



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 topics 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 range from 1 year to a maximum of 3 years. **New*
- 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.

Applicants who have previously received funding may still be considered if they apply for specific or new areas of interest. However, priority will be given to those who have not yet been awarded. ***New**

Applicants with ongoing projects will not be eligible for a new grant until their current project is completed or nearing completion, provided no extension request is made. ***New**

Applicants may resubmit the same proposal up to two times if the previous application was unsuccessful. ***New**

Applicants are not permitted to submit the same proposal to multiple small grant programs within the same grant call period. This policy helps ensure fair and equitable distribution of funding and avoids potential issues related to duplicate funding. ***New**

The Review Committee may prioritise emerging research topics for further research in areas not already funded. ***New**

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 with the subject line "USU-SDGHI Pilot Grant Submission"

For Enquiries

For queries, connect with us at rcc@usu.ac.id

Appendix A - Examples of topics under our core area of focus **New*

Proposals submitted must align with at least one topic from our core areas of focus.

- **Global Health, including health policy and systems:** This includes topics on health equity, the social determinants of health, population and preventive health, primary care access and uptake, and other neglected global health issues
- **Global Health Innovation:** Research that accelerates access to healthcare in Indonesia through novel programmes and technologies
- **Regulatory/Legal Frameworks:** Investigates the governance and regulation of health services, or the determinants of health, and the impact on health outcomes
- **Health Services and Systems Research:** This encompasses the organisation, delivery, and financing of healthcare services to improve their effectiveness
- **Disease Prevention and Surveillance:** Research on communicable and non-communicable disease surveillance, prevention, and control
- **Climate Change and Environmental Health:** Cross-disciplinary research on the impact of climate change and environmental issues on human populations, and solutions to better protect both ecosystems and human health
- **Education:** Includes the improvement or development of global health educational efforts, or assessments of the impact of existing training programmes