# UKRI-Southeast Asia Funding Opportunity on Infectious Diseases

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**Indonesia**

**Indonesia Annex**

**Country:**
Indonesia

**Funder:**
Directorate Research, Technology, and Community Services (Direktorat Riset, Teknologi, dan Pengabdian kepada Masyarakat/DRTPM) in collaboration with Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan/LPDP)

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**Eligible/ Ineligible costs**

The funding request should be itemized following:
1. Standar Biaya Masukan (SBM - PMK No. 49 Tahun 2023)
2. Rules from LPDP (direct and indirect cost)
The budget may cover both direct and indirect costs for project implementation.

- Direct cost consists of direct personnel salary and cost for research activities to achieve outputs and outcomes (project deliverables).
- Indirect costs can be administration fees and other activities written in the guidelines.

Rates for honoraria and personnel salary shall follow SBM standard and LPDP rules. The budget must be tax-included.

The budget cannot be used for building construction and other types of major activities that are not related to the research.

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Following the eligibility requirements specified in the DRTPM guidelines, the following may submit proposals for financial assistance:

- Public or private universities under The Directorate General of Higher Education, Research, and Technology

Additional eligibility rules for this call

PI (Principal Investigator) must meet the following criteria required by the DRTPM Grants-in-Aid guidelines:

- Must be an Indonesia national
- Must hold a permanent lecturer holding valid NIDN/NIDK and is not due for retirement during the project implementation
- Must be a lecturer under the Directorate General of Higher Education, Research, and Technology
- A Ph.D. Degree in a relevant field with an outstanding research record
- Must have a SINTA account
- Must not have an administrative or criminal record.
Do applicants need to inform the local funder in advance of an application?

In addition to the EOI submitted through the UKRI system, Indonesian applicants are also required to submit an expression of interest (EoI) to http://ringkas.kemdikbud.go.id/UKSEAcall

Only applicant with reviewed EoI will be given access to submit their proposal through the system that will be determined later by DRTPM.

The submitted information should match the submissions made to the UKRI system. A copy of the proof of submission from the UKRI system should also be uploaded as supplementary files.

Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g., numbers of expected publications etc.)

Expected scientific outcomes:

1. Publication in high-impact factor journals - contribution to the general body of knowledge through scientific publications (at least one publication in Q1, and one publication each year in reputable journals)
2. Patent/IP - a tangible measure of innovation or Product - commercial value of outputs

Other than publications, one or more following deliverables must be provided:

1. People Services - increase in the scientific workforce
2. Places and Partnerships - facilities and networks established/enabled
3. Policies - adopted science-based guidelines; policy recommendations

Applicant must acknowledge DRTPM and LPDP for funding support in their deliverables.

Required start/end dates?
### Specific Remit Information

Specific priority areas

Basic or applied research in the following priority areas:

1. Development methods or strategies to efficiently and effectively discover medicines to treat infectious disease(s) of epidemic potential;
2. Related to AMR (*Antimicrobial Resistance*). Advanced methods in computer-aided drug discovery (including artificial intelligence) to discover bioactive natural products to be developed as novel antibiotics and/or to assist the existing antibiotics from bacteria resistance.
3. Vaccine development for diseases of public health needs
4. Development of screening, diagnosis, or monitoring tools (i.e., Diagnostics / POC)
5. To identify secondary infection in Tuberculosis (TB) cases

### Submission Information

Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to DRTPM via the system that will be determined later by DRTPM.

The submitted information should match the submissions made to the UKRI system. A copy of the proof of submission from the UKRI system should also be uploaded as supplementary files.

Any additional documents required (beyond those requested through UKRI)

Selected proposals should submit the following documents (if applicable) prior to the issuance of the Research Funding Agreement:

- Ethