



**UNIVERSITAS SUMATERA UTARA-  
SINGHEALTH DUKE-NUS GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE  
PILOT GRANT**

# Addressing Global Health Challenges in Asia Together

The **USU-SDGHI Pilot Grant** seeks to support and encourage interdisciplinary teams led by USU and SDGHI Faculty members to undertake Global Health projects that address pressing health challenges in Indonesia and in the region.

## Our Aims & Objectives

The SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (SDGHI) and the Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU) aim to address pressing health challenges and develop future leaders in global health in Indonesia.

Through this joint grant call, we hope to encourage cross collaboration between both institutions 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 Indonesia.

## Grant Proposals

In an effort and commitment to support the Global Health efforts between SDGHI and USU, we invite interdisciplinary teams led by USU Faculty and SDGHI Faculty to submit grant proposals that meet the aims and objectives outlined above.

Proposals submitted must be aligned to any one or more of the following core area of focus. Examples of such proposals may be found in **Appendix A**.

- Policy
- Research
- Innovation Science
- Education
- Health System Enhancement

In evaluating proposals, priority will be given to submissions that meet majority of the following criteria:

- Responds to pressing health challenges faced in Indonesia and/or low-middle-income countries (LMICs) in Asia
- Cross-disciplinary
- Show potential to scale
- Show potential for sustainability
- Opportunity to collaborate and/or deepen a partnership with SDGHI and/or USU
- Include team members that are new to global health

## Funding

The following are broad terms relating to the grant. Additional terms and conditions will be provided upon award of the grant:

- The grant is capped at IDR 500 million.
- The duration of the project may not exceed 12 months but allowance may be given on a case-by-case basis.
- The grant award may be used to cover project expenses such as support for technicians and research assistants (capped at 15% of total budget), other similar allowable expenses, and travel expenses such as those identified below:
  - Return economy airfare
  - Accommodation for the project duration
  - Daily living allowance
  - Travel insurance (if not already covered by the University)
  - Health check-ups/vaccinations, if required by the country

Travel expenses, if any, should be compliant with the University's overseas travel policy.

- Capacity building activities (e.g. focus group discussions, workshops, seminars etc), if included, should be capped at 25% of the total budget.
- The grant award may not be used for faculty salaries, travel to scientific meetings and/or conferences, and travel not related to the proposed project.
- Equipment purchases, if any, in excess of IDR 50 million, inclusive of prevailing GST, shall require additional approval.
- The grant can only be used for purposes included in the budget at the point of grant submission.
- All unutilised funds at the end of the project must be returned within 3 months after the end of the project.

## Expected Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the project, applicants are expected to produce at least one scientific publication with USU/SDGHI affiliation. You may also be required to assist in writing about your project and/or share about it through USU/SDGHI's communication platforms and channels.

## Eligibility

This grant is open to all SDGHI and USU Faculty members.

## Application Process & Schedule

Grant calls will be made in August each year, with final decisions communicated to the applicant two months after the close of the application period.

We encourage you to review the [USU-SDGHI Pilot Grant Evaluation Rubrics](#) to understand how we evaluate each proposal submission.

All proposals should be submitted using the [USU-SDGHI Pilot Grant Application Form](#) and its supporting documents [in a single PDF](#) to [rcc@usu.ac.id](mailto:rcc@usu.ac.id) with the subject line "USU-SDGHI Pilot Grant Submission"

## For Enquiries

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## Appendix A - Examples of proposals under each area of focus

### Policy

- Assessment of the enabling environment and regulatory policy landscape to improve access to medications
- Identifying and improving bottlenecks in the supply-chain mechanism of essential health products
- Comparing COVID-19 mitigation strategies across ASEAN countries

### Research

- Exploratory study on integrated primary care of co-management of chronic diseases
- Landscape mapping of genomic sequencing capacities for pathogen surveillance in the region
- Investigating the risk of human disease from parasites of small mammals and bats

### Innovation Science

- Scoping of new frugal innovations developed during the COVID-19 pandemic in the region
- Adopting a community based mental health service delivery model from the region: a case of reverse innovation

### Clinical/Health System Enhancement

- Designing an assessment tool for developing pre-hospital emergency systems
- Capacity building for clinical leadership and nursing management
- Increasing Accessibility of Laparoscopic Surgery in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

### Education

- Review of the global health educational efforts and initiatives in Southeast Asia
- Developing a shared global health curriculum among Southeast Asian global health institutes
- Needs assessment among medical residents to integrate global health to existing clinical training curriculum