

Biorisk Management Engagement Grant (BMEG) Competition Program Announcement

Program Goal	To improve biosecurity, biosafety, and biorisk management practices, enhance the quality of research through repairs and maintenance of equipment, and provide upgrades for the physical and procedural security of facilities, at government, academic, law enforcement, and industrial institutions in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region. Grants are intended to cover costs associated with physical security enhancement, development or revision of procedural security SOPs and materials, provision of supplies that improve biological security, improvement of laboratory design, and support the repair and maintenance of equipment.
Application Deadline	29 April 2019
Who Should Apply	<p>Eligible applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological scientists working in human and animal health research facilities, diagnostics laboratories, universities, government ministries, and private laboratories; • Law enforcement and first responders who have CBRN related responsibilities or handle CBRN materials; and • One Health researchers and scientists. <p>Applicants must provide documentation indicating nationality in one of the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algeria; • Egypt; • Jordan; • Lebanon; • Libya; • Morocco; • Tunisia; and • Turkey.
Evaluation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosecurity and Biosafety Impact; • Sustainability Potential; • Budget; and • Clarity and Completeness of application.
Award Amount	\$15,000 USD
What do I need to Apply	<p>The following documents must be completed (in English):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Application Form (link below); 2) Budget File; 3) Institutional Letter of Support written on institution letterhead, dated, and signed by the authorized signatory personnel of your institution certifying your participation on the project; and approval/support of project implementation 4) Institutional Data Form 5) Biorisk Assessment 6) Scanned color copy of passport; and Curricula Vitae (CVs) for all team members who will be involved in the proposed project.
How to Apply	<p>All applications (and above mentioned supporting documents) must be submitted to: BMEG@crdfglobal.org</p> <p>Please visit our website located here for additional information and to share with prospective applicants.</p>
Decision Announcement	Decisions will be announced on 5 July 2019
Period of Performance	Awards should be implemented within a <u>three-month period of performance</u> from August 2019 – October 2019. Award activities must be completed by 31 October 2019.

Please e-mail BMEG@crdfglobal.org with any questions.

Program Goals & Priorities

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The program strives to increase biorisk management awareness and its importance in promoting responsible science. Proposals demonstrating concrete, long-term, and sustainable impacts at their institutions will be especially competitive.

Grant awards, not to exceed \$15,000 USD, will support projects that can be completed within **three months from the date the award agreement is signed.**

Proposals requesting **equipment and/or services totaling \$10,000 USD each, or \$10,000 USD combined from a single vendor,** require the following:

- Quotes from at least three, different, local and/or international vendors that have a demonstrated ability to ship to/work with (if necessary) your institution; and
- Justification: a brief justification on why you chose the selected vendor.

Timeline

- 15 March 2019: Call for applications opens
- 29 April 2019: Call for applications closes
- 5 July 2019: Applicants are notified on decision
- July 2019: Outline implementation plan
- August – October 2019: Period of Performance for award activities

Evaluation Criteria

- 1. *Biosecurity and Biosafety Impact:*** Will the project improve biosecurity and biosafety practices and procedures? Will the project include enhancements that will decrease risks such as accidental infection or unauthorized access, loss, theft, insider threat, misuse, diversion or intentional release? Will the project improve biosecurity such as physical, personnel, material control and accountability, transport, and electronic information security? Will the project assist in identifying biosafety and biosecurity acceptable and unacceptable risks and potential consequences?
- 2. *Sustainability Potential and Evaluation Plan:*** Can and will the project be maintained independently after the life of the grant? How sustainable are the project goals and how will success be determined? Will the institution and/or staff be safer after completing equipment upgrades and/or revising standard operating procedures?
- 3. *Budget Relevance:*** Is the budget realistic, clear and justified for the project? Are you partnering with another institution, if so, does the letter of support (LOS) document detail cost share? Is your institution providing funds for the project; if so, is it documented in the LOS? Please provide cost justifications when possible.
- 4. *Clarity and Completeness of the Application:*** Does the application accurately answer questions and provide information requested? Does the project address the program goals and priorities? Is the Institute LOS included? If partnering with other institutions, are the appropriate LOS' included? Are CVs from each team member provided?

Please visit our website for additional information:

<https://www.crdfglobal.org/funding-opportunities/biorisk-management-engagement-grant-bmeg-competition>

CRDF Global looks forward to receiving application submissions. Please circulate this announcement within your professional networks. Thank you for your interest in the 2019 BMEG Competition!

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