

ACP PROGRAMME FUNDING GLOBAL HEALTH PROJECTS GUIDELINES

Objective:

To promote interest in and provide opportunities for global health projects in the region.

General Information

1. The SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (SDGHI) aims to address pressing health challenges and develop future leaders in global health through innovative solutions, programmes and partnerships, particularly in Southeast Asia.
2. SDGHI seeks to make a substantial contribution to improving health outcomes and reducing the burden of disease through support of evidence-based research and educational activities in the region.
3. SDGHI strives to develop health policy excellence on important global health issues such as universal health coverage, health security and substandard and counterfeit drugs.
4. SDGHI is developing comprehensive education and training programmes to provide the next generation of global health leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to meet future global health challenges.

Grant Call

5. SDGHI invites interdisciplinary teams led by a faculty associated with a SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Clinical Programme (ACP) to submit research, policy, education and capacity building proposals that support the objectives of the SDGHI priority areas listed below.
6. The overall aim of the grant call is to bolster efforts that enable ASEAN countries to be better prepared to respond to pandemics and epidemics in the region by building a strong evidence base on relevant topics. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued uncertainty regarding travel restrictions, it is recognised that global health projects will be considered for support as long as the PIs can work with overseas collaborators on the projects.
7. SDGHI seeks to stimulate research collaborations, with the larger goal of enabling investigators to leverage preliminary findings and data to obtain larger awards of external funding. Teams including new investigators and investigators new to global health are encouraged. Proposals that support and describe a sustainable line of global health research, policy and/or educational opportunities will be prioritised.
8. Proposals must be for either one or more of the following activities 1)Research 2)Education 3)Policy 4)Capacity Building in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) in Asia (with preference given to research conducted in ASEAN countries).

A list of ASEAN countries can be found at <https://asean.org/asean/asean-member-states/> and a list of LMICs can be found at <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>.

9. Applicants should describe plans for how the results generated will be applied to future external funding, as this will be an important criterion in the review. All proposals will be peer reviewed and selection will be based on academic/scientific merit, feasibility of implementation, alignment to academic medicine and SDGHI objectives and long-term impact of the proposal.
10. Applications must include letters of support from a co-Principal Investigator and a senior administrator from the collaborating institute in the partner country(s).
11. Proposals should define clear and measurable deliverables that will contribute to the advancement of knowledge in academic medicine.
12. Applicants must attach a copy of their latest resume/CV (in any conventional format) as a separate document while submitting their application. CV of all the main members of the research team must be submitted (including that of the Principal Investigator, co-Principal Investigator, co-Investigator).
13. Each submission should be made using the prescribed ACP Programme Funding Application Form.
14. Each proposal should be budgeted up to a maximum of S\$50,000 in quantum and can be for one year or multi-year, up to 3 years. The total quantum allocated for global health programmes is approximately S\$300,000 for each year.
15. For budget request, expenditure related to activities required to implement the approved Global Health projects may be included for funding support. Such expenditure may include costs related to travel to the project sites to undertake project work/assignment, site visits, conducting research, purchase of supplies for projects, publication of journals, patent application. Non-supportable expenditure will include overseas travel expenses for the purposes of attending overseas conferences/seminars and the costs of hiring faculty.

SDGHI Research Priority Areas

Strategic Area 1: Communicable diseases

- Influenza and other respiratory pathogens
- Dengue, zika and other vector borne diseases
- One Health (<http://www.onehealthglobal.net/what-is-one-health/>)

Strategic Area 2: Non-communicable diseases

- Cancer: focus on Asian populations
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Paediatric autoimmune diseases
- Eye disease

Strategic Area 3: Health systems strengthening

- Management of chronic diseases
- Models of primary care
- Organisation and delivery of essential maternal and child health services
- Social and medical needs of ageing populations
- Emergency medicine: both within hospital and out of hospital responses
- Governance and financing for Universal Health Coverage
- Access to essential medicines and devices