

# Global Issues: Mobility – Global Medicine and Health Research

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **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 at least as many non-European partners as European partners to take into account the global aspect of this call. Consortia that include e.g. three European and one Latin American partner might be too Eurocentric for this call.

- **How do you define “Europe”?**

We define “Europe” broadly geographically, including the EU countries, Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein, GB, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova and Russia.

- **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. Hence, the LMIC partners have to come from different countries.

- **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. However, as the main applicant needs to be from a research institution in Denmark, Germany, Spain, Portugal or United Kingdom and the number of LMIC partners needs to at least match the number of HIC partners, and the number of partners should be 2-4, only one non-European HIC partner can be included in the consortium.

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

Pre-proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2020. Late submissions cannot be considered.

- **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 application it needs to 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 institution?**

There are no limits regarding the number of submissions made by one 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 to 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 work space for the scholar. In the pre-proposal, the respective scholars should only mention the institution he/ she intends to pursue the research project at.

- **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.). NGOs can be external partners that 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.