

JANUARY 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS – PILOT MENTORING PROGRAMME

Mentoring Programme aims at intensifying translational research. The programme will include support from volunteer advisors custom matched for chosen projects (including physicians, regulatory experts, medical chemists, pharmacologists, toxicologists, manufacturing experts etc.) to enable defining a clear pathway to implementation of the solution in the clinical environment. Advisors will be available for the selected project on an on-going basis and mentoring sessions will take place once a month and it will be an opportunity to meet with experts in person as well as other selected projects. Every selected project will present their update once every 2-3 months.

Projects will be pre-screened by the Selection Committee and evaluated by this Committee and invited experts from the SPARK network. Selected projects will be invited to a pitch meeting (8 min presentation and 10 min Q&A session), after which the chosen projects will be announced.

Projects will be evaluated based on:

- Scope of unmet clinical need
- Novelty of approach
- Feasibility (cost and time).

Selection Committee

- SPARK Director – Prof. Agnieszka Dobrzyń
- Volunteer Advisory Board
 - Prof. Craig Garner
 - Dr. Liliane Brunner Halbach
 - Prof. Franz Theuring
 - Prof. Maciej Żylicz
- SPARK manager – Dr. Dorota Gierej-Czerkies

Application Deadline 31.01.2020

Results publication planned at the end of February 2020

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PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

Proposal Title:

Project Team Leader: [Name, email, title, Affiliation]

Additional Team Members:

[Name, email, title, Affiliation]

Has any invention in regard to the project been disclosed to Nencki Institute commercialization specialist/International Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology in Warsaw commercialization specialist.

- Yes date of disclosure _____
- No

Components [2page limit, at least 10 pt font]

1. Description of an idea/product
2. Underlying technology
3. Proposed clinical indications
4. Scope of Market OPTIONAL [patient population description, is it possible to characterise patients easily]
5. Unmet medical need [how it helps patients/ clinicians/ healthcare system]
6. Current standard of care OPTIONAL [what are the solutions addressing the same need or may be substituted to do so]
7. Development timeline
8. IP status [was patent application filed, was patent granted]
9. Freedom to operate OPTIONAL [are there third parties' proprietary solutions used in your idea/product]
10. Preliminary results (if any)
11. Advisory support needed [1-2 sentences]

Appendixes [not part of the page limit]

- Anticipated budget
- Brief description of team credentials