

Accelerating Discovery for Non-Hormonal Contraceptives: A Grand Challenge

Application Instructions

Letter of Inquiry (LOI)

Your LOI must be formatted as follows:

- Total of 4 pages, maximum.
- Font size 11 or bigger for text
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- At least 0.5" margins all around
- Single line spacing
- Standard character spacing (neither expanded nor condensed)

(Indicated page limits are **guidelines only** for individual sections, but your entire application may not exceed 4 pages.)

1. Executive summary (~1/2 page)

The summary should indicate the specific problem that the project seeks to address, the approach proposed to solve this problem, and the expected impact of the project – if successful – at the end of the grant period. At the beginning of this section, **include one or two sentences in bold that capture the essence of your idea.**

2. Goals & Rationale (~1 page)

Describe the specific goals of the project and how they are responsive to the objectives noted in the Request for Proposals. Describe the advance to enabling contraceptive drug discovery that the proposed project will deliver within the three-year funding timeframe. Specify any hypotheses that will be tested. If applicable, briefly present any relevant preliminary data. Indicate the expected results from the project. Briefly indicate what the next steps might be and how the project's results could lead to successfully accelerating contraceptive R&D, as well as what additional partnerships may be needed for the next stage of research.

3. Research Design, Scope, and Approach (~1 page)

This section should include a clear description of the research questions, the proposed research study, and how your project differs from current approaches. Please include brief study designs for specific project aims, including key milestones, as well as any supporting services (e.g., common assays, animal models, etc.) you may need to complete your work. If applicable, include any key dependencies between activities or interim milestones that will influence project decisions or directions.

4. Organization and Investigator Capabilities & Collaboration (~1/2 page)

Summary of the lead PI's and applicant organization's previous experience and expertise that is relevant to this call. A description of key collaborations, and if/how partnerships will be established (letters of support are not expected at this stage). This should include a description of any existing facilities that would be central to project implementation.

5. Budget (~1/2 page)

Summarize by research objective for each year of the project. We will consider proposals for awards of up to USD \$2 million for up to three (3) years.

Submissions that exceed 4 pages total may not be reviewed.