MERCK RESEARCH LABORATORIES – DISCOVERY BIOLOGICS

Scientific Engagement and Emerging Discovery Science (SEEDS) Program

*2025 PRE-PROPOSAL Form*

Use the following form to develop your Merck Research Laboratories (MRL) SEEDS Program pre-proposal for submission. Please send the completed form to [dbseeds@merck.com](mailto:mrldbseeds@merck.com) by July 23, 2025. Your proposal will be kept confidentially.

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| **PROJECT TITLE:** | |
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| PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME(S): | INSTITUTION AFFILIATION: |
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| PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PHONE: |
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| **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICER:**  *Please include contact information including email, phone and address* | |
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| ACTIVE RFP FOCUS AREAS:  *Please select all that apply to the proposal* | |
| **DB-RFP-0125**  **DB-RFP-0325**  **DB-RFP-0525**  **Other:** *(if selected indicate here)* | **DB-RFP-0225**  **DB-RFP-0425**  **DB-RFP-0625**  **Renewal** |
| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:  *Please provide a BRIEF statement summarizing the research proposal* | |
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| PRE- PROPOSAL  *Please limit your overall pre-proposal to 2-3 pages (data, figures and references included). Please be prepared to justify the budget should your research proposal be invited for full-proposal development. (SEEDS research grant is up to $125,000 in direct costs plus institution’s indirect cost not to exceed a total of $200,000 for a duration of 1 year)* |
| 1. PROJECT SIGNIFICANCE   *Please provide a statement summarizing the research proposal and how it advances biologics discovery & development* |
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| 1. PROJECT OBJECTIVES   *Please outline research objectives and specific aims* |
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| 1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**   *Please provide a brief description of the research plan to be carried out within one year. (Include background, key plans/approaches, aims, deliverables, supporting data and references)* |
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| 1. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION *(optional)*:   *The SEEDS grant if approved provides $125,000 in direct costs plus institution’s indirect costs up to a total of $200,000 for the duration of 1 year.* |
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| 1. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:   *Please provide a brief bio-sketch of the PI and listing of key publications. (NIH Bio sketch is acceptable). - This part is not in pages limit.* |
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