How to submit a preclinical research proposal

Application
• Select a compound (or 2 – 3 compounds) of interest
• Read ‘Instructions for Authors’
• Generate a non-confidential proposal
• Submit your proposal
• For proposals that use human tissue or animal models, additional ethics and/or animal welfare questions will be asked during the submission process to ensure all appropriate standards are followed. AstraZeneca Bioethics Policy

Review
• Decisions (accept, additional information and/or discussion requested, or decline) will be communicated with reviewer feedback/rationale typically within 8 weeks
• Proposals will be judged based on
  o scientific merit, strength and uniqueness of the hypothesis (suggested studies must be distinct from those previously published for the mechanism)
  o medical need
  o translational relevance/predictivity of the proposed studies
  o technical feasibility
  o probability of a successful outcome
  o alignment with AstraZeneca’s R&D focus areas

Project execution and reporting
• Collaborative discussions under a bidirectional Confidential Disclosure and/or Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) to further develop the project proposal
• AstraZeneca sends the compound and associated information
• Progress reports due as study progresses, as defined in MTA
• Final report and manuscript submission within 6 months of study completion

Potential rewards
• Publications
• Generation of data to support follow-on studies and grant applications