**MRC National Mouse Genetics Network – Associate Member - Expression of Interest**

This Expression of Interest (EOI) is for groups / individuals who are primarily seeking to offer key expertise, rather than lead a research cluster, to register their interest.

Applicants must complete and return the Expression of Interest form to MouseGeneticsNetwork@mrc.ukri.org by 16:00 (UK time) 24 March 2021. You must complete all sections of the form for your EOI to be eligible.

**Overview**

The National Mouse Genetics Network is being established to accelerate our understanding of human disease and improving diagnosis and treatments, through driving integration of mouse and human/clinical genetics and pathology and will involve a number of research clusters closely linked to the Mary Lyon Centre.

Clusters will be identified and funded through a two-stage process:

1. Expression of Interest – to select competitive ideas
2. Full bids – to decide which clusters will be funded

**Associate Members**

We recognize that some researchers may wish to engage without directly leading Clusters. This ‘Associate member’ EOI form is thus to allow groups / individuals who are primarily seeking to offer key expertise to register their interest, that could be valuable to specific Clusters or to the overall network, and in turn gain benefits once the Network and Clusters are operational.

In order to ensure the Network achieves impact and provides the optimal coverage and focus to support the wider research community, research cluster leader applicants selected through the EOI stage will be encouraged to take stock of the ideas within the shortlisted bids and make partnerships or connections where appropriate, potentially leading to evolution of the original submissions.

If a research cluster leader EOI is successfully invited to the full proposal stage, they will be asked to attend a pre-submission workshop in April 2021. As well as access to summaries of each of their EOIs, **all participants and the Director of the Network will have access to a list of the EOIs submitted for consideration of associated membership**.

**Use of Information Agreement**

By submitting this EOI, **you** **confirm your agreement to the use of this data in the way outlined above**.

**Summary Information**

1.1. **Associate Member Details** *\*Required*

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| *Please provide Title, Name; Institute/Organisation/Company of Associate Member. Please provide a contact email address.* |
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1.2. **Summary of Expertise offered (Max. 250 Words)** *\*Required*

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| *Please provide details of the expertise you can offer the Network, and / or specific Clusters* |
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1.3. **Network Value to you (Max. 250 Words)** *\*Required*

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| *Please indicate your expectations of benefits from the Network investment, and how it can support you?* |
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**Keeping up to date with the National Mouse Genetics Network activities**

Please confirm whether you would like to be added to the National Mouse Genetics Network mailing list

[ ]  YES, PLEASE ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING LIST

[ ]  NO THANK YOU

Your Name

Your Email Address

**Submitting the Expression of Interest**

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**Key dates**

* **24 March 2021 –** EOI deadline
* **end March / beginning April 2021 –** EOI Panel assessment
* **April 2021 –** Invitation for EOIs in scope to submit full Cluster proposals
* **April 2021 –** applicant workshop for invited EOI leads
* **July 2021 –** full proposals deadline
* **September 2021 –** Cluster Panel Assessment
* **March 2022** **–** planned start for Cluster 5-year investments