

€8bn of research funding is being made available by the European Commission to applicants to its FP7 Programme. A call for proposals was issued on Monday.

The funding – which is open to organisations and businesses in all EU Member States and partner countries - makes up the lion's share of the EU's proposed €10.8 billion research budget for 2013.

Within the health section of FP7 research funds, general priorities topics are:

- Biotechnology, generic tools and technologies for human health - producing knowledge that will be applied in the area of health and medicine;
- Translating research for human health - making sure that basic discoveries have practical benefits and improve the quality of life;
- Optimising the delivery of health care to European citizens - ensuring that the results of biomedical research will ultimately reach the citizens;

More information about the call for proposals [here](#) [1].

More information about the health aspects of FP7 funding [here](#) [2].

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[1] http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm?pg=press [2] <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/>