

## SINGHEALTH DUKE-NUS GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE PILOT GRANT

# Seed Your Global Health Research Interests

The SDGHI Pilot Grant seeks to support and encourage interdisciplinary teams led by a SDGHI Faculty to undertake Global Health projects that address pressing health challenges in Asia.

### Our Aims & Objectives

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 Asia.

We seek 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.

Through this research and training programmes, we are providing the next generation of global health leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to meet global health challenges.

### Grant Proposals

To support the global health efforts within the Academic Medical Centre (AMC), we invite interdisciplinary teams led by a member of SDGHI Faculty to submit grant proposals that meet the aim and objectives outlined above.

Proposals submitted must be aligned to any one or more of our core areas 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 by low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in Asia
- Cross-disciplinary
- Demonstrates potential for scalability
- Demonstrates potential for sustainability
- Provides an opportunity to collaborate and/or deepen a partnership with an LMIC institute
- Includes team members that are new to global health

## Funding

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

- The funding quantum capped at SGD 50,000 per project (no indirect cost will be supported).
- Project duration should be no longer than 36 months.
- All unexpended funds for the project **MUST** be returned to SDGHI within 3 months of completion of the project.
- Funding can be utilised overseas, provided that the Host Institute (HI) has the necessary administrative support to facilitate the reimbursement or transfer of funds to the overseas partner(s).
- Applicants may include additional project expenses that are not listed in the fundable items, provided they are not on the non-fundable items list. This is subject to Duke-NUS review and approval. Please refer to the list of fundable and non-fundable direct cost items in Annex 1.

## Expected Outcomes

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

## Eligibility

- This grant is open to all SDGHI 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 has been 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 helps ensure fair and equitable distribution of grant funds and avoids the potential for duplicate funding. [\[NEW\]](#)

## Key Considerations [\[NEW\]](#)

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

Proposals should focus on addressing pressing regional health challenges while ensuring a positive return on investment, including by:

- **Strengthening existing partnerships:** for example, collaboration with SDGHI's Regional Collaborating Centres (RCCs)
- **Fostering new partnerships:** Engagement with partners from LMICs as a priority, with clear letters of support required to accompany applications.
- **Initiating new and emerging areas of work:** Proposals should support the development of innovative projects and research.
- **Securing additional resources post-completion:** The aim of seed grants is to kick-start efforts which can lead to subsequent extramural funding. Proposals should articulate plans for future support and sustainability as appropriate.
- **Ensuring scalability:** Interventions proposed should ideally be adopted and scaled up without substantive additional external resources

- **Building sustainable local capacity:** Ensure efforts are not one-time missions but contribute to long-term capacity building.
- **Ensuring Financial Prudence for Partners:** Design budgets that are balanced and not solely focused on Singapore or travel grants. At the same time, the proposal should include defined roles for the institutions or individuals applying for the funds

## Application Process & Schedule

<b>3 March 2025</b>	Start of grant call
<b>25 April 2025</b>	Close of grant call
<b>May to July 2025</b>	Review of grant proposals Announcement of grant outcome via email
<b>August 2025</b>	Proposed project start date

- You are encouraged to review the [SDGHI Pilot Grant Evaluation Rubrics](#) to understand how proposals are being evaluated.
- The proposal must be submitted using the [SDGHI Pilot Grant Application Form](#).
- All supporting documents should be combined in a single PDF with the Application Form and emailed to [sdghi@duke-nus.edu.sg](mailto:sdghi@duke-nus.edu.sg) with the subject line “**SDGHI Pilot Grant Submission MarFY25\_[Name of PI]**”.
- Please refer to the Attachment Checklist in the Application Form to ensure your submission is complete and comprehensive.
- Please attach your supporting documents in the following order:
  - 1. Letter(s) of Support (LOS)** from the collaborating institution(s) **MUST** be attached after the Application Form
  - 2. Curriculum Vitae (CVs)** of all the team members (including the PI, Co-PI and Other Investigator(s)) **MUST** be provided. Please only use the [SDGHI Pilot Grant CV Template](#).
  - 3. Other relevant document(s)**, if applicable.

## For Enquiries

For queries, connect with us at [sdghi@duke-nus.edu.sg](mailto:sdghi@duke-nus.edu.sg)

## Annex 1 - List of Fundable and Non-Fundable Items

Category	Fundable	Non-Fundable
<b>Salary</b>	Salaries of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior/ Research Assistants</li> <li>• Senior/ Research Associates</li> <li>• Research Fellows or any staff needed to support the research</li> </ul>	Salaries of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Investigator (PI)</li> <li>• Co-Investigator (Co-PI)</li> <li>• Project Leads</li> <li>• Clinicians</li> <li>• General administrative support personnel</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment</b>	<p>Equipment necessary to perform the research. Please identify each equipment in the budget table.</p> <p>Equipment purchases more than \$5,000 inclusive of GST, shall require additional approval by Duke-NUS.</p> <p>The following are also fundable if the expense relates to the same equipment funded under the same grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery and installation</li> <li>• Equipment License</li> <li>• Repairs</li> <li>• Custom and import duties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital works</li> <li>• General infrastructure</li> <li>• Office equipment</li> <li>• Furniture and fittings</li> <li>• Equipment (including IT equipment such as iPads, laptops) that will only be used for less than 1 year.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>	<p>The following expenses are allowable only in so long as it is relevant to the research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials and consumables (including lab consumables, printing)</li> <li>• Consultancy services</li> <li>• Local transportation (Singapore only)</li> <li>• Postage, courier services, bank charges</li> <li>• Publication fees</li> <li>• Payment to research participants. Please ensure proper records of payments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Training expenses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowable only for capacity building and if the training expenses are essential to the continuity of the research and can benefit multiple individuals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General administration and management expenses</li> <li>• Training expenses of PI/Co-PI or Research Staff</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Staff Retreat/Teambuilding Activities</li> <li>• Refreshments (unless it related to a workshop related to the research)</li> <li>• Office/lab rental</li> <li>• Professional/membership fees</li> <li>• Conference registration fees</li> </ul>
<b>Overseas Travel</b>	<p>The following are fundable only if travel is necessary to the research. These expenses shall be in accordance to the host institution's travel policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return Economy Airfare</li> <li>• Accommodation for the project duration</li> <li>• Subsistence allowance</li> <li>• Local and overseas airport transfers</li> <li>• Travel insurance</li> <li>• Immigration related costs e.g. Visa application fee, resident permit, vaccination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overseas travel for scientific meetings and/or conferences</li> </ul>

## Appendix A - Examples of proposals

- **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 programme