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Informational webinar

October 7, 2026

Demonstrating Health Solutions Science in Action

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About the Pathways for Health Research Collective

The Doris Duke Foundation, together with American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Dana Foundation, Donaghue Foundation, Prebys Foundation, Robertson Foundation, Susan G. Komen, and additional philanthropic partners are the Pathways for Health Research Collective. The Collective is seeking to bring greater attention and resources for breakthrough health research to improve health outcomes. Our current activities are focused on promoting the value of rigorous health solutions science to boost funder investment and user demand.





Why did the Collective and aligned partners issue this opportunity?

A one-time collaborative funding opportunity to demonstrate the value of health solutions science.

Goal for the opportunity

Build record for health solutions science as rigorous and essential to realize improved health outcomes in the United States

Key considerations for projects

- **Beyond proof-of-concept:** Apply existing, sufficiently powered, rigorous evidence produced with knowledge user participation in the United States and rigorously measure its health impact
- **Measurable impact:** Quantitative impact on health outcomes, wellbeing or validated proxies

Key considerations for projects

- **Leveraged:** Takes advantage of monetary and/or non-monetary commitments and contributions from relevant local, state, regional, or national stakeholders
- **Partnered:** Implementation and evaluation in partnership with knowledge users and producers

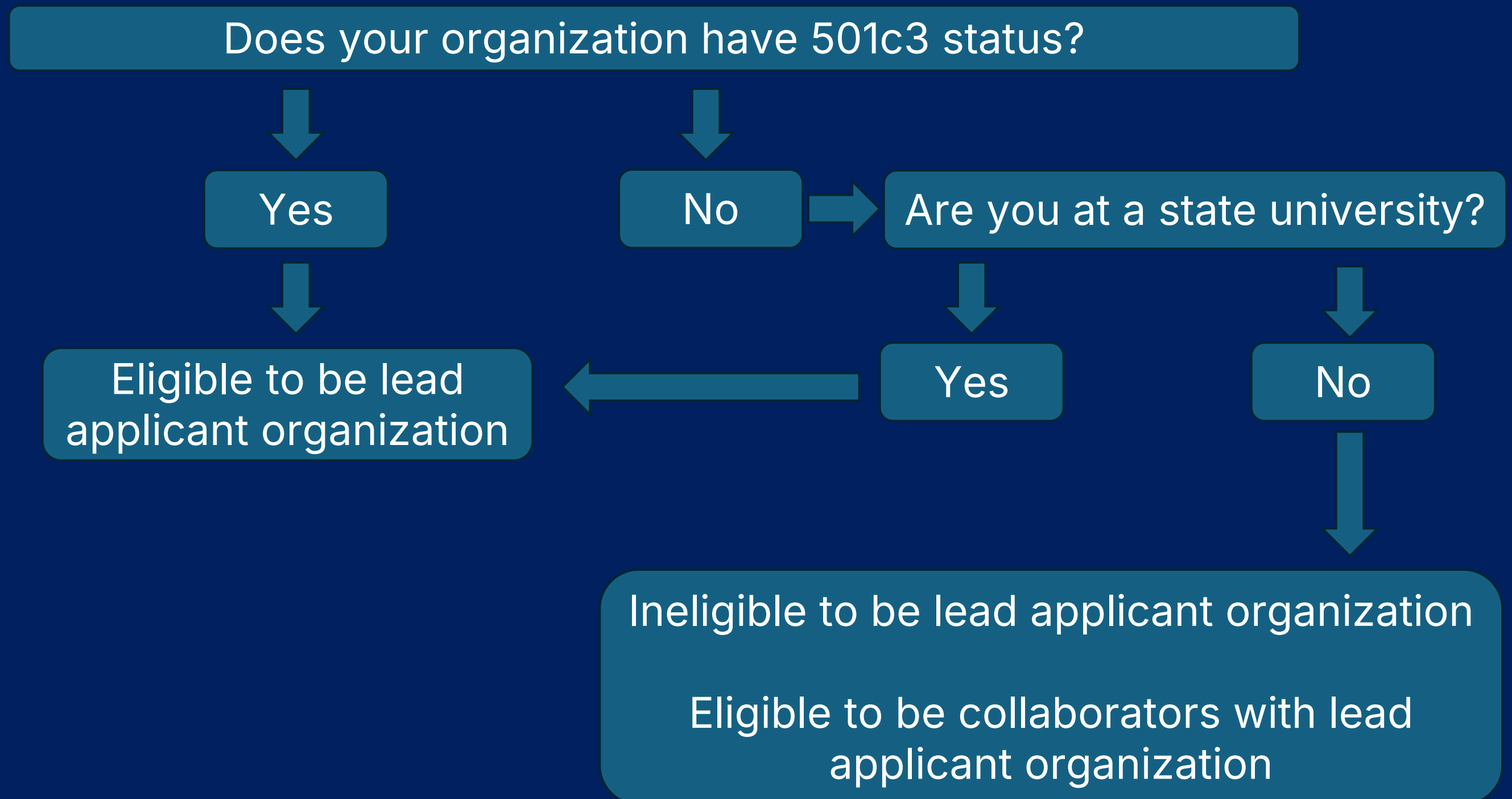
Key considerations for projects

- **Feasible:** Three-year plan with clear start, milestones, and end points
- **Potentially generalizable:** Produces knowledge that supports replication, if successful
- **Systemic solutions:** Addresses broader conditions, systems, incentives, environments, and structural factors that shape the target health outcome

What we will not consider

- Pilot projects to build evidence for new interventions
- Centers of excellence
- Strictly research studies to discover new knowledge
- Projects seeking to demonstrate the scale needed for a power assessment
- Any work involving non-human animals
- New or repurposed drug clinical trials
- Projects to design, develop, or commercialize new medical devices

Eligibility



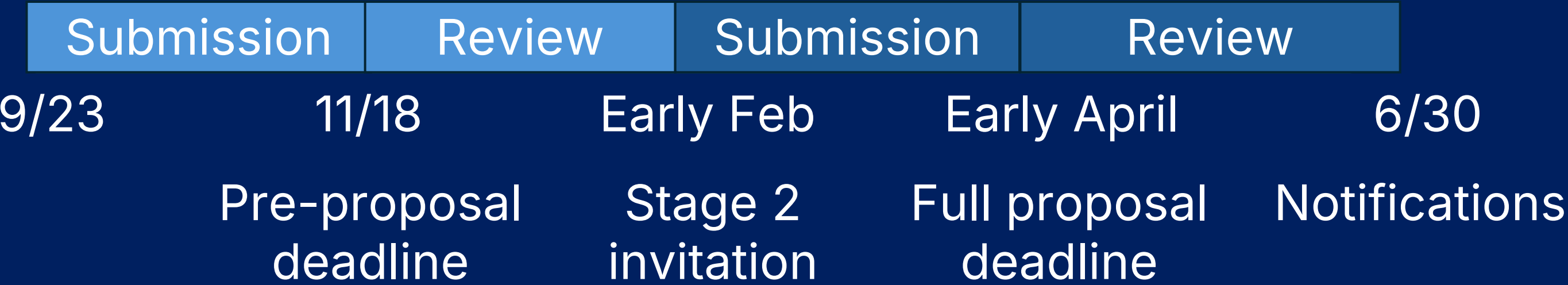
Application process

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- **Two stage process:** More information on stage 2 will be made available to invited applicants.
- **Address questions completely but concisely:** Information requested is what we need at this stage.
- **Short video is intended to complement:** Add depth to written responses. Professionally produced videos are not endorsed nor encouraged.
- **Open to all health solutions science:** No specific priority areas or approaches.

Key dates

BiTS webinar (Oct 19)
BiTS office hours (Oct 30)



