

FAQs

“Transdisciplinary approaches to mobility and global health – Joint call – 2024”

- **What is the deadline for submitting applications?**

Phase 1 proposals must be submitted by 25 March 2024, 2 pm Central European Time (CET). Late submissions cannot be considered.

- **In which system will the Phase 1 proposals have to be submitted?**

Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 proposals (full proposal) must be submitted in [NORMA](#), the application system of the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Please follow the instructions in the Information and guidelines for applicants.

- **How do you distinguish between “High-Income countries” and “Low- and Middle-Income Countries”?**

We use the World Bank classification:

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>.

- **How do you categorize “Upper-Middle Income Countries”?**

We merely distinguish between two categories: “High Income Countries” and “Low- and Middle-Income Countries”. All “Middle-Income Countries” (classified as such by the World Bank) fall under the second category, no matter whether they are lower or upper middle-income countries.

- **Are we allowed to include European LMICs?**

Yes, but we highly recommend including also non-European partners, preferably non-European LMICs, to consider the global aspect of this call. Please justify your choice of partners in the proposal.

- **Is it allowed to have two partners from the same LMIC?**

One of the aims of this call is to initiate and support South-South collaborations. We encourage collaborations between LMIC partners from different countries, however, this is not obligatory. Please justify your choice of partners in the proposal.

- **How many partners from LMICs or HICs are possible in total?**

In total, five partners (including the main applicant) may be part of the consortium. Besides the main applicant, only one additional partner from a HIC is allowed. The number of

applicants from LMICs either must match the number of partners from HICs (2+2) or must be higher (3+2) than the number of applicants from HICs.

- **Is it possible for someone based at a university in a High-Income Country outside Europe to apply?**

Yes, researchers based at universities in a High-Income Country (classified as such by the World Bank) outside Europe can be part of this call. Please read the information for applicants in detail. Each Foundation has specific regulations regarding where the research institution of the main and/or co-applicants has to be based. These regulations influence the composition of the project team with regard to the number of possible partners from HICs.

- **Is nationality a relevant category when applying for funding?**

No, it is not. Anyone can apply who is based in a country relevant to the respective call as long as the criteria of the specific call are met.

- **Do the Foundations offer any help in finding academic partners?**

No, the responsibility for finding potential partners lies with the researchers.

- **Is it possible to be part of more than one project/working group in this call?**

It is generally possible for one applicant to be part of two projects (main applicant in only one proposal). However, in the applications it must be explained in which way that person would be involved in each project and if he/she has sufficient time to work on both projects in case that both are selected for funding.

- **Is there a limit regarding the number of applications from one research institution?**

There are no limits regarding the number of submissions made by one research institution.

- **Who can apply?**

Every applicant must at least hold a PhD (or have equivalent academic experience, in case of doubt, please contact the Foundations) and must be affiliated with an academic institution (at the latest by the time when starting the research project).

In case a member of the research consortium is currently not employed at a university or research institution, a letter by the institution the scholar plans on working at needs to be included (at the stage of full proposals) in which the institution affirms its willingness to manage the grant and provide workspace for the scholar. In the pre-proposal, the respective scholars should only mention the institution at which he/ she intends to pursue the research project.

- **Are NGOs and think tanks eligible to receive funding?**

Grants can only be awarded to universities and research institutions. Criteria for being classified as a research institution include the following: The institution 1) pursues science and research according to its statutes, 2) employs academic staff, and 3) produces scientific output (scientific articles, monographs etc.). Non-academic stakeholders can be collaborators in the project and can be subcontracted by the academic partners.

In case of doubt, please contact the Foundations well ahead of your application.

- **Can the budget of the pre-proposal be modified in the full proposal?**

Yes, budget plans can be changed when handing in the full proposal. The Foundations reserve the right to adjust/adapt budget plans.

Additionally, you can find a list of projects previously awarded in a similar call [here](#). Please note that the call conditions and purpose have been amended since the award of these projects.