



# CSL's Core Interests for Collaboration

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# CSL at a Glance



40+

**Countries** of operations  
around the world

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US\$13.3

**Billion** in annual revenue

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US\$5.1

**Billion** in R&D investments in the last  
5 years to advance product pipeline

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32,000+

**Employees** around the world

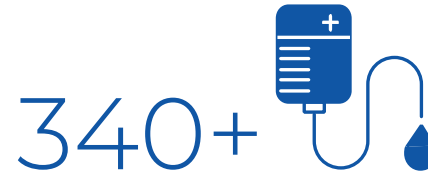
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2000+

**R&D** employees

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340+

**Plasma collection** centres across  
China, Europe and North America

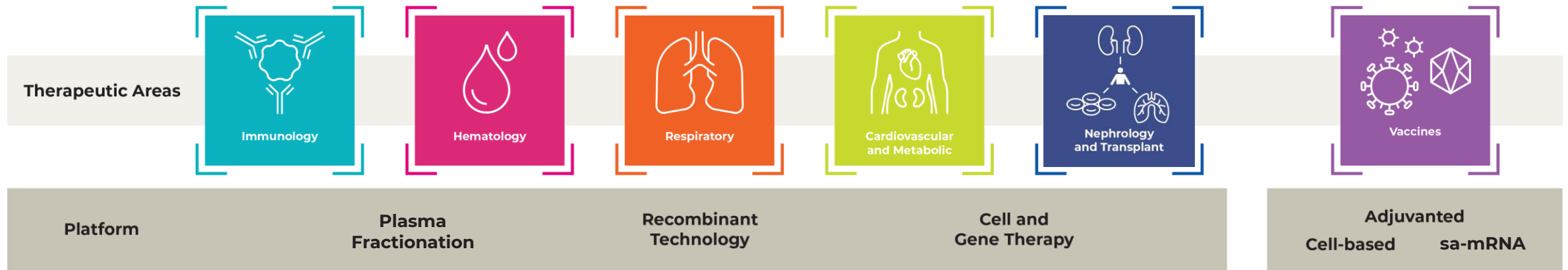
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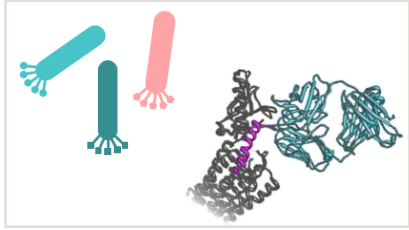
# Top 25 Biotech Companies of 2023

Rank	Company	Ticker Symbol	Market Cap (US\$ Billion)
1	Novo Nordisk	NOVO-B (CPH)	371.64
2	Thermo Fisher Scientific	TMO (NASD)	210.51
3	Amgen	AMGN (NASD)	126.31
<b>4</b>	<b>CSL Ltd</b>	<b>CSL (ASX)</b>	<b>101.4 B</b>
5	Gilead Sciences Inc	GILD (NASD)	99.98
6	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	VRTX (NASD)	88.83
7	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	REGN (NASD)	87.64
8	Daiichi Sankyo	4568 (TOKYO SE)	69.55
9	Moderna	MRAN (NASD)	50.56
10	Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine Co Ltd	600276 (SHSE)	46.31
11	Chugai Pharmaceutical	4519 (TOKYO SE)	45.86
12	Biogen	BIIB (NASD)	44.69
13	Lonza	LONN (SWX)	44.33
14	Samsung Biologics	207940 (KRX KE)	44.12
15	Agilent Technologies	A (NYSE)	40.08
16	Seagan	SGEN (NASD)	37.5
17	Illumina	ILMN (NASD)	30.79
18	WuXi App Tec	603259 (SSEC)	29.33
19	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	SUNPHARMA (NSE)	28.73
20	BeiGene	BGNE (NASD);06160 (HKE); 688235 (STAR SSEC)	27.50

# CSL's Core Therapeutic Areas & Platforms



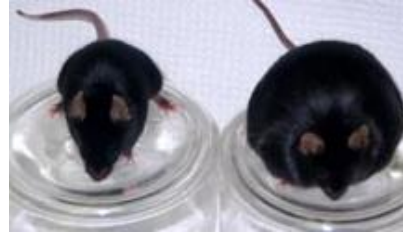
# Capabilities from Discovery to Patients