Earliest grant start date: August 1, 2027

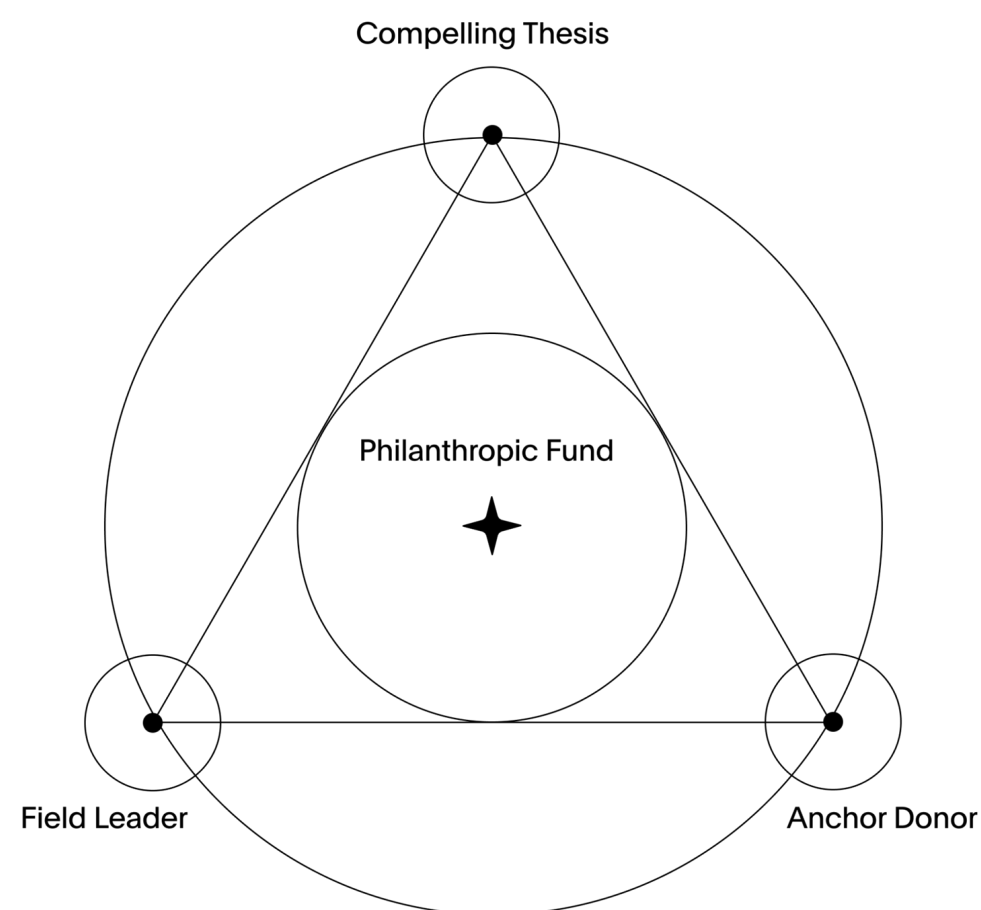
Renaissance Philanthropy support for Health Solutions Science in Action

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A brighter future for
all through science,
technology, & innovation.



Founding Thesis



The aim of Renaissance Philanthropy is to activate a virtuous loop of increasing ambition and impact between philanthropists and innovators:

1. By identifying frontier experts both in science and in new ways of solving problems;
2. By tapping into the growing number of emerging philanthropists;
3. And by building multi-sector initiatives that can harness the power of philanthropy, markets, and governments.



The Big if True Science (BiTS) Accelerator is Renaissance Philanthropy's program for scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, and research leaders who want to build research programs that are bigger than any one lab, company, or traditional grant. BiTS teaches scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs how to turn an ambitious idea into a concrete, fundable program—through field exploration and idea refinement, program design and development, practical program execution, and tech translation.



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Early successes



2026 Japan Cohort



2026 Americas Cohort



2025 SPRIND Cohort



2025 ARIA Cohort

Less than 1 year after the first BiTS cohorts wrapped, alumni have:

- Launched over €70 million in R&D challenges at SPRIND, including a continuous hormone-monitoring challenge and a challenge on microbial consortia, both designed during BiTS.
- Others have founded unusually ambitious research organizations that have collectively raised tens of millions: for example, Biotic, a Focused Research Organization on synthetic cells, and Fourth Eon Biosecurity, a biosecurity nonprofit that was selected by OpenAI for frontier-model access through its Rosalind biodefense program.
- Another alumnus joined Google DeepMind to launch its first autonomous materials science lab, built on work developed at BiTS.



Extending BiTS to Health Solutions Science in Action

BiTS and Health Solutions Science in Action share the goal of turning evidence into better outcomes. We'll draw on BiTS concepts and tools to help you:

- **Define meaningful outcomes** in partnership with knowledge users
- **Build a coordinated plan** that aligns partners, activities, and resources
- **Set metrics and milestones** to guide progress toward impact within a defined timeline



BiTS

BiTS support for
Health Solutions
Science in Action
applicants

Webinar, October 19 at 3 PM ET:

Tutorial on designing a coordinated health
solutions science program

Virtual Office Hours, October 30 at 3 PM ET:

Address common questions, live interaction
with the BiTS team

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Questions

Read FAQs at: [**www.morethanmedicine.org/funding-opportunity**](http://www.morethanmedicine.org/funding-opportunity)

For other questions not addressed in the FAQ:
healthsolutions@dorisduke.org

Reminders and next steps

- FAQ updates and resources open to all applicants posted to **www.morethanmedicine.org/funding-opportunity**.
- Questions not addressed in the FAQ: healthsolutions@dorisduke.org – response within 3 business days.
- Optional webinar and office hours as resources for all – visit site for links to register.
- Stage 1 application deadline: 3 PM ET, November 18, 2026.
- Results of Stage 1 application emailed by early February 2027.

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