eligibility requirements for further details.

Scope

The Pandemic Institute (TPI) Rapid Response Fund is supporting new research and other opportunities to tackle emerging infections and future pandemic threats. Proposals submitted must be urgent, with rapid activation, to enable early and valuable outcomes to be established and/or to access time-dependent resources.

The aim of the investment is to support unique, time-limited opportunities that demonstrate a need for a rapid commissioning process to be followed.

Application Process and Timeline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you would like your proposal to be considered for TPI Rapid Response Fund, please submit a proposal. This can be accessed via an online survey: https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/liverpool/rapid-response

Please note – you are strongly advised to speak with a member of The Pandemic Institute team before submitting a proposal. Please do this by emailing contact@thepandemicinstitute.org .

You must describe the proposed work/activity, how it fits within the requirements of this fund, the reasons for the urgent request for funding and your track record as an investigator. The full summary of questions in the survey is included overleaf.

Proposals with a value of £5,000 or less, will be reviewed and we will respond to your request within 7 days of submission. Proposals with a value over £5,000 will be reviewed and we will respond to your request within 14 days of submission. Modifications to proposals may be requested where necessary.

If you have any questions or queries, please email contact@thepandemicinstitute.org

Requirements

Proposals submitted to TPI will:

- Include two or more of TPI founding partners.
- Have a Principal Investigator based at a TPI founding partner institution.
- Make a convincing case of the urgency to undertake the research or activity.
- Justify why the research/activity needs to start within a timescale which cannot be accommodated by other funding calls.
- Be clear why the research/activity could not have been proposed earlier, describe how the research/activity takes advantage of an unanticipated, time-limited opportunity and be deliverable for a total cost £50,000 or less.
- Provide a robust case for value for money.
- Be for a duration of up to 12 months.
- Have a study team established and ready to start work if the application is successful.
- Have a start date no later than four weeks from the date of award notification.
- Have strong links to one or more of TPI's five strategic pillars listed below:

The Pandemic Institute Strategic Pillars	
Predict	*which pathogens might emerge*
Prevent	*those which do from spreading globally*
Prepare	*for likely emerging threats, e.g., through developing diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines to be ready within 100 days of a new emergence*
Respond	*to emerging infection events through clinical and/or non-pharmaceutical interventions*
Recover	*helping society to open and return to normal*

Full Proposal - Summary of Questions

The online form can be accessed here: https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/liverpool/rapid-response

Q1: Your name:

Q2: Your contact telephone no:

Q3: Your email address:

Q4: Your institution:

Q5: Your Department/School:

Q6: Please detail relevant features of your track record in terms of research funding, publications and impact. (max. 200 words)

Q7: Please state additional Co-Investigators & Institutions (It is expected that a minimum of two founding partners of The Pandemic Institute will be involved. External partners are welcomed).

Q8: Have you acquired, applied for, or are you aiming to leverage additional funds or match-fund from other sources in association with The Pandemic Institute "Rapid Response" Funding?

Q9: Project/Activity Title:

Q10: Project/Activity Start Date:

Q11: Project/Activity End Date:

Q12: Please provide an abstract (max. 200 words):

Q13: Provide an activity / a project overview, stating clearly your aims, measurable objectives, expected outcomes, deliverables and impact (max. 500 words):

Q14: The scope of this investment is to support unique, time-limited opportunities that demonstrate a need for a rapid commissioning process to be followed. Please outline how this project/activity fits the scope and requirements of this investment? (max. 200 words)

Q15: Please outline how this project/activity enables positioning for future related external funding calls. How would this award fit into your longer-term career and / or research plans? (max. 200 words)

Q16: The Pandemic Institute welcomes activity under the following five strategic pillars listed (1-5) below. Please indicate which pillar(s) are relevant to your application.

1) Predict – which pathogens might emerge;
2) Prevent – those which do from spreading globally;
3) Prepare - for likely emerging threats, e.g. through developing diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines to be ready within 100 days of a new emergence;
4) Respond - to emerging infection events through clinical and/or non-pharmaceutical interventions;
5) Recover - helping society to open and return to normal.

Q17: Please describe how your project/activity fits within one or more of these five pillars (max. 200 words).

Q18: Please describe the strategic benefit of your project/activity to The Pandemic Institute (max. 200 words).

Q19: Total funds requested (in GBP)

Q20: Please provide a justification of costs, including a brief budget breakdown (max. 200 words)

Q21: Please provide a summary of how the funding will be spent, including a timeline of activities (max. 200 words).

Q22: Please note: in the event of a successful application, funds will be released, subject to a suitable contract between the relevant involved partners of The Pandemic Institute. Please confirm (tick) your understanding and take your time to review your answers before proceeding to submit.