



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Request for Proposal (RFP): Scoping a prize in Mental Health Science

#	Supplier Question	Wellcome response
1. Timeframe		
	Do you have any internal milestones in mind for the potential launch of such a prize (e.g., late 2025)?	We have no specific date for the prize launch yet, but it is unlikely to be before mid-2025.
	Do you have a specific time the proposal is due at or any time on the 5th?	The proposal should arrive by 17:00h BST on the 5 th of June 2024.
2. Terminology definition		
	Can you clarify the term “senior decision makers” within the RFP, do you have any examples of roles here of the highest importance to Wellcome? “This prize aims to encourage greater understanding of, and excitement about, the potential impact of mental health science, targeting senior decision makers both within and, specifically, beyond the field.”	The term “senior decision makers” means individuals working at a high level in funding and investing in mental health and beyond. These individuals, along with researchers and the public, are currently envisaged as the key target audiences for this prize.
	For Question 1: Provide a brief overview of your organisation, including the relevant expertise and experience that will be involved in this programme.	You can give a brief overview of your organisation and then focus on the staff who have the relevant expertise and experience that will be involved in this programme.



	Should we focus on our organizational capacities or individual staff members that would be involved?	
	What do you mean by: "Strength of the proposed plans for including people with lived experience expertise". Can you further define the lived expertise you are referring to?	This means the extent to which you have considered and will implement plans to include people who have lived experience of mental health problems in your work. For more on this subject, see https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/guidance/embedding-lived-experience-expertise-mental-health-research
3. Geography		
	Is the focus on the prize geographically limited at this stage?	No.
	Could you let us know if you have a local preference or are you open to agencies outside of the UK and Europe that have done similar work with clients globally?	There is no geographical limit to this prize. Our ambition is for this to be a global prize, which can recognise progress in mental health research from all around the world.
	Recognizing this is a global prize. Are there any specific countries, or regions, Wellcome seeks to target as part of the wider public audience?	<p>There is no geographical limit to this prize. Our ambition is for this to be a global prize, which can recognise progress in mental health research from all around the world.</p> <p>We are open to proposals from suppliers based in any part of the world with the exception of those based within UK Government sanctioned countries. For further</p>



		information see Who can apply? & How to apply sections of Wellcome's contract opportunities webpage
4. Expertise		
	What is the right balance to strike between expertise in scoping and running prizes and mental health science?	While we cannot give an exact percentage on the balance needed, we recognise that there are specialist skills in scoping and running prizes, while mental health science itself has specific challenges as a complex and diverse field of research. Ideally our supplier would have (or be able to source) expertise to address both of these areas.
5. Deliverables/ Outputs		
	The midway workshop mentions other organisations and funders. Can you clarify the relationship the partner agency would have with these groups beyond this event?	Our supplier would work with Wellcome as the single point of contact, and we would mediate the relationship with other agencies for the duration of this contract.
	Will the final report and recommendations be made public?	We have no plans to do so at this time. However, we may share the outputs from the scoping with other funders/ partners with whom we may look to collaborate on a prize.
6. Budget template		



	Do you have a budget in mind for the programme following the scoping process?	We have not set a precise budget, but can discuss the ideal scale of the prize programme with our chosen supplier as the work is initiated and developed.
	Can you share the budget template for this RFP?	This is uploaded next to this document on the website. Please contact Rebecca Giles at RFP@Wellcome.org if you have any queries relating to the template.
7. Focus/ Research objective		
	Should other awards Wellcome host be considered for this, or will it exist as a standalone?	This is a single contract for the work defined within this RFP.
	Should the award aim to capitalise on existing awards delivered by other organisations Wellcome, or be a new Wellcome owned award?	This would be a new award, but would not necessarily be solely owned by Wellcome.
	Do you have a view on whether this new award should focus on research that has concluded with data published or would you consider ongoing research projects?	This is an issue to be investigated during the scoping process.
	Is this work part of the Coalition for Mental Health Investment?	No. This work is not at present part of the Coalition for Mental Health Investment.
	Is the prize part of broader programmatic work or launch of a specific campaign Wellcome intends to implement?	This scoping is part of Wellcome's Mental Health programme. Please see https://wellcome.org/what-we-do/mental-health for details of this programme.



8. Process/ How to submit RFP	
Could you confirm the proposal submission method?	Please email all material to RFP@Wellcome.org .
Can links to more information be provided as part of the submission or will additional links not be reviewed?	We encourage suppliers to produce a concise proposal within the word limits set, that contains all the information we request. The presentation stage will provide an opportunity to go into further detail as necessary.
Are submitters allowed to insert more information in an appendix?	As above, we encourage suppliers to produce a concise proposal within the word limits set, that contains all the information we request. The presentation stage will provide an opportunity to go into further detail as necessary.
Are graphics or other visualization allowed as part of the submission? And if so, how are they counted in terms of word count?	Yes, within reason. These would not be included as part of the word count.