



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Request for Proposal (RFP): A Review of the State-of-Play and Future Trends regarding the development of Governance Frameworks Applicable to Emerging Technologies

#	Supplier Question	Wellcome response
1	Are there any eligibility requirements or preferences for prospective applicants, such as specific qualifications, areas of expertise, or organizational affiliations?	No.
2	Is Wellcome seeking proposals that involve collaborative efforts with other research institutions, subject matter experts, or organizations, or would single-applicant projects be preferred?	No preference.
3	The technology fields specified in the RFP are expansive and within a single jurisdiction can yield varying insights on technology oversight. We would be keen to understand the level of granularity expected by Wellcome for Phase II of the analysis when looking across the technology fields and specific jurisdictions.	We are open to suppliers making recommendations on the specific level of granularity appropriate for each research discipline/tool and jurisdiction that is taken through to Phase II on the basis of their findings from Phase I.
4	Whilst the RFP asks for a delivery of report with recommendations, it is not explicit what the recommendations would be for. Is the intention to generate targeted recommendations for how oversight of technology will/can impact researchers and their outputs, or is to inform advocacy/influencing for policy makers in government, or is it for something else? Whilst linked, the methods and specificity of recommendations could vary	The primary purpose of the report is to provide Wellcome with a detailed overview of the state-of-play and foreseeable trends with regards to the development and the governing frameworks of selected research disciplines and tools globally. The findings of this report, which will be published, will be used to inform our influencing and engaging strategy in this area.



	depending on what Wellcome's priorities are for utilising this study.	
5	We would welcome further clarity on what is meant by a jurisdiction, i.e., is it geographically bound and if so, does it equate to countries, continents, supranational alliances, trading blocs, etc.?	We are open to suppliers making recommendations on this in line with the findings from Phase I. We anticipate this will depend on which jurisdictions geographies identified as key for each technology and research pathway come under.
6	The RFP specifies that Phase I of the research should result in a shortlist of a maximum of five jurisdictions for each of the technology areas that should be investigated further in Phase II. Can you clarify whether these sets of jurisdictions can be different for each of the technology areas in terms of the jurisdictions covered (e.g. countries) and the number of jurisdictions (acknowledging that the final choice of recommended jurisdictions to discuss with Wellcome will depend on the research in Phase I)?	Sets of jurisdictions may be different for each of the research disciplines and tools depending on Phase I's findings.
7	Are there any particular countries which you anticipate it will be important to include in phase 2 (noting that this could change as a result of the phase 1 findings)?	Wellcome does not wish to influence suppliers' recommendations under Phase I.
8	Does Wellcome have the facility to run a call for evidence and would you consider doing so for this project (using the Wellcome brand to galvanise greater input)?	No. While Wellcome expects to be consulted on and is willing to provide light touch advice and steer at key points of this project, we are looking for suppliers to carry out the bulk of this work independently.
9	How important is it for the researcher to be able to access documents in other languages?	Wellcome is not able to answer this question. In part, this will depend on suppliers' findings under Phase I.
10	How important will it be for the researcher to have access to legal advice/input?	See 2.



11	Is it a requirement that the final report includes a chapter on each of the six disciplines and looks at the most important jurisdictions for each discipline (i.e. up to 30 countries could be included in the final report) or would it be acceptable to find ways to reduce the scope to make it more manageable? Also, would you expect the report to link to the key documents in each jurisdiction or to summarise them?	See 3.
12	Are you considering setting up / are you open to the researcher setting up a steering group for this project?	We are open to suppliers' suggestions with regards to how the project is to be carried out. However, please note answer 8 with regards to expectations of Wellcome's involvement.
13	What are you intending to do with the report once complete? What (or who) are you seeking to inform/influence as a result?	See 4.
14	I note that it appears you are open to sole traders applying (please confirm this is accurate)	Yes.
15	In case the proposed methodology involves stakeholder consultations through in-person workshops, online meetings, will Wellcome meet the costs of such events?	All costs incurred must be included in suppliers' proposals.
16	Relatedly, in case the methodology involves contacting some government authorities in different countries, will Wellcome facilitate such activities through for instance supporting in communication?	See 8 with regards to expectations of Wellcome's involvement.
17	Will there be involvement from the Policy team throughout this piece or work or is the expectation that the work will be	See 8.



	carried out independently except for input at the end of Phase 1 and at the final report stage?	
18	Is a formal report expected at the end of Phase 1?	It is for suppliers to determine the best format for communicating interim findings and back up their recommendations to Wellcome during Phase I. Any documents (i.e. reports, presentations etc) submitted at this stage won't be published. Nevertheless, the final report is expected to cover findings of phases I and II.
19	Does your team have a longlist of jurisdictions in mind which, ideally, we should start from? e.g., we're mindful some jurisdictions may not have much in the way of foundational digital infrastructure, and could be quickly ruled out as places of interest.	See 5-7.
20	On jurisdictions/geographies, would your team prefer us to look at country-level, or continent-/regional-level?	See 5-7.
21	On disciplines/tools of particular interest, would your team prefer an evenly split analysis across all those disciplines listed in the RFP, or deeper dives into specific ones of most interest to you and/or which spark particular interest in Phase 1?	See 3.
22	What are your expectations on the quantitative aspects of this work, particularly the levels of investment and value of research? We're mindful there may be limited publicly available data on certain technologies and in certain geographies.	We are open to discuss with appointed suppliers.



23	Has Wellcome done an audit for available data to support phase 1 (i.e. on research grants, values, industry adoption)? Can you give any indication of what insight Wellcome already has and what you might be able to share?	No audit has been conducted. Although Wellcome staff may be able to share insights and advice to appointed suppliers, no assumed knowledge should be made at this stage.
24	Aside from the Policy Team, who are the audiences/users for this research?	See 4.
25	Will you be providing any feedback on Eols?	No.
26	How does Wellcome intend to use the findings of this exercise?	See 4.
27	Will the findings be for an external audience in addition to Wellcome?	See 4.
28	Can you confirm that Phase 2 does not require the delivery of legal advice?	See 2.
29	Are you able to provide any indicative budget?	£200-300K including VAT. Suppliers are encouraged to come in with a budget required for this work to be delivered effectively. Value for money is one of the criteria proposals will be evaluated on.