

## **ESPID-Biomerieux Small Grant Award on Diagnostics**

In order to be eligible for this award, proposals must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

1. Research directed at clinical management of pediatric infectious diseases with use of **molecular syndromic testing**
2. Research that demonstrates the role of **molecular syndrome-based pediatric infectious disease testing** and potential impact on patient care
3. Health Service research with the goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare delivery due to the use of **molecular syndromic infectious disease testing** in a pediatric population

For the purposes of this award “Molecular Syndromic Testing” is defined as:

Using a molecular diagnostic assay to detect pathogen DNA/RNA from a broad group (panel) of probable pathogens which can cause similar illness syndromes, to maximize the chance of getting the right answer in a clinically relevant timeframe. Examples where syndromic testing can have an added value: Acute respiratory tract infections, Gastrointestinal infections, Meningitis

**Please note that funding will not be provided for diagnostic test development, and any such applications will be considered ineligible.**