

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: NYS BIODEFENSE COMMERCIALIZATION FUND



Empire State  
Development

Supporting novel approaches to accelerate the development & commercialization of solutions for serious infectious disease threats.



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 (5PM EDT)**

## FOCUS AREAS INCLUDE (but not limited to):

- Therapeutics
- Diagnostics
- Digital Epidemiology
- Pathogen Surveillance

## SUBMISSION & EVALUATION PROCESS:

1. Applicants submit short proposals
2. Short proposals are evaluated
3. A subset of applicants are invited to submit a long proposal
4. **Awardees to be announced in Spring 2023**

## ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS:

### Startup Companies:

- Based in or relocating to New York State (must remain in NYS for 3 years after the grant period)
- Recently raised or are in the process of raising Seed, Series A or Series B funding
- **\$1M - \$4M in grants** over 3 years per project
- Mentorship & guidance from leading industry experts

### Academic Institutions:

- Teams led by researchers with faculty appointments at institutions based in New York State
- Have translational innovations that are on the cusp of moving into a commercial development phase
- **\$250K - \$500K in grants** over 3 years per project
- Mentorship & guidance from leading industry experts

Submission Deadline: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 (5PM EDT)**

Apply at [nysbiodefensefund.submittable.com/](https://nysbiodefensefund.submittable.com/)

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