

How to submit a preclinical research proposal

Application

- Select a compound (or 2 – 3 compounds) of interest
- Read 'Instructions for Authors'
- Generate a non-confidential proposal
- Submit your proposal
- For proposals that use human tissue or animal models, additional ethics and/or animal welfare questions will be asked during the submission process to ensure all appropriate standards are followed. [AstraZeneca Bioethics Policy](#)

Review

- Decisions (accept, additional information and/or discussion requested, or decline) will be communicated with reviewer feedback/rationale typically within 8 weeks
- Proposals will be judged based on
 - scientific merit, strength and uniqueness of the hypothesis (suggested studies must be distinct from those previously published for the mechanism)
 - medical need
 - translational relevance/predictivity of the proposed studies
 - technical feasibility
 - probability of a successful outcome
 - alignment with AstraZeneca's R&D focus areas

Project execution and reporting

- Collaborative discussions under a bidirectional Confidential Disclosure and/or Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) to further develop the project proposal
- AstraZeneca sends the compound and associated information
- Progress reports due as study progresses, as defined in MTA
- Final report and manuscript submission within 6 months of study completion

Potential rewards

- Publications
- Generation of data to support follow-on studies and grant applications