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5. How to apply

The investigators should submit the LOI by the specified deadline (see *Key Dates*, above). The LOIs will be evaluated competitively based on the alignment of the proposed study with the scope of the program and the feasibility of success of the study, as described in more detail in Appendix A (below). Only investigators who submitted an LOI and were invited to submit a full proposal are eligible to apply.

The investigators should provide a full research proposal and the accompanying document by the application deadline (see *Key Dates*, above) and according to the guidelines for proposal preparation and electronic submission (Appendix B, below).

All applications should be submitted through the proposalCENTRAL portal at the following URL: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/>
Please refer to [Appendices A and B](#) for complete instructions of the application process.

6. Application Review and Selection Criteria

The proposals will undergo peer review by a multidisciplinary review committee and evaluated based on the following criteria:

The scope: The proposed study should align with the scope of the Chronic Pain in IBD RFP (section 2)

- a. IBD patient-based studies to categorize phenotypic and endotypic heterogeneity of patients with chronic pain
- b. Preclinical mechanistic studies in which, hypothesis is derived from patient-based data and observations, to better understand the biological drivers of pain chronicity
- c. Experimental humanized in vitro and/or in vivo model-based preclinical studies to identify biological pathways and mechanisms of persistent visceral hypersensitivity
- d. Studies must integrate both patient-based profiling and experimental models-based mechanistic studies.

Excerpt from a presentation I gave to the Chief Scientific Officer of the Crohn's and Colitis foundation on improving the Research Grants Department's marketing and process information materials.

MY PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

5. How to apply – first steps

Investigators are first required to submit a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** before a full application. All Investigators should submit their LOI by the deadlines laid out in [Key Dates](#) (see above).

The LOIs will be evaluated based on two criteria:

1. the alignment of the proposed study with the scope of the program
2. the feasibility of success of the study – for more detail on evaluating feasibility of success, see [Appendix A](#) (below).

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Only investigators who **submitted an LOI AND were invited to submit a full proposal** are eligible to apply. All proposals must follow the guidelines laid out in [Appendix B \(below\)](#).

The proposals will undergo peer review by a multidisciplinary review committee and **evaluated based on the following criteria:**

The SCOPE: The proposed study should align with the scope of the Chronic Pain in [IBDRFP \(section 2\)](#)

- a. IBD patient-based studies to categorize phenotypic **AND** endotypic heterogeneity of patients with chronic pain
- b. Preclinical mechanistic studies in which, hypothesis is derived from **patient-based data and observations**, to better understand the biological drivers of pain chronicity
- c. Experimental humanized in vitro **and/or** in vivo model-based preclinical studies to identify biological pathways and mechanisms of persistent visceral hypersensitivity
- d. Studies must integrate **BOTH** patient-based profiling and experimental models-based mechanistic studies.

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