

BBSRC strategic Longer and Larger (sLoLa) grants 2021/22: Frontier Bioscience UCL internal review process

Interested applicants should read the full scope and eligibility criteria on the [call webpages](#).

UCL internal EOI deadline	Monday 7 th June at 11am
UCL review process	8 th to 14 th June
UCL to feedback to candidates outcomes of review	w/c 14 th June
BBSRC call registration deadline (Mandatory) via Survey Monkey	6 th July 2021
BBSRC outline application deadline	31 st August at 4pm
<i>Further timeline available on BBSRC call webpage</i>	

The BBSRC has launched a call for strategic Longer and Larger (sLoLa) grants for 2021/22, with a focus on frontier bioscience, a key theme in its [Strategic Delivery Plan](#). Proposals are expected to be ambitious and have the potential to lead to a major advance in the understanding of the 'Rules of Life' which govern living systems. Proposals can use innovative approaches, methods or technologies to produce a significant and distinctive contribution to bioscience knowledge.

UCL review process (all UCL) – deadline Monday 7th June at 11am

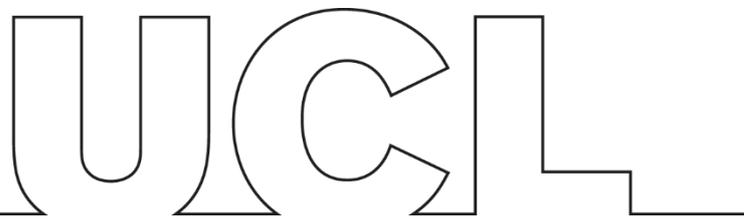
All applicants intending to register with BBSRC for this call (i.e. lead an application as PI) must complete a short UCL expression of interest form (3 sections, up to 300 words each) and submit this along with their CV to slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk by Monday 7th June at 11am. Please put "BBSRC sLoLa + [your name]" in the email subject.

- Expression of interest form is available to download on our LMS [internally managed calls page](#). If you cannot download the form please contact slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk
- CV, max 5 pages, please include a full list of grant funding (current and previous) and do not list all publications in full – summarise publication track record and include top 10 publications only

Following the review, potential applicants (Principal Investigators) **must register their interest by 6th July**, by completing either the online survey linked on 'How to Apply' section of the [call page](#).

Summary of sLoLa 2021/22 call

- This scheme funds research programmes of research over £2M (100% FEC) and up to five years in duration. The indicative budget for the 2020/21 call is up to £16 million and BBSRC anticipate awarding 3-5 sLoLa grants.
- Proposals must be primarily within BBSRC's [remit](#)
- The PI must have a 10-year track record of significant financial support from major funding bodies (this is not restricted to BBSRC funding), as well as an internationally recognised research track record and demonstrable experience of leading research teams.
- The 2020/21 call invites proposals focused on **frontier bioscience**: leading-edge discovery research that addresses significant fundamental questions in bioscience. Proposals are expected to employ (or develop) the latest technologies, methods and approaches that will result in world leading capability in bioscience within the UK.
- There is no requirement for proposals to address BBSRC's responsive mode or strategic priorities.
- Proposals must provide a clear justification for the necessity for funding through the sLoLa scheme in order to deliver the programme of work. The proposal must demonstrate overall coherence, connectivity, coordination and integration of the work to be carried out, to the extent that the work could not be undertaken through funding a series of separate smaller awards.



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- -BBSRC takes a strategic approach to investment, considering the overall balance of its portfolio in world-class bioscience research. Proposals in areas in which there is already substantial BBSRC investment, particularly existing sLoLa-scale awards or research in areas covered by current BBSRC Institute Strategic Programme grants, are therefore likely to be at a competitive disadvantage in this call and may be excluded at the registration or outline stage (see [link from call page](#) for list of currently active >£2 million UKRI-BBSRC grants).

Please contact slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk with any questions about this call.