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To the
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BIU

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Boehringer Ingelheim Ulm University BioCenter BIU 3.0 - Call for Project Submissions, 1st Call for Proposals

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Boehringer Ingelheim Ulm University BioCenter (BIU) is entering its 3rd round. BIU 3.0 is designed for a total term of six years. Three official rounds of project calls are planned every second years. With this letter, we would like to call on you to submit your project as part of the 1st call for proposals.

Scientists from Ulm University and Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) are eligible to apply. The prerequisite for the eligibility of projects in BIU 3.0 is the joint interest. Only project proposals that are jointly designed and implemented by one (or more) representatives of both cooperation partners will be funded. Projects to be funded must be assigned to one of the following thematic areas: (1) CardioMetabolics, (2) Neuropsychiatry, (3) Pulmonology, (4) Immunomodulation or (5) Research Beyond Borders (RBB). In addition, projects that fall in particular in the field of technology and platform development, and/or in other research priorities of the Medical Faculty of Ulm University and/or BI can be funded by decision of the board.

The following project categories can be funded:

- a) **Pilot projects** with a maximum funding amount of €40,000 and a maximum funding period of one year.
- b) **Main projects jointly funded by the Medical Faculty and BI** can be financed with an average of €100,000/year/project. In justified exceptional cases - highly innovative, translational projects - the project funding amount can exceed €100,000/year. In this case, it is imperative to contact BI in advance. The duration of such a project is two years. An extension for another year is possible after a positive evaluation by the board.
- c) **Main projects funded by BI** that involve the use of BI substances are 100% funded by BI according to the respective project financing plan. The basic duration of such a project is two years. An extension for another year is possible after a positive evaluation by the board.



For more information, please refer to the *fact sheet* ("Merkblatt") and the *guidelines* ("Leitfäden"). Please be sure to enclose all necessary attachments. We would like to point out that applications that do not meet the requirements of the guidelines can be rejected without review.

Please send your complete application according to the outline provided in the guidelines and written in English, together with the required attachments in electronic form as a summarized PDF document to Dr. Peter Seither, Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH (peter.seither@boehringer-ingelheim.com) and Dr. Lysann Palkowitsch, Res.UL, Ulm University (lysann.palkowitsch@uni-ulm.de) by **November 18, 2024; 10 am** at the latest. Please also attach the form for requested funds ("Mittelbeantragung") as an Excel sheet.

On the recommendation of the BIU topic leaders, the BIU board decides on the funding of a project application. The planned, earliest possible start of funding is 01.01.2025.

For further information, please contact Dr. Peter Seither (peter.seither@boehringer-ingelheim.com) or Dr. Lysann Palkowitsch (lysann.palkowitsch@uni-ulm.de).

All information and the required forms can also be found at: <https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/medical-faculty/research/biu/>.

Best regards,

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Appendices

1. Information sheet
2. Guidelines „Main projects“
3. Guidelines „Pilot projects“
4. Excel Sheet "Requesting funds"
5. Commitment of the clinic/institution director to continue financing the doctoral position
6. "Human biosamples" (corresponds to Annex 9 to the contract)*
7. Declaration of Consent and Waiver for employees of Ulm University (corresponds to Annex 6 to the contract)*
8. Confidentiality agreement in connection with examinations (corresponds to Annex 7 to the contract)*

* *Note: Appendices 6 – 8 are for information purposes only for the time being. Appropriate approvals and signatures are only required as part of project approval.*

Please note that appendices 4 - 8 are available in German only.