A mini guide to CEFIC-LRI FUNDING
The chemical industry is conscious of the need to address societal concerns and takes responsibility in understanding the long-term impacts of its products and processes.

By fostering innovative research, the LRI programme advances approaches for the scientific assessment of the safety of chemicals and improves our understanding of the potential health and environmental risks.

INNOVATING CHEMICAL TESTING
Studies that develop tools and approaches to reduce chemical testing costs, time and animal uses. The programme also funds studies that advance approaches for interpreting data from chemical testing as well as studies that facilitate the attainment of regulatory data requirements.

UNDERSTANDING EVERYDAY EXPOSURES TO CHEMICALS
Studies that generate predictive models to estimate consumer exposure and to address current exposure data gaps for the majority of chemicals in commerce.

TRANSFORMING RESEARCH OUTCOMES FOR PRODUCT SAFETY
Studies that advance chemical safety assessment and aim to increase consumer confidence in product safety and acceptance of innovation.

The LRI programme funds research that address the priority issues of the chemical industry regarding the health and environmental impact of chemicals, issues of priority to the chemical industry. Research is conducted openly by non-industry scientists and the results are publicly available.

LRI is the Long-range Research Initiative programme of the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic).
Grants for research are allocated to scientists who submit viable proposals for projects aimed at meeting the priority research objectives.

Successful candidates must demonstrate capability for scientific excellence and for managing projects within the terms of a contract.

Proposals may be submitted by any European or non-European, for-profit or non-profit organization, public or private entities, such as universities, colleges, laboratories, and contract research organizations; units of national and local governments with the necessary laboratory facilities; and research cooperatives. Collaborations between research institutions are encouraged. Cefic is a non-profit organisation and therefore overhead costs should be limited ideally to 15%.

The scientific evaluation and selection of applications for funding are managed by a scientific committee organised by the European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC), a leading industry association for developing and promoting top quality science in human and environmental risk assessment of chemicals. In particular, proposals are assessed against defined criteria, including:

1. **Scientific Excellence**
   The best research proposals will be selected for funding.

2. **Credentials**
   of the research organisation and project scientists.

3. **Leveraging**
   of other projects or funding related to the LRI project.

After the selection procedure is rounded and the winning proposals have been decided, LRI with the collaboration of ECETOC establishes Research Liaison Teams (RLTs) to monitor the scientific quality and progress of the projects.
HOW DOES IT WORK?

June

- Request for Proposals (RfP's)

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LRI Website

August

- Expression of Interest (EoI)

Applicants

LRI Secretariat

September

- Proposals evaluation and selection

Selection committee

November

- Results announcement

January

- Research Agreement

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Leading research institution

March

- Research project starts

Leading research institution
For more information about Cefic-LRI funding and guidelines for applicants, please visit our website on www.cefic-lri.org or send us your questions at lri@cefic.be.

**For specific questions:**

For specific questions related to the scientific scope of the Request for Proposals, you may contact the LRI Programme Manager, Dr. Bruno Hubesch, at bhu@cefic.be.

Sign up online on www.cefic-lri.org and be the first one to hear all about our Request for Proposals!

Don’t forget to visit our LRI website regularly for most up-to-date information about Cefic-LRI funding!

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