

RFA 13-05 Appendix C: National eligibility criteria for Partner PIs from Germany

Under this RFA, BMBF supports collaborative efforts of German players within the health industry or academic research sector with their Californian partners. The projects shall aim at transferring promising product ideas from applied research to clinical application.

Eligible for funding are industry-oriented, precompetitive research cooperation. Preferably the projects structure consists of at least one German industry partner who intends to bring the product idea on the market. Participation of academic partners is highly appreciated. The applicants have to form consortia with their respective Californian partners and participate in CIRM's application procedure as described in CIRM's RFA 13-05. CIRM/BMBF collaborative proposals will be evaluated as integrated projects.

In addition to the regular application procedure at CIRM, the German Partner PIs must submit an informal request in writing, not more than 15 pages, to the German project agency VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH, Postfach 040360, 10062 Berlin. An electronic version must be sent to brassel@vdi.de.

The project agencies appreciate if both forms are well harmonized and thus, the structuring of the German pre-application is strongly linked to its pendant at CIRM. **For further details, please refer to the German "Bekanntmachung" (<http://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/22707.php>) where one may find information regarding the procedures in section 7.2.**

This request must be submitted to VDI TZ no later than 5:00 pm on January 7, 2014 for evaluation by the German side. In addition, CIRM will provide a copy of the California PI's Pre-Application for RFA 13-05 to VDI TZ for this process. Pre-Applications with both a German and a Californian component are subject to CIRM's evaluation procedure and review criteria as described in section VIII/IX/X of RFA 13-05. At the level of full applications (see section VIII/IX/X of RFA 13-05), BMBF and/or VDI TZ will participate in the CIRM Grants Working Group review meeting (see schedule of deadlines in section XI of RFA 13-05).

After positive scientific evaluation of the full applications, formal German application documents (AZA/AZK) have to be provided to VDI TZ upon official request. German subprojects can start only after approval for funding on the basis of the approved formal German application documents.

It is highly recommended that potential German applicants contact VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH prior to submitting an application for further advice.

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