

FAQs

1. What is the AMR Quest?

The AMR Quest is a nationwide awareness program to identify and reward path breaking revolutionary, innovative ideas, and solutions in the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) domain with a focus on ESKAPE Pathogens and present opportunities for development and commercialization of these. The best ideas will win exciting rewards as mentioned on the website.

2. Who is organizing the AMR Quest?

The Antimicrobial Resistance Quest is organized by C-CAMP, in association with CARB-X

3. In what domains of AMR, can ideas be submitted?

Ideas can be submitted in any of the following domains : **Non-traditional approaches** including the indirect acting small molecules (virulence, potentiators, BLI combinations, etc), Direct- and indirect-acting large molecules (peptides, etc.), phage, microbiome, nucleic acid, anti-sense, Drug conjugates (ADC, other dual acting drug conjugates), **Therapeutics** including vaccines therapeutics and preventative antibodies and fragments, other large molecule biotherapeutics (not direct- or indirect-acting peptides), **Diagnostics** including devices which can diagnose ID/AST of pathogens, **Direct acting small molecules** including new classes of drugs or new targets only.

4. Who can apply for the AMR Quest?

Start-ups, SMEs, Large Companies, innovators, researchers, scientists, post docs and academicians can apply for this competition.

5. How many applications can one-person company submit?

An individual or a company can submit multiple applications. However, note that (a) you will have to register separately for each application and using separate email-ids, (b) if the multiple applications submitted by you get the same score only one idea will proceed to the next round.

6. How does one apply?

You must apply online in the prescribed form. The application form is available here. Only applications received through this website will be considered for review.

7. Will the idea and details I share be kept confidential?

All details submitted in the application form as well as subsequent presentations will be treated as confidential to the extent possible. All reviewers will sign CDA/NDA. However, the responsibility of protecting information prior to putting it out in the application form or sharing it with anyone lies wholly with the applicant and we strongly recommend that any applicant that has any concerns regarding Intellectual Property (IP) protection and disclosure of information contact an appropriate and competent IP counsel before filling in the application.

8. Does the idea have to be original?

The idea can be original, or it should demonstrate a significant improvement over currently available solution.

9. Is there a fee to apply for the program?

No, there is no fee to apply for the program.

10. What is the deadline for applying for the program?

The deadline for applying to the program is 15th June 2023.

11. Do we need to have validation studies or prototype ready to be able to apply?

No, this is not mandatory as this program is primarily seeking deep science ideas. If you already have validation studies or a prototype, you can add this information in the supporting documents section of the application form. However, this is not part of the selection criteria.

12. What is the selection process?

The selection process will comprise a review of the application form by a competent review panel in the first round. Applicants shortlisted after the first round will be asked to make presentations to the review panel. This will be Round 2. Applicants selected after Round 2, will be presenting to the Grand Jury who will then select the winners.

13. What is the selection criteria?

The selection criteria for Round 1, Round 2 and Grand Finale will be for novelty, scientific strength, societal impact and commercialization potential. For idea & In the process of establishing Proof of Concept (PoC), the applications will be evaluated for novelty and scientific strength. For Proof of Concept (PoC) established stage the applications will be evaluated for novelty, scientific strength, impact including Ability to address medical needs in AMR (from WHO priority pathogen list) and commercialization potential.

14. How will I know if I am selected?

Only the selected applicants will be notified by email. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check their emails regularly around the date of “notification of acceptance.” The selected applicants who do not respond to the notification of acceptance email will not be followed up further after a waiting period of three days.

15. Who are the reviewers and jury members?

The reviewers and jury members will be domain experts from academia and industry.

16. Will I get any assistance to attend the Grand Finale?

The organizers will reimburse travel expenses on actuals up to maximum of Rs. 5,000. The participants selected will have to pay for all other personal expenses, such as laundry, printing, photocopying, telephone calls etc. There are no fees for the Grand Finale.

17. Will laptops be provided?

No, you will need to bring your own laptops, chargers, and adaptors. We will provide the LCD projector.

18. When will the awards be given?

The awards will be announced at the Grand Finale and the rewards will be given subsequently upon completion of administrative requirements.

19. What is POC?

POC is proof of concept.