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Schizophrenia Research Foundation

## SENYFOUNDATION OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ON SCHIZOPHRENIA 2005

### RULES FOR APPLICATIONS

#### A. Aim of this Open Call for Proposals.

The **SENY** Foundation is a private not-for-profit foundation established in 1996 with the aim of promoting **research into schizophrenia** and other serious mental disorders. Our mission is to become a point of reference for all professionals interested in mental health, as a centre for the promotion of basic, clinical and social research, as well as the training of professionals and the management of information and knowledge.

To this aim, the **SENY** Foundation launches a CALL for PROJECTS to fund ONE excellent quality research proposal in the area of severe mental disorders. Our priority is the **causes and treatment of schizophrenia**, not phenomenology or clinical correlations that have no obvious relevance to causation.

The sections below cover these and other relevant aspects in greater detail.

#### B. Who is eligible to apply?

Researchers into mental health in Spain. Researchers could submit a maximum of two applications as Principal Investigator.

#### C. What is the deadline for submission?

Paper applications must be postmarked by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Applications must include an electronic copy (CD or diskette, only) of all documents submitted.

Send your application (paper and electronic copy) to:

SENYFundació  
Open Call for Research Projects on Schizophrenia 2005  
C/Diputació, 238 (atic 1).  
08007 Barcelona  
ESPAÑA

#### **D. Other important dates to remember.**

- By 21<sup>st</sup> July 2005 a shortlist of projects will be published on the SENYFoundation website. Thereafter, principal investigators to shortlisted projects will be contacted by post and asked to complete the necessary documentation (see below). It is SENYFoundation's policy to provide no feedback on unsuccessful applications.
- Deadline for submission of final documents (only shortlisted projects) is 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005.
- Completed shortlisted projects will be evaluated by a joint international committee. A final decision and announcement will be made regarding the ONE awarded project by 27<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **E. Amount.**

Up to 300.000 € (**TOTAL** amount).

#### **F. Language.**

All submitted research proposals should be written in English

#### **G. Documents to submit in the application.**

We do not want to overload applicants with paperwork. It is for this reason that the documents required focus largely on the scientific proposal itself. Applicants should submit **three** copies (including original) of the required materials in the following order:

1. Complete cover page of the application form:

- Title of research proposal
- Name Principal Investigator
- Affiliation of PI (name of centre and complete contact details)
- Duration of the project (number of years)
- Abstract: Maximum 250 word description of the research

2. Detailed scientific proposal. Sections to guide the presentation include:

- Background and progress to date
- Hypotheses and objectives
- Methods used
- Outline of the research plan
- Expected impact/contribution to knowledge
- Key references - a separate page listing up to 10 bibliographical references.

3. Draft budget. At this stage we require a draft budget. A more detailed budget will be asked later if the project is shortlisted.

4. Brief CV. Principal Investigators should fill in a brief CV accounting for the sections outlined in the application form. A complete CV may be asked later if the project is shortlisted.

## H. How does the review process work?

Applications will be reviewed by two independent committees. The first committee acts as a Local Committee and will make a first selection of proposals. A second international committee will review the shortlisted proposals and a priority score will be compiled from all reviewers.

Quality assessment criteria include:

- Relevance of and degree to which the proposal meets the aims of this call.
- Scientific quality and methodological rigour.
- Clarity and feasibility of the work programme and timetable (outline of the research plan).
- Coherence of the budget with the proposed projects' objectives and activities.
- Other valued characteristics include: Multicentric study, International collaboration and partnership, Interdisciplinarity.

The **SENY** Foundation can decide **not to award** any of the submitted proposals if the review process reveals no project sufficiently fulfils the quality criteria outlined above.

## I. Whom do I contact if I have additional questions?

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