

NIBR Global Scholars Program, NGSP 2021 (RFA2)

General Information for Pre-Proposal Applicants

The purpose of this document is to provide applicants with relevant information to facilitate the NGSP pre-proposal application process.

Applicant & Pre-Proposal Eligibility

- Only invited institutions are eligible to participate in NGSP
- Principal investigators and Faculty (PI) employed by invited institutions are eligible to apply
- Post-doctoral fellows and graduate students are not eligible to apply
- Every proposal must be aligned with NIBR Scientific Needs List. The online portal has a dropdown menu to allow applicants to match their proposals with specific research areas
- **Research proposals that involve any of the following are not eligible: (i) clinical testing of drugs or products in human subjects; (ii) any other patient intervention; or (iii) use of identifiable patient or clinical data**

Pre-proposal Application Process

- Your technology licensing office or equivalent business office supporting innovation/industry engagement (TLO) is your main point of contact regarding NGSP and will provide you with the information and resources needed to complete the pre-proposal application process
- Consulting with your TLO regarding application questions is strongly recommended
- Your TLO will provide you with a unique institution code to apply using the online portal
- Applications must be submitted using the on-line portal <https://nibr-ngsp.smapply.io/>
- **Only PIs are eligible to register and complete the application with their name and institutional email address**
- If you were an applicant in NGSP 2020 (RFA1), you do not need to re-register on the portal and may use the same credential as last year to access the portal.
- If you are a new applicant, please register using your institutional email and institution code (provided by your TLO). Do not use your personal email address or social media to register
- If you created an applicant account for another program in SurveyMonkey Apply using your personal email or social media account, you need to register again with your institutional email and institution code (provided by your TLO) to be able to view and apply to NGSP
- Each applicant can submit multiple pre-proposals
- Your TLO has the NIBR Scientific Needs List. It is available as a PDF document on the online portal to provide more details
- The NGSP online portal will be activated with the launch of Request for Application (RFA2) on April 12, 2021. The pre-proposal application deadline is May 14, 2021

Pre-proposal Application Form

- Your TLO has the MS Word version of the entire on-line pre-proposal application form
- Do not share externally the application materials, access information, and Scientific Needs List that are provided by your TLO
- The pre-proposal application form includes questions where applicants will need guidance from their TLO contact
- **Scientific review of the pre-proposals is blinded. Do not provide any identifying information (e.g. your name, your affiliated institution's name, references to your**

publications, etc.) in any parts of the pre-proposal, other than “Applicant Information”. Your application will be returned to you for edit if applicant identifiers are disclosed.

- In addition to answering the questions in the portal, you will need to upload a PDF version of your most up-to-date CV
- All information in the pre-proposal stage of application is [non-confidential](#)

Communications during the Pre-proposal Stage

- Applicants will receive an automated email from the portal confirming successful submission of their application online. There will be no additional communication regarding pre-proposal status during the pre-proposal review process
- Your TLO contact will inform you if you are selected to submit a full-proposal
- No additional feedback will be provided regarding your application(s)

Contacts

- For inquiries related to application questions, please contact your TLO
- For questions related to the pre-proposal stage process, please contact the NGSP Admin: ngsp.admin@novartis.com
- For technical issues related to the application portal, please contact SurveyMonkey Apply: <https://nibr-ngsp.smapply.io/helpdesk/>

NGSP 2021 Timeline

	Milestone/Activity
April 12	Application portal opens for pre-proposal submission
May 14	Deadline for pre-proposal submission
Week of July 26	Finalist selection communicated to TLOs
August 2	Application portal opens for Finalists to submit full proposal
August 27	Deadline for full proposal submission
November 15	Scholars announced to TLOs