Antibody Discovery and Protein Engineering



In vitro pharmacology



Animal Models of Disease



Toxicology & Product Development



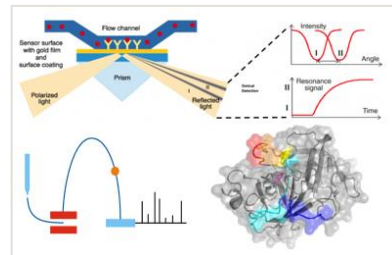
Patients

## R&D CAPABILITIES

## CLINICAL CAPABILITIES



Protein production and purification



Analytical Biochemistry



Translational Medicine & Data Science



Phase I-III/Launch Manufacturing

# CSL's Research Acceleration Initiative

**Objective:** to build relationships with entrepreneurial researchers and fastrack discovery of innovative medicines that address unmet needs

**Why?** Early collaborations with high quality academic partners are key to building a sustainable pipeline

CSL's RAI provides a differentiated approach to partnering:

- ✓ Up to USD \$400,000 funding over 2 years
- ✓ CSL scientific champion assigned to each project
- ✓ Focused on early-stage projects
- ✓ Simple and fast 300-word initial application
- ✓ Clear and transparent timelines



## CSL Research Acceleration Initiative

Seeking Expressions of Interest from Research Organizations

CSL is a leading global biotech company that develops and delivers innovative biotherapies to help people living with life-threatening medical conditions live full lives.

CSL's **Research Acceleration Initiative** aims to fast-track discovery of innovative biotherapies through partnerships between CSL and global research organizations. These partnerships provide funding and access to industry experts for scientists working on novel biotherapeutic strategies in CSL's therapeutic areas.

**Expressions of interest** are sought from Business Development / Commercialization representatives across global research organizations that wish to participate in the 2024 CSL Research Acceleration Initiative.

The 2024 Research Acceleration Initiative will focus on innovative research projects that address unmet medical needs and are aligned with CSL's **Therapeutic Areas** and scientific **Platforms**:

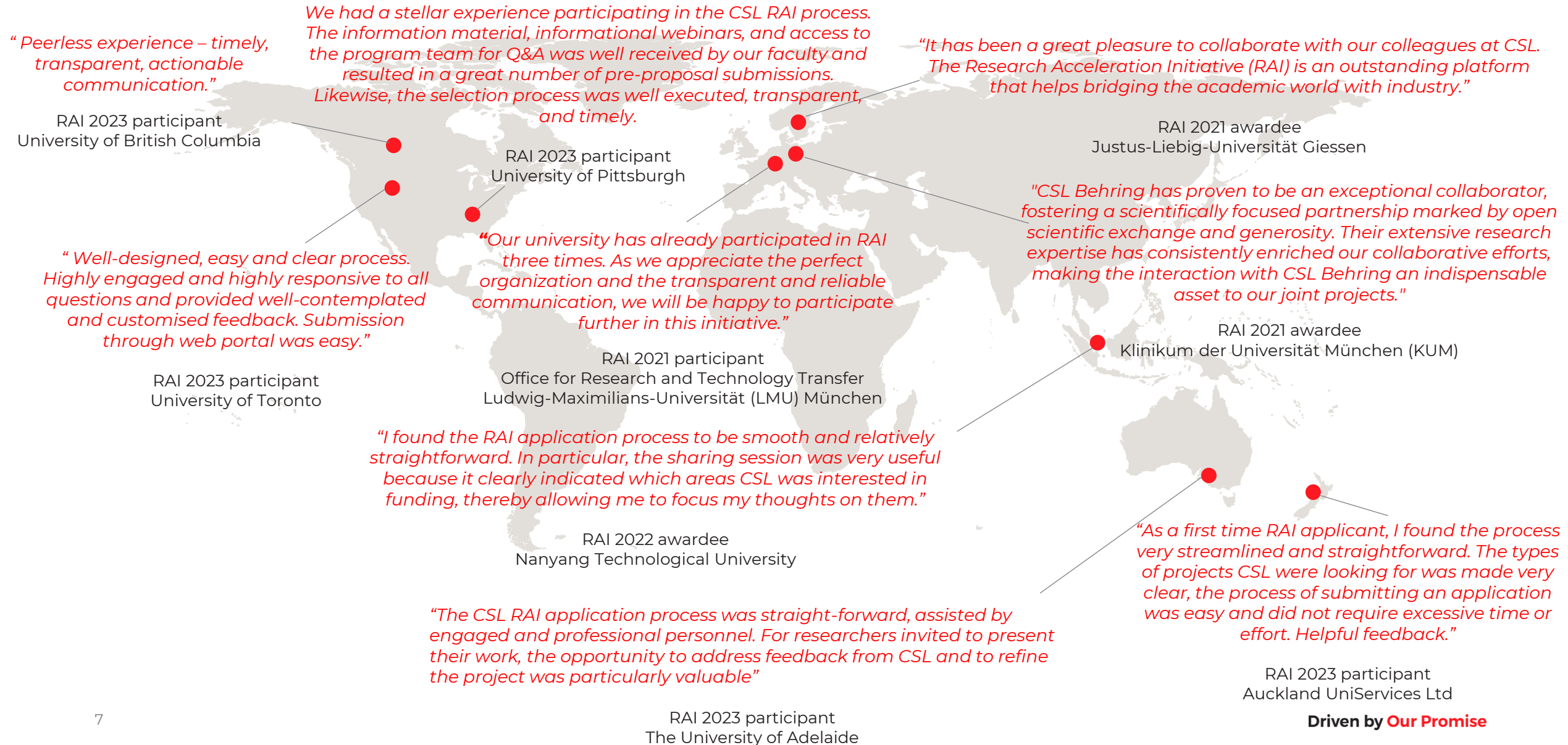


### WHY COLLABORATE WITH CSL?

-   
**Global capabilities** on your doorstep.
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**Work** with one of the world's leading biotech companies.
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**Funding** for successful proposals.
-   
**Access** to commercial R&D, clinical, intellectual property, marketing and manufacturing expertise.
-   
**Accelerate** translation of your research to deliver new therapies to patients.

To register your research organisation please email [RAI@csl.com.au](mailto:RAI@csl.com.au) by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# CSL has invested in 30+ RAI partnerships since 2019





# SEVEN NEW CSL RESEARCH

# 7

## ACCELERATION INITIATIVE AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

**Dr Laurent Martinez**

Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases (I2MC), IHU HealthAge, INSERM / University of Toulouse, France

**Prof. Delphine Borgel**

INSERM - APHP - Université Paris SACLAY, France

**Prof. Denis Vivien**

INSERM / Caen Normandie University Hospital, France

**Research Director Benoit Salomon**

INSERM / University of Toulouse, France

**Assoc Prof. Tan Meng How**

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**Prof. Elisa Laurenti**

University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

**Prof. Leon Schulte**

Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany



Driven by **Our Promise**

# CSL



# Benefits of CSL's Research Acceleration Initiative



**Collaborate**  
with one of the world's  
leading biotech  
companies



**Publish with CSL**  
200+ publications  
with our collaborators  
since 2020



**Funding**  
of up to  
\$400,000 USD  
over 2 years



**Access expertise**  
CSL scientific champion  
assigned to provide you  
with industry guidance



**Recognition**  
Awardees may use title  
"CSL Research Acceleration  
Initiative Fellow"



**Accelerate**  
the translation of  
your research into  
new therapies

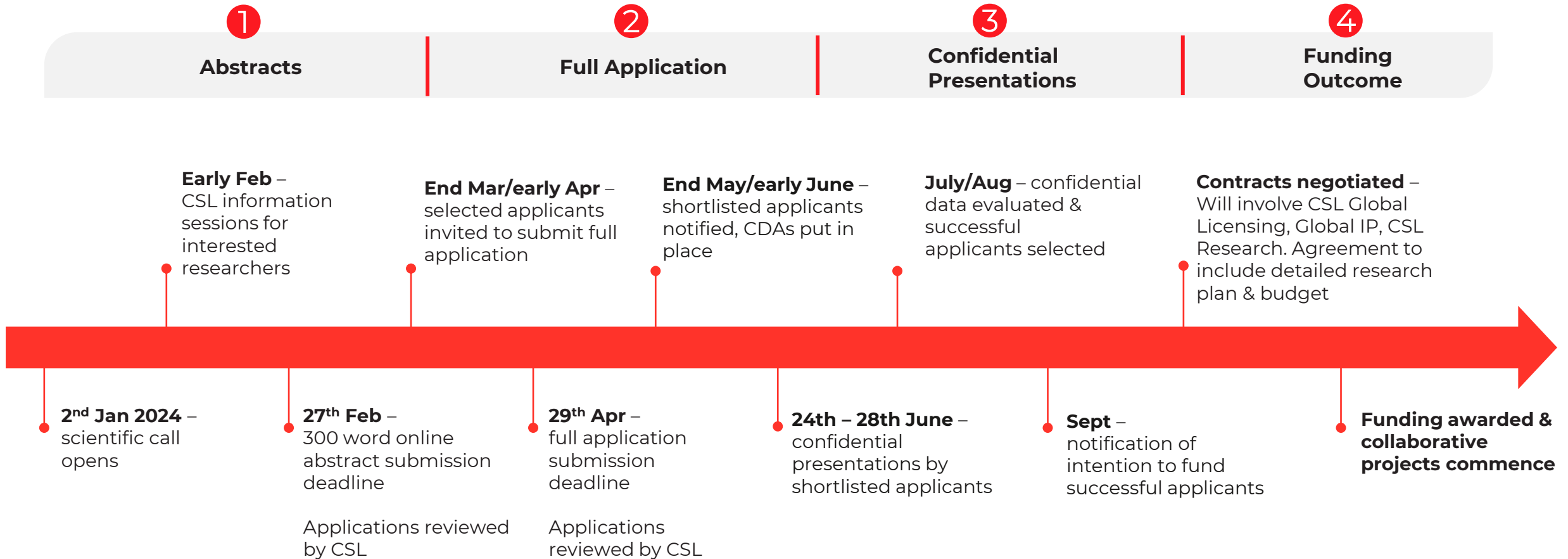


**Access global capabilities**  
in R&D, clinical, intellectual  
property, manufacturing  
and commercial



**Demonstrate impact**  
of your research to  
funding bodies via  
industry collaboration

# CSL 2024 Research Acceleration Initiative Process



*No obligation for registered organizations to submit applications*

*No limitation on number of abstracts each registered organization can submit*

# What makes for a competitive proposal?

- ✓ Aligned with our focus areas and modalities (slides 30-37)
- ✓ Project is clearly defined (as opposed to a general overview of the applicant's research interests)
- ✓ Focused on a novel target or therapeutic candidate
- ✓ Clear differentiation of approach from competitors and current standard of care
- ✓ Research team has capacity and expertise to complete the bulk of the experimental work over the course of the program (with CSL guidance and support)
- ✓ If third party IP is required, ensure your research organization has secured all necessary rights to grant CSL an exclusive option to negotiate an exclusive, worldwide licence



# Examples of activities funded in previous RAI partnerships

- ✓ Human target validation and translational studies using patient samples
- ✓ Mechanism of action studies for therapeutic candidates
- ✓ Benchmarking to provide proof-of-concept for the differentiation of novel therapeutics to standard-of-care or competing therapeutics in development
- ✓ Target validation using genetic knock-out/knock-in or tool compounds in preclinical disease models
- ✓ Characterization of therapeutic candidates (e.g. affinity, potency, selectivity, and developability)

# What is involved for participating research organizations?



## Abstracts

- Internal promotion of initiative (*CSL to provide flyer*)
- Promotion of CSL information sessions/webinars for interested researchers
- Provide abstract submission portal link to researchers
- Discuss proposals with interested scientists ahead of 300-word abstract submission deadline



## Full Application

- Support shortlisted researchers with preparation of full proposal via CSL RAI application form
- Ensure no disclosure of confidential information prior to submission of applications to CSL



## Confidential Presentations

- Facilitation of CDA
- Assist with scheduling of confidential presentations to CSL









## Funding Outcome

- Contract negotiation
- Preparation of detailed research plan and budget in partnership with CSL

Connect CSL with the appropriate internal contact(s) for each stage of the process

# Checklist for 2024 Research Acceleration Initiative

-  Register your research organization by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 by emailing [RAI@csl.com.au](mailto:RAI@csl.com.au) (NB: 2023 participants are automatically re-enrolled)
-  Update your organization's primary contact details if required
-  CSL will provide flyer with primary contact details for promotion within your research organizations
-  CSL will provide the link to the online abstract submission portal
-  CSL will provide you with invitations to information webinars to share with interested researchers – webinars will be held in Feb 2024
-  Online portal opens for abstract submissions by researchers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 and closes on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024





## Immunology



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### Novel targets or best-in-class biologic therapeutics addressing:

1. B cell and plasma cell depletion or inhibition
2. Regulatory T cell stimulation & T cell modulation/tolerization
3. Inhibition of effector T cells or T follicular helper cells (e.g., immune checkpoint agonism or co-stimulatory antagonism)
4. Depletion/modulation of innate immune effector cells
5. Modulation of cytokines, chemokines, or TNF super family members, particularly approaches enabling multi-pathway inhibition

### Autoimmune diseases:

Novel targets or biologic therapies for the treatment of Inflammatory Idiopathic Myopathies including Dermatomyositis, Primary Sjögren's Syndrome, Pemphigus Vulgaris and Bullous Pemphigoid

### Alternatives to plasma-derived immunoglobulins

Next generation synthetic or recombinant solutions for generating immunoglobulins (i.e. not derived from human plasma)

### Not of interest:

Target discovery campaigns or platforms, intracellular targets, complement inhibition



## Hematology



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### Acute hemorrhage control and hemorrhagic stroke

1. Novel biologic therapies to treat and prevent acute hemorrhage (e.g. intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH), reversal of anti-coagulation/anti-platelet associated bleeding)
2. Novel biologic targets and therapies for the treatment of secondary brain injury in subarachnoid hemorrhage and ICH
3. Omics approaches for patient stratification and drug discovery

### Acute thrombotic conditions (macro- and micro-circulation)

1. Novel biologic therapies for targeted fibrinolysis/thrombolysis in acute thrombosis (ischemic stroke, pulmonary embolism)
2. Novel biologic therapies to treat and prevent microvascular thrombosis and endotheliopathies (e.g. TMAs, APS and DIC).

### Benign hematology adjacencies\*

1. Novel biologic therapies for the treatment of anemias
2. Novel biologic therapies to treat bone marrow disorders



## Respiratory



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### **Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), pulmonary sarcoidosis and progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF)**

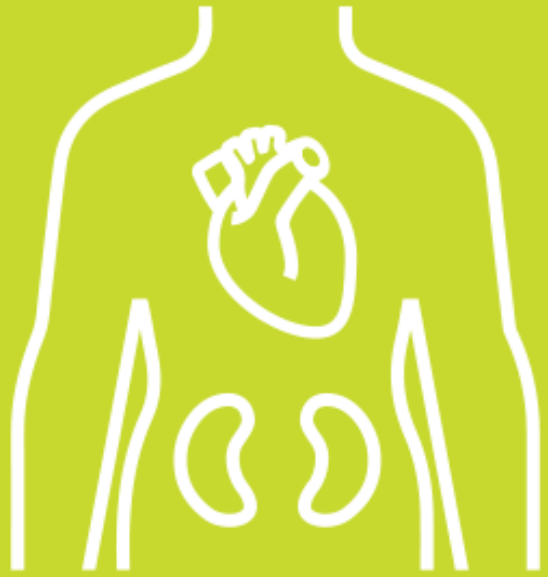
1. Novel biologic therapies or target proposals derived from translational or biobank cohorts
2. Therapies targeted at reversing remodelling of fibrotic lung tissue
3. Multiomics-based approaches to target discovery

### **Community acquired pneumonia (CAP)-associated complications**

(Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), Sepsis, Acute kidney injury)

1. Novel biologic therapies or target proposals derived from translational or biobank cohorts
2. In Silico approaches for patient stratification to delineate CAP patients at risk for ARDS/Sepsis/AKI





## Cardiovascular and Metabolic



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event (MACE) prevention

Atherosclerotic plaque stabilization in severe disease

### Rare lipid disorders

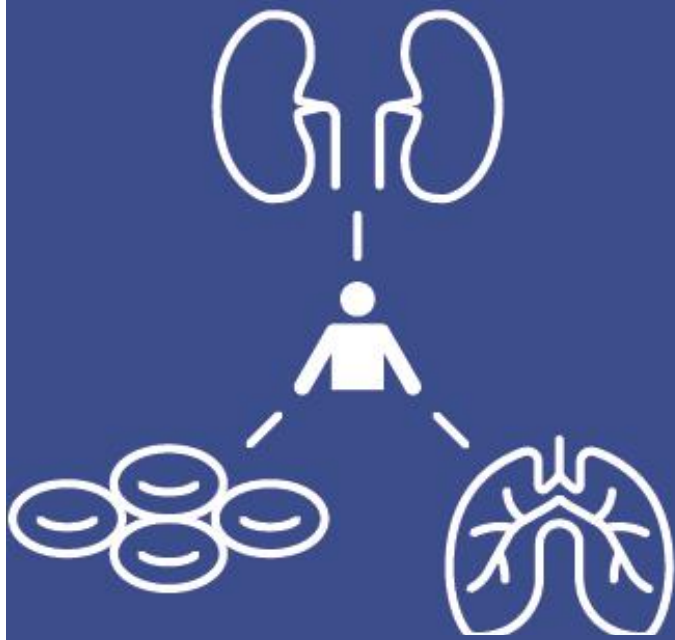
Novel targets or biologic therapies (including gene therapies) for rare lipid disorders e.g. homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia

### Myocarditis

Novel targets or biologic therapies for myocarditis  
Biomarker approaches for patient stratification

### Inflammatory cardiomyopathies

Novel targets or biologic therapies for inflammatory cardiomyopathies



## Nephrology and Transplant



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### **Acute and chronic solid organ transplant rejection (kidney/lung) therapies**

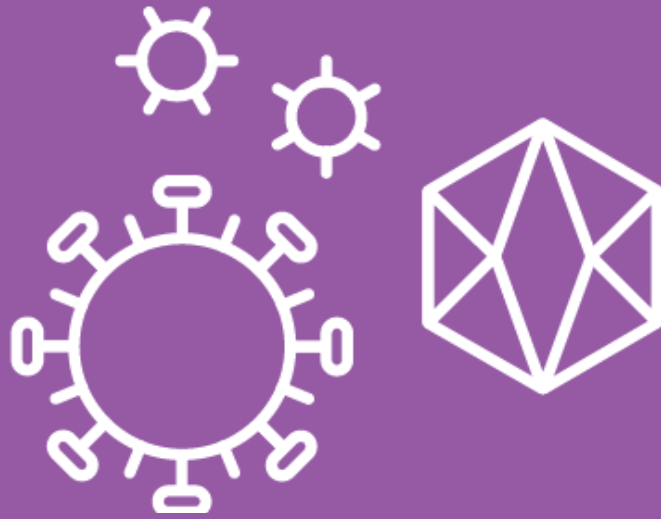
Novel biologic therapies or targets to prevent or treat acute and chronic solid organ transplant rejection of the kidney and lung

### **Chronic graft versus host disease (GvHD)**

Novel biologic therapies for the treatment and prevention of chronic GvHD

### **Tolerance for organ transplant rejection**

Novel biologic therapies for the induction of tolerance to prevent or treat organ transplant rejection



# Vaccines



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### Respiratory vaccines

1. New antigenic targets (epitopes or combinations)
2. Methods (e.g. AI/machine learning) to predict respiratory viral evolution/pathogenicity to inform vaccine development

### New vaccine targets

Development of novel targets/approaches for any disease

### RNA delivery and therapeutics

1. RNA delivery, enhanced stability, route of administration and/or expression strategies
2. mRNA-encoded protein therapies encompassing cellular targeting technologies

### Immune mechanisms

Understanding innate and adaptive responses to vaccines



## Cell & Gene Therapy



# Core interests for early stage partnering

## Gene editing / genomics

1. Improve insertional editing efficiencies *in vivo*
2. Genetic elements enhancing regulation of cells of the immune system (e.g., promoters and enhancers)

## In vivo Delivery

1. Delivering nucleic acid templates for insertional gene editing
2. Targeting moiety for HSCs

## GT safety

Technologies that minimize SAEs from insertional gene editing

## Areas not of interest

- Oncology (including hematological malignancies)
- Ex vivo cell therapy



## Plasma Protein Research



## Core interests for early stage partnering

### Novel plasma therapeutic candidates

1. All diseases considered. Candidates aligned with CSL's therapeutic areas will be prioritized
2. CSL can provide native human plasma proteins ( $\geq \mu\text{g/L}$  plasma concentration) for preclinical proof-of-concept studies

### Novel association of plasma protein function with disease

1. Based on healthy and patient clinical data sets, or
2. Access to patient data sets with corresponding clinical data to enable association studies to be performed

### Novel methods for plasma protein purification

Protein purification systems capable of targeted purification from plasma with high purity at research scale (methods translatable to manufacturing scale will be prioritized)



# RAI Agreement Guidance



Separate collaboration agreements will be negotiated for each project which reflect the nature of the project, nature of funding and support, and the contributions of both parties



Under these negotiated agreements, CSL will be granted certain rights of interest to the program results for further R&D and/or commercialization



Collaboration agreements will typically include the following terms (although CSL may propose other conditions depending on the nature of the project):

- *Research organization will generally own results arising under the project*
  - CSL would typically own any results which relate to proprietary CSL products or materials contributed to the project or may seek joint-ownership of results to which it has made a significant contribution (e.g. protein or antibody discovery and engineering activities).
  - The RAI is designed to accelerate the translation of novel discoveries made by research scientists – for proposals outside this scope, we may propose that projects be progressed outside the RAI
- *CSL will be granted an exclusive option to negotiate an exclusive, worldwide licence*
- *CSL supports publication of research outcomes*

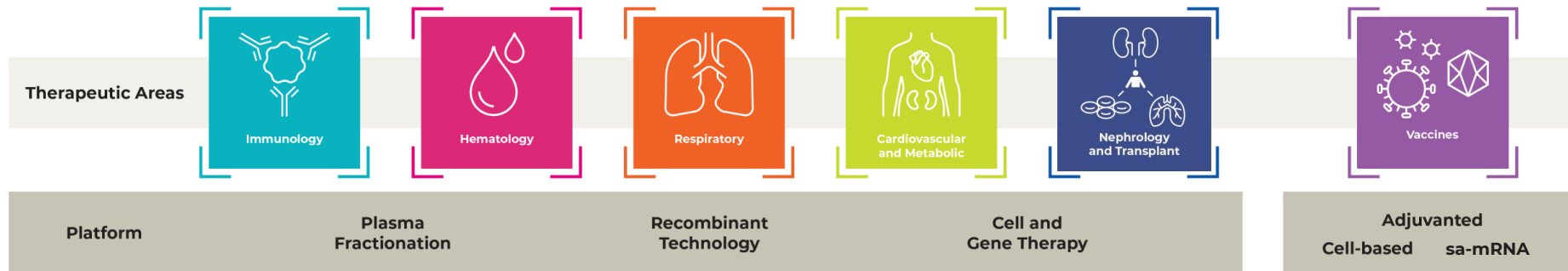


Further details on agreement terms can be provided on request

# RAI Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, researchers/clinicians must satisfy the following 2 conditions:


1. Be employed by a research organization registered to participate in the 2024 Research Acceleration Initiative
2. Submit a 300-word online abstract that is aligned with CSL's Therapeutic Areas and scientific Platforms:



*Specific indications of focus within each TA are provided on slides 30-37.*

# RAI Abstract submission via online portal

## Step 1/2 - Lead Investigator Information


 Fields with \* are mandatory

First Name *	Salutation
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Last Name *	Job Title *
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## Step 2/2 - Describe your opportunity and confirm submission

Please describe and categorize your opportunity.

 Fields with \* are mandatory

Proposal Title \*

Therapeutic Area \*

Cardiovascular & Metabolic	Hematology	Immunology
Respiratory	Transplant	
Not specific to a Therapeutic Area (e.g. platform technology)		

Indications \*

Modality \*

Plasma	Recombinant (incl. antibodies)	Gene therapy
Cell therapy	Peptide	Extracellular vesicles
Oligonucleotide (siRNA, asRNA, ncRNA)	Small molecule	Other modality


Project Description (max. 300 words) \*

Example of what to include in Project Description: "We have discovered a novel target expressed on X cells. We have generated data in X assay(s) and/or X model(s). We have shown the mechanism of action is mediated via X pathway(s). Inhibition of this target could be used to treat X indication(s). This novel strategy could address an important unmet need for patients and be superior to standard of care and other therapeutics in development for reasons X, X and X."

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