

Criteria for the financial support of R&D Projects (Seed money projects) Translation from the original in German (July 2018)

Procedure

- Step 1: Submit application accompanied by a project outline. For projects that belong to a specific platform, the platform leader must explicitly support the application. Applications must be addressed to the president of biotechnet. .
- Step 2: The president distributes the application to the executive board for information and discussion. Decisions are taken on the regular executive board meetings, recorded in the minutes and communicated to the principal investigator.
- Step 3: The biotechnet Cashier sends a bill to the industrial partner for the agreed cash contribution (see below).
- Step 4: At the end of the project, the funds awarded by biotechnet and the cash contribution of the industrial partner are transferred to the beneficiaries. The principal investigator must present a short final report regarding the achievement of goals, key results and added value of the collaboration.

Requirements to the project

- The submission of a project outline (max. two A4 pages) is mandatory. It must comprise:
 - o Short project description
 - o Description of scientific goals and business idea.
 - o Time planning
 - o Portrayal of the project team, including the industry partner
 - o Account of the benefits for the Biotechnet
 - o Specification of the requested funding with clear indication of the industrial contribution
- At least two member organizations of biotechnet are involved in the project
- The industrial partner must make a financial contribution (Cash-contribution). This financial contribution should match the financial support requested from biotechnet. For small companies (e.g. Start-ups), the cash-contribution can be reduced to 50% of the Biotechnet funding.
- Beneficiaries must belong to a research organization that is member of biotechnet (full or associated member).

Decision criteria

- Alignment with the strategy of the network and integration into one technology platform.
- Benefit to Biotechnet: Are the results of the financing of the project likely to lead to a subsequent (larger) project for the network?
- Financial situation of Biotechnet
- Scientific quality of the application
- Qualifications of the project team

Funding amount

Approved applications are funded with a maximum of CHF 10'000 (for full members) und CHF 5'000 (for associated members, if they are involved in a project with at least one full member).