**Network of Centres of Excellence in Neurodegeneration (CoEN) 2019 call for proposals: Pathfinder IV**

**CoEN Application Form**

**This application form consists for the following sections:**

1. **Application summary**
2. **Applicant details**
3. **Case for support**
4. **Costs**
5. **Ethics and research governance**
6. **Data preservation and sharing**
7. **Exploitation and dissemination**

**Annex 1: Applicants’ CVs**

**Annex 2: Directors’ letters of support**

**Please complete all sections of the application form, including the annexes; incomplete application forms will be returned to the Lead Principal Applicant and may be rejected from the competition.**

**Applications must be submitted by the Lead Principal Applicant as a PDF copy of this application form to:** CoEN@mrc.ukri.org

**Closing date for submissions is 16:00hr (BST: GMT+1) on Monday 4 November 2019.**

**Any applications received after this point will be ineligible for the competition.**

**Please note: The Lead Principal Applicant will assume responsibility for ensuring other members of the team are appropriately informed, and will coordinate any necessary communication between the team and the funding** institutions/ agencies**.** Principal applicants are responsible for following the specific instructions and procedures of their individual funding institutions/agencies.

**Section 1: Application summary**

**1.1 Full title of the proposed project (up to 20 words)**

**1.2 Summary (up to 200 words)**

**Please describe the research in simple terms in a way that could be publicised to a general audience. If awarded, this will be made publically available on the CoEN website and the applicants are responsible for ensuring that the content is suitable for publication.**

**1.3 Technical summary/abstract (up to 200 words)**

**1.4 CoEN Funding partners (please tick as appropriate)**

[ ]  **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France**

[ ]  **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Canada**

[ ]  **Deutsches Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen (DZNE), Germany**

[ ]  **Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain**

[ ]  **Ministero della Salute (MDS), Italy**

[ ]  **Medical Research Council (MRC), UK**

**1.5 Project duration (max 24 months)**

**1.6 Total funds requested (please see call text and advice in section 4 for currency conversion)**

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|  | **Total costs in Pounds Sterling(GBP)** |
| **Direct costs (staff)** |  |
| **Direct cost (consumables)** |  |
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**Section 2: Applicant details**

**CVs: Please submit as Annex 1 to this Application Form a three page CV for each Principal Applicant and a one page CV for each co-applicant giving detail of qualifications, expertise as relevant to this project, current and previous posts, five most relevant publications and the past five years of grant funding received.**

**The number of CoEN partners is not limited to the number of tables below. Please add further tables if required.**

**2.1 Applicants and Co-applicants**

**Partner 1 (Consortium Lead): Lead Principal Applicant and Co-applicants**

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| **Lead Principal Applicant**  |
| **CoEN funding partner (tick as appropriate)** | [ ]  **ANR** [ ]  **CIHR** [ ]  **DZNE** [ ]  **ISCIII** [ ]  **MDS** [ ]  **MRC**  |
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**Partner 2: Principal Applicant and Co-applicants**

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**Partner 3: Principal Applicant and Co-applicants**

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| **Principal Applicant**  |
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**Partner 4: Principal Applicant and Co-applicants**

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**Partner 5: Principal Applicant and Co-applicants**

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**2.2 External collaborators**

Essential expertise may be included from outside CoEs as an identified collaborator(s).

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**Section 3: Case for support**

Please **do not exceed 6 sides of A4 (point 10 Verdana)** including references.

The case for support to apply for this scheme must cover the following:

1. the scientific rationale for the proposed study. The gaps in existing knowledge/barriers to progress should be identified and a justification on how the proposal approach is **new and unconventional compared to existing studies should be clearly stated**;
2. the objectives, explaining their potential to move the field forward significantly;
3. the justification for collaboration including the role of each investigator and co-investigator from each partner; the **added value** and **unique opportunity** in addressing the issues identified the collaboration will provide;
4. an overview of the methodology to be used, identifying what is innovative;
5. the expected outcomes and deliverables, including their health and socioeconomic impacts, and, if relevant, any plan for future collaboration with industry. A project plan that is realistic for the two-year funding period is essential.

**Section 4: Costs**

**4.1 Costs incurred by each consortium partner**

Please detail the costs of research to be undertaken in the host country for each participating partner. Include a brief description/justification for these costs. Requests for any item of equipment above £1000[[1]](#footnote-1) should be individually justified. Requests for equipment over £10,000[[2]](#footnote-2) are not permitted.

As stated in the call text, costs should be presented in the host country’s currency **and** in Pounds Sterling (GBP) according to the following exchange rates: Canadian Dollars £1 = CA$1.76 and Euros £1 = €1.17.

Costs should be calculated according to the relevant funding partner’s standard terms and conditions. please refer to country specific information PDF, and section 6 of main call text.

Please note:

* For applicants from the UK, please cite costs at 80% of FEC.
* Indirect costs will not be supported by CIHR or DZNE.

Please add further tables if required.

**Partner 1**

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**Partner 4**

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**Description of costs**

**Partner 5**

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**Section 5: Ethics and research governance**

Please describe briefly the ethical issues related to the involvement of people, human samples or personal data in the research proposal. Please give details of how any specific risks to human participants will be controlled.

If your proposal includes the use of animal models, please justify your use of the species proposed and describe the experimental design.

Please describe the ethical review and research governance arrangements that

would apply to the work done.

Please note all research undertaken must comply with the host funders’ standard terms and conditions. Release of funds for successful applications will be dependent on satisfactory compliance with such terms and conditions.

**Section 6: Data preservation and sharing**

Please describe briefly a data sharing and preservation strategy which is in accordance with partner funder policies, and the principles of the CoEN initiative.

The strategy should include:

* additional considerations for patient and population-based research;
* for research reliant on sharing or re-use of existing datasets, how access to, and use of, data will be managed;
* plans for data deposition where an appropriate preservation infrastructure is available (for example, a community or institutional database/archive); and
* if the data relates to human subjects and is personally-identifiable, regulatory approvals for this secondary use where necessary.
* A project plan that is realistic for the two-year funding period is essential.

If you do not consider that any new data arising from the research proposed will be amenable to sharing, you should provide explicit reasons why.

**Section 7: Exploitation and dissemination**

Where research is likely to generate intellectual property, release of funds will be dependent on provision of an agreement between participating CoEs which adheres to the terms and conditions of the relevant funding partners.

Please describe briefly below:

* If the research proposed is likely to generate commercially exploitable results: Describe any arrangements in place in the host institutions for taking forward the commercial exploitation of such research.
* if the research proposed is likely to NOT generate commercially exploitable results: please confirm below that the proposed research is not likely to generate commercially exploitable results.

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**Annex 2: Directors’ letters of support**

**All applications must be accompanied by letters of support from the respective Director of each CoE included in the proposal who must verify the eligibility of researchers from their respective CoE and outline what contributions the applicant(s) make to the centre. For proposals with applicants based in an eligible Canadian institution, applications should be supported with a letter from the Head of the Research Office.**

1. Equivalent to €1170 or CA$1760 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Equivalent to €11,700 or CA$17,600 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)