

Q&A

Is the 10% together from all the companies, or should each company cover their own 10% share of the funding? – At least 10 % of the budget should come from all the companies together.

Can companies' 10% share be labor input (työpanosta)? – At least 10 % of the budget should come from companies and it must be funding. In addition, companies can contribute with other type of input.

The funding would be then divided as (in terms of international collab): %10 companies, 70% BF, 20% University? – This is correct in terms of intense international collaboration. Normally, share of BF funding is 60 %.

What are the advantages over standard co-research? How can we convince companies to fund 10% when there is another option without it? - Co-Research funding can be applied only through specific calls like One Health research call or Leading company partnership model funding calls. The research project applying funding should be regarded so important for the future business opportunities of these companies that they commit to the funding.

Is there a maximum budget? How many projects are expected to be funded? - Ca. 4 MEUR is estimated to be allocated to this research call. No specific budget limits are applied.

Are there any requirements for company partners (size, etc.)? – Company partners should be Finnish companies aiming for internationalization with their solutions and can utilize the results of the research project.

If someone has already an ongoing Co-Research project with BF, can he apply for a second project? – It is possible to apply funding for another Co-Research project if the projects are clearly different projects on a different subject. There should also be enough human resources to conduct both projects successfully.

I noticed only one brief mention of "mental disorders", are behavioural disorders (e.g. addiction) also included? – Yes, also behavioural disorders are included.

Would "wellness/wellbeing" as a preventative approach be too far removed from the aims of the funding call? – More information would be needed on the subject in order to answer this question in detail. The call seeks research projects that research, create and develop new solutions and business models for disease prediction and prevention. The answer depends on the type of solution and/or business model that would be achieved as an outcome of the project.

What should be ready when having the discussion with Business Finland? Is a draft plan needed at that point? How about notification of participation from companies? – No need for draft plans nor notification of participation from companies at that point. One should be able to answer questions in “Agenda for discussion” at that point. Please see the agenda below.

1. Need: What need does the idea meet/what problem does it solve?
2. Benefits: What kind of results with international novelty value does the research create for Finnish companies? How does this problem-solving promote the business of Finnish companies in the long term?
3. Solution: How is the matter resolved, what is being researched/developed, by what means and within what timescale?
4. Competition: What competing solutions can be found? What alternatives do we have today?
5. Participation of enterprises: How will companies participate in the research, what role would companies play in it and what projects could be created by them, either during or after the project? What are the potential participating companies for the project and the steering group?