**BRAVE Application Questions FY26**

*The responses to these questions will be submitted electronically on the VA Technology Transfer Knowledge Management System Wellspring Sophia. This word version of the application question is provided as a courtesy to allow applicants to draft their applications.*

1. **Project information**
   1. PI Name
   2. PI Email
   3. Project Title
   4. Start Date
   5. End Date
   6. Total Funds Requested
   7. VA Medical Center Name
   8. VA Station Number
   9. Technology Transfer Specialist you worked with (drop down menu)
2. **Project Abstract:** Provide a brief lay description of your project (need, solution, project cost). Indicate the date of consult with TTS. (250 words)
3. **Supporting Figures:**
   1. Applicants may add up to three individual panels containing figures, graph, cartoons, data images, etc. to ensure the invention, the aims of the study, and/or key supporting date are clear. There must be an accompanying plain language figure legend describing any acronyms, labeled sections, or conclusions. **All of the figures and legends must fit onto two pages total, must be in 10 pt font using either Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia and must submit as a single pdf.** No other images will be reviewed. The following types of images are recommended but other image types may be included instead if they support your application.
      1. One image to describe the invention.
      2. One image to describe the most advanced or key data demonstrating the inventions use.
      3. One image to describe the planned studies.
4. **Intellectual Property**
   1. Title of the Invention Disclosure(s)
   2. VA Technology Invention Disclosure Number. Ask your Tech Transfer Specialist if you do not have this. *Note, the invention disclosure number will not start with a P, OP, or be a patent application number. The Invention disclosure number should be a year followed by a three-digit number, for example 2024-001*\*
   3. Is there any existing license, option to license, or any other agreement with the VA or the university affiliate (e.g. sponsored research agreement, CDA/NDA, MTA) related to this technology? Discuss with your University Affiliate (if applicable) and VA Tech Transfer Specialist to confirm.
5. **Background, Significance, Unmet Veteran or Civilian Need and Solution**
   1. Provide a summary understanding of the problem to be solved and/or the quality-of-life issue to be addressed by your invention. ***(Limit to 100 words)***
   2. Provide a summary of the standard of care and/or currently available solutions. (Limit to 100 words)
   3. Provide a description of your technological solution.  ***(Limit to 100 words)***
   4. Describe the current state of your research thus far completed. What has been done, if anything, to test this technology. ***(Limit to 250 words)***
   5. Describe the population that this technology would serve. Provide information about the number of potential patients that could be impacted and the type of patient (veteran, general population, etc.) ***(Limit to 100 words)***
   6. Provide a lay description of the study or experiment set to be performed using BRAVE funds**. TTP recommends focusing on a single, short-term, aim/objective/outcome and a technical approach aligned with the intent of the BRAVE funding program.*****(Limit to 100 words)***
   7. Explain why this study or experiment set was selected and how it may advance the technology along the commercialization journey. Studies or experiments that lead to a "pursue, pivot, or pause" decision are encouraged. ***(Limit to 350 words)***
6. **Risk**
   1. Describe the technical risk, decision points, and risk mitigation efforts in executing the technical plan and achieving the desired goals. This includes the likelihood that the proposed study will answer the commercial question, the risk to patients (if applicable), etc. ***(Limit to 200 words)***
7. **Potential Commercial Partners**
   1. Include 2-3 potential licensees for this technology. Do not initiate contact with these companies, TTP will reach out to these companies when appropriate.
   2. Has there been previous communication with a company related to the commercial development of this technology? Yes/No
   3. Has this technology participated in the VA-TEAMS program, technology or market review process, or grant review process that would have provided feedback? Yes/No
   4. Provide a summary of the feedback identified in b and c immediately above. Describe the feedback received and how it will be incorporated into this project if funded.
8. **Proposed Budget Justification and Timeline:**
   1. Attach an itemized budget including an explanation/justification for each line item. (Use the attached Appendix A Budget Template – you will attach as a pdf file)
   2. Attach a detailed project timeline, including milestones, planned reviews and estimated completion date. GANTT style charts are encouraged. You will upload this as a pdf file. **Projects should take 6 to 9 months to account for the time required to complete the just in time process.**
   3. If the proposal requests more than $100K or with timelines exceeding 9 months, will be subject to additional scrutiny. Provide a compelling narrative. Budgets will be reviewed to ensure the costs are commensurate with the project aims and outcome. For example, if a prototype cost is $25,000, then that amount should be requested. Budget and Timeline feasibility will be part of the review process.

**\*Certify that the above information is accurate and correct, and that the funding proposal does not overlap with any current or previously funded research.**

**NOTE: Applications must be completed according to all instructions. Any applications not adhering to the instructions will not be considered for funding.**