

Chan Zuckerberg Biohub New York Investigator RFP Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ aims to answer questions about the recently announced requests for proposals (RFP) from CZ Biohub NY. Many items are addressed in the [RFP application instructions](#) and we encourage you to read those materials carefully. Please contact awards@ny.czbiohub.org with additional questions.

Eligibility

Am I eligible to apply if I am not affiliated with Columbia, Rockefeller, or Yale University?

No. CZ Biohub NY Investigator Awards are exclusively available to faculty affiliated with Columbia, Rockefeller, or Yale University.

Can I receive a sub-award if I am a collaborator on the proposed project but affiliated with a non-partner institution?

No. CZ Biohub NY Investigator Awards can only be distributed to Columbia, Rockefeller, or Yale University and used according to their guidelines.

Are there other funding mechanisms for awards at non-partner institutions (i.e., institutions other than Columbia, Rockefeller, or Yale)?

Yes. We can support critical proposals from other institutions. Ineligible proposals will be retained for review at a later date.

How many awards will be funded this cycle?

Up to eight awards will be funded in this cycle.

Application Process

What materials are required to apply for a CZ Biohub NY Investigator Award?

Submit the title and summary of your proposed research, a 3-page proposal, a CV or NIH-style biosketch, a bibliography of your major publications, copies of your three most relevant publications, and a signed statement of support from your division or department chair. For full details, please visit [Investigator Program Requirements](#).

Are preprints accepted for the three most significant publications?

Yes, preprints are accepted.

Will new ideas from our lab be supported, or should the work align with established prior or current research?

New and innovative ideas are strongly encouraged. The Investigator Award Program is designed to support groundbreaking projects with the potential to significantly advance immune cell biology and disease understanding.

What qualities are expected in a proposal? Should we focus on originality or feasibility?

Proposals should be innovative and reasonably feasible, presenting high-risk, high-reward ideas that align with the mission of CZ Biohub NY. We encourage projects that are both achievable and have the potential to drive significant scientific advances.

Is there a way to seek feedback on the alignment of our proposal before submission?

Yes. You are welcome to contact us at awards@ny.czbiohub.org with a summary or any specific questions for a preliminary review of your proposal's alignment with this RFP.

Can we contact current CZ Biohub NY Investigators to discuss ideas or collaborations?

Yes, you may contact current Investigators for support.

Will computational proposals for immune cell engineering be considered?

Yes, proposals that are computational in nature, or have computational elements, are welcome.

Can proposals focus on developing new technologies or methodologies that strengthen existing platforms (e.g., single-cell immunopeptidomics)?

Yes, we welcome proposals that enhance platform capabilities, as they benefit the entire CZ Biohub NY community.

Opportunity

What core capabilities will be available at CZ Biohub NY, and will funded Investigators have access?

CZ Biohub NY offers four core platforms: Advanced Single Cell Technologies, In Vivo/In Vitro Modeling, Immune Cell Engineering, and Network Causality, AI, and ML. These platforms serve the CZ Biohub NY community, including funded investigators, subject to availability.

Addition Information



Who can I contact for further questions?

For additional inquiries, reach out to awards@ny.czbiohub.org.

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