

# MERCK RESEARCH LABORATORIES – DISCOVERY BIOLOGICS

## Scientific Engagement and Emerging Discovery Science (SEEDS) Program

### 2025 PRE-PROPOSAL Form

Use the following form to develop your Merck Research Laboratories (MRL) SEEDS Program pre-proposal for submission. Please send the completed form to [dbseeds@merck.com](mailto:dbseeds@merck.com) by July 23, 2025. Your proposal will be kept confidentially.

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	
<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME(S):</b>	<b>INSTITUTION AFFILIATION:</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR EMAIL:</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ADDRESS:</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PHONE:</b>	
<b>TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICER:</b> <i>Please include contact information including email, phone and address</i>	
<b>ACTIVE RFP FOCUS AREAS:</b> <i>Please select all that apply to the proposal</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0125 <input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0325 <input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0525 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (if selected indicate here)	<input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0225 <input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0425 <input type="checkbox"/> DB-RFP-0625 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b> <i>Please provide a BRIEF statement summarizing the research proposal</i>	

<b>PRE- PROPOSAL</b> <i>Please limit your overall pre-proposal to 2-3 pages (data, figures and references included). Please be prepared to justify the budget should your research proposal be invited for full-proposal development. (SEEDS research grant is up to \$125,000 in direct costs plus institution's indirect cost not to exceed a total of \$200,000 for a duration of 1 year)</i>
<b>1. PROJECT SIGNIFICANCE</b> <i>Please provide a statement summarizing the research proposal and how it advances biologics discovery &amp; development</i>
<b>2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b> <i>Please outline research objectives and specific aims</i>

**3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*Please provide a brief description of the research plan to be carried out within one year. (Include background, key plans/approaches, aims, deliverables, supporting data and references)*

**4. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (optional):**

*The SEEDS grant if approved provides \$125,000 in direct costs plus institution's indirect costs up to a total of \$200,000 for the duration of 1 year.*

**5. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**

*Please provide a brief bio-sketch of the PI and listing of key publications. (NIH Bio sketch is acceptable). - This part is not in pages limit.*