

Call for Applications

While infection due to direct contact can be effectively prevented by disinfecting hands and wearing suitable clothing, the precautions in the case of infections transmitted via droplets and aerosols are inadequate, as is also being shown by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung wants to contribute to improving protection against infectious diseases which are primarily transmitted via droplets and aerosols. The foundation is therefore making up to EUR 1 million available on a one-time basis for

Projects toward the prevention of infections via droplets or aerosols

Funding resources can be applied for to the benefit of

- further developments of existing protective measures (mouth & nose coverings, air filters, ventilators, etc.)
- new developments of materials, substances, concepts and measures (mask types, filter materials, ventilation systems, hygiene concepts for clinics, senior citizen nursing homes, schools, etc.)
- interaction formats toward the development of new ideas (symposiums, hackathons, design thinking, etc.)

The allocation of funds takes place within a two-step procedure. In the first step, two-page application outlines can be submitted to hygiene@ekfs.de until **April 15th, 2021** (information at www.ekfs.de/en, inter alia contact data for the applicant[s], working title, project description and rationale using max. 500 words). Following assessment of the outlines, selected applicants will be requested to submit full applications. The proposal's relevance to practical application is a decisive criterion thereby.

Members of charitable institutions such as universities, hospitals, foundations, associations, etc. can submit proposals. Teams are equally welcome. Cooperations with commercial partners are fundamentally possible.

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