

Sanofi Translational Science Hub

Griffith researcher engagement checklist

Background

In late 2022, Sanofi along with project partners Griffith University, the University of Queensland and the Queensland Government, established the Translational Science Hub (TSH).

The TSH leverages Queensland's and Sanofi's world class researchers and infrastructure network, creating a unique research and development environment focusing on mRNA vaccine technology and translational science more broadly. The project partners have signed a Statement of Cooperation to improve the Queensland biomedical ecosystem and to transform it into a world class location for medical research and translation.

Under the TSH framework, Griffith, UQ and Sanofi (the Parties) entered into a Master Research Agreement (MRA) in 2023. The MRA articulates principles for engagement between the Parties. It encourages open collaboration and flow of information between the Parties, while recognising proprietary considerations that need to be applied to any industry engagement. Further, the MRA allows for funded projects to be established under the TSH, with project co-funding commitments from Griffith, UQ and Sanofi.

A set of Guiding Principles are provided below, to be applied to a project or concept in advance of any proposed engagement with Sanofi or TSH Project Partners. To advance a project or concept, Griffith researchers are invited to submit an [online EOI](#) (scan QR code below).

Guiding Principles

- Griffith researchers are encouraged to develop projects and concepts that align with Sanofi's areas of interest and that may potentially also involve engagement with a UQ researcher/s.
- Projects will encompass **collaborative research projects** or **fee-for-service activities** including clinical trials.
- A brief non-confidential description of your project would be submitted to your relevant Griffith Enterprise Business Innovation Manager or Glycomics business representative for discussion and feedback via the online EOI.
- For any proposed submission, you should consider the stage of development of your project. You should identify any intellectual property associated with the project, including any background IP, prior disclosures, freedom to operate, research collaborations with other institutions or any previous licence or contractual obligations.
- **The funding status of your project is important.** Consideration should be given to any existing funding the project may have, whether you are seeking to leverage any State or Commonwealth funding schemes through Sanofi/Griffith support or whether your proposal is seeking new, standalone funding from Griffith under the MRA.

What happens after I submit my EOI?

- EOI's will be reviewed by the relevant Griffith business unit against Sanofi agreement principles. Your EOI will subsequently be discussed with you before being forwarded onto the Sanofi business unit at the TSH.
- Sanofi will identify any EOI's it wishes to progress further. This may initially involve a discussion with you for additional information before being progressed to request for full proposal.



Project Proposal
EOI Form

Resources and Media

- sanofi.com.au/en/translationalsciencehub
- statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/news/queensland-goes-global-how-a-new-science-hub-will-connect-queenslands-brightest-minds-to-the-world-in-the-hunt-for-the-next-great-vaccine
- statements.qld.gov.au/statements/96732

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