

Turku 21 March 2022

## Call for proposals

### BioCity Turku asks for proposals for new research programs for 2022-2026

[BioCity Turku](#) is an umbrella organization supporting and coordinating research on life sciences and molecular medicine in University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University. BioCity Turku research programs strengthen the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research collaboration within the Turku campus. BioCity Turku research programs are composed of several active research groups representing different research units, faculties, hospitals and/or universities.

#### The proposal written in English should contain two documents

1. **Main application** (max 3 pages) including the following details:
  - Research program title and acronym
  - Names and affiliations of all research group PIs participating in the program
  - Research program director and her/his contact details
  - The research program's action plan, goals and vision for how the program facilitates research and networking with the BioCity Turku organization
2. **Supplementary information** from each research group involved in the research program:
  - PIs name, affiliation and email
  - Project title
  - Does the research group represent a "full" or an "affiliate" member of the research program? (please see below for more information)
  - Number of active PhD students and postdocs
  - Number of PhD degrees completed during 2016–2021
  - List of five selected publications from 2016–2021
  - External funding of the research group in 2021. List only names of the funding organizations
  - Description of the scientific aims of the project (max. 100 words)
  - Please use the separate Word template to provide the above-mentioned details. Download the template to your computer from <https://seafile.utu.fi/d/be536f84b9084efba5ea/>

Please send the two documents at latest by **Friday 15 April 2022 at 16:00 (CET +1)**  
to [biocityturku@bioscience.fi](mailto:biocityturku@bioscience.fi)

### Who are eligible to apply as BioCity Turku research programs?

- We welcome both new openings as well as applications from those previous BioCity Turku research programs that have been active and considered successful in the evaluation of the Scientific Advisory Board.
- All research groups working in life sciences or molecular medicine, or related fields in chemistry, physics or ICT, and who are located in Turku campus are eligible.
- A composition of research groups representing different research units, faculties and universities is considered as an advantage.
- One research group can participate in more than one research program. However, there can be only one primary affiliation. "Full" vs. "affiliate" membership for each research group needs to be stated in the supplementary information form of the application.

### Details about the BioCity Turku research program funding

- Funding is granted for years 2022–2026, that is for five consecutive years.
- Yearly basic funding will be determined primarily by the number of programs selected for funding and the activity of each program, NOT by the size of the program. I.e. qualitative attributes are acknowledged over quantitative.
- Research programs are asked to send a yearly report on their actions and their use of the funding. Failing to report in due time or leaving significant amount of the funding unused may have an effect on the following years' funding.
- BioCity Turku will open yearly a separate funding call for research grants and for new openings, for which all BioCity Turku researchers are welcome to apply. The theme of the call may vary from year to year. Representatives of the selected BioCity Turku research programs will be offered opportunities to participate in the evaluation of the applications and in the decision-making. Next research grant funding call will open in May 2022 and funding decisions will be made early June 2022.
- BioCity Turku research programs will actively participate in organizing the Frontiers of Science seminar program by inviting world-class scientists to present their research.

### Timeline

- Call for new BioCity Turku research programs **opens 21 March 2022**
- Call for new BioCity Turku research programs **closes 15 April 2022 at 16:00 (CET +1)**
- Decision as the new BioCity Turku research programs are made mid May 2022
- Please note that the decision making process might include interviews and suggestions to refine the application.

### More information

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