

National Excellence Programme (2018.1.2.1-NKP)

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The NRDI Office facilitates the social and economic utilisation of discovery research findings by defining strategic areas where Hungary has sufficient researcher excellence for performing the tasks, making it possible to reach the goals faster and more efficiently. These initiatives involve research activities addressing large-scale interdisciplinary scientific and technological challenges which, due to their comprehensive nature and volume, can be implemented in long-term cooperation between scientific, industrial and social stakeholders and decision-makers.

The call is open to the consortia of research and knowledge-dissemination organisations and businesses in the following areas:

- **Sub-programme “A”: ELI Related Experimental Research National Programme**
- **Sub-programme “B”: Artificial Intelligence in Application National Programme**
- **Sub-programme “C”: Secure Society National Programme**
- **Sub-programme “D”: “Clean Drinking Water” National Programme**
- **Sub-programme “E”: Protein Science and Applications National Programme**

The call is financed from the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund.

Submission of applications

The applications have to be submitted electronically on the Participant Portal (Pályázati e-ügyintézés) which can be reached through the www.palyazat.gov.hu website. Along with the application finalised in the online application form, applicants have to submit a duly executed statement certifying the electronic submission of the application. Submissions are accepted from the announcement of the online application form as long as available funds last, but no later than 28 February 2018 at 14:00 (CET).

Eligible applicants

Sub-programmes “B”, “D” and “E” are exclusively open to consortia. The number of consortium partners varies by sub-programme and consortium partners have to be legal entities with registered seat in Hungary or with registered seat in the European Economic Area and a branch office in Hungary, more specifically:

- business companies, non-profit companies and other economic organisations specified in the call, provided that they have at least two completed business years, maintain double-entry accounting and are not subject to the simplified entrepreneurial tax (EVA) or the small taxpayers’ itemized lump sum tax (KATA)
- denominational or private higher education institutions accredited by the state, qualifying as research and knowledge-dissemination organisations under Article 2 (83) of Council Regulation 651/2014/EU
- budgetary organs and budgetary entities, qualifying as research and knowledge-dissemination organisations under Article 2 (83) of Council Regulation 651/2014/EU.

Eligible objectives and actions

Projects have to be implemented in the applicant’s seat, business premise or branch office in Hungary registered before the submission of the application. The following activities are eligible for funding independently:

- fundamental research
- applied (industrial) research
- experimental development

Activities not eligible for funding independently:

- coordination activities related to the project; publicity activities
- public procurement
- acquisitions of fixed assets
- procurement of immaterial assets
- construction, expansion, rearrangement, modernisation, renovation of buildings absolutely necessary for the purposes of the project, and the necessary developments of basic infrastructure
- activity related to industrial property rights in the case of SMEs and large companies.

Available budget

The total budget of the call is HUF 5 billion (HUF 1 billion for each sub-programme) financed from the NRDI Fund.

Duration of the project

Funded projects shall be implemented within min. 36, max. 48 months from project launch. Eligible project costs can be declared from the start date specified in the grant agreement. The applicant shall maintain the project results for 3 years.