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Call type: Expression of interest

Closing date: 16:00 on 04 February 2019

How to apply: Expression of Interest

Assessment Process: All EOIs will be assessed by a panel of three internal EPSRC employees against the assessment criteria.

Key Dates:

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Successful Applicants notified	07 February 2019
Date of Workshop	05 March 2019

Additional information:

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Related themes: Physical sciences

Summary

EPSRC is holding a Chemical Biology and Biological Chemistry community workshop on 05 March 2019. This will be a multi and interdisciplinary workshop bringing together researchers from across the Chemical Biology and Biological Chemistry research area with the aims of stimulating increased activity in the area and supporting researchers to better navigate the research and funding landscape. To support this, the workshop will discuss overlaps with other research councils (BBSRC and MRC), challenges and guidance around interdisciplinary peer review and provide opportunities for networking. The workshop will also facilitate the identification of research challenges and opportunities in the area, giving attendees the opportunity to feed into EPSRC strategic development for the area.

Background

The EPSRC Chemical Biology and Biological Chemistry research area is defined as the development of novel chemical tools and technologies for the understanding of biology and the synthesis of biological and biologically active molecules. This area also covers biomimetic chemistry, synthetic methods that mimic biochemical processes; including producing simplified chemical models of complex biological systems. Critically this area is focussed on understanding and/or developing novel underpinning chemistry in a biological context.

Chemical Biology was marked as a grow area in the EPSRC 2016 balancing capability exercise, but there has been relatively little change in the size of this research area over the last three years. EPSRC still believe in the importance of this area and want to continue to support the community grow and encourage multi and interdisciplinary networking and proposals. Discussions with members of the community have highlighted the need for increased cohesion and advocacy across this large multi and interdisciplinary area, concerns about interdisciplinary peer review and opportunities for increased understanding of the remit overlaps between EPSRC, BBSRC and MRC. This workshop aims to take steps to address these issues and concerns and support the community and research area to grow so as to increase the UKs capability in the area.

For more information about EPSRC's portfolio and strategies, see our website:
<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/>

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The long term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent and the Research Councils have together developed the ambitious UK Research and Innovation Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan: <https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/skills/action-plan-edi-2016/>

In line with the UK Research and Innovation Diversity Principles, EPSRC expects that equality and diversity is embedded at all levels and in all aspects of research practice. We are committed to supporting the research community in the diverse ways a research career can be built with our investments. This includes career breaks, support for people with caring responsibilities, flexible working and alternative working patterns. With this in mind, we welcomes applications from academics who job share, have a part-time contract, need flexible working arrangements or those currently committed to other longer, large existing grants. Please see our Equality and Diversity webpages at <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/> for further information.

Eligibility

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For information on the eligibility of organisations and individuals to receive EPSRC funding, see the EPSRC Funding Guide: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/fundingguide/>

A list of eligible organisations to apply to EPSRC is provided at: <https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/>

How to apply

Those wishing to attend the workshop should complete the Expression of Interest (EOI)

Expressions of interest will need to cover the following points:

- Briefly describe your research expertise and current role (max. 240 characters)
- How does your research relate to and contribute to Chemical Biology and Biological Chemistry. (max. 600 characters)
- What do you hope to contribute to and obtain from attending the meeting, and how will you disseminate any outputs to your wider community? (max. 300 characters)

Assessment

Assessment process

All EOIs will be assessed by a panel of three internal EPSRC employees against the assessment criteria.

Assessment criteria

The EOI will be used to select participants based on meeting the eligibility requirements and:

- Relevance of research activity to Chemical Biology and Biological Chemistry
- How the proposed contribution aligns to the aims of the workshop
- How the outputs of the workshop will be disseminated

In addition, EPSRC will also ensure a balanced representation of organisation, research area, and career stage.

In the event of over subscription from a single institution an appropriate proportionate number will be selected to attend, prioritisation will be based on the assessment criteria.

Moving forward

Successful applicants will be notified in the week commencing 04 February 2019

The submission of an EOI will be considered as commitment to attend the workshop if selected. Full details of the venue and agenda will be made available to the selected participants.

EPSRC's decision on attendance is final and feedback will not be given to unsuccessful applicants.

Submissions to this call will not count towards the Repeatedly Unsuccessful Applicants Policy. Further information about the policy can be found at: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/basics/resubpol/rua/>

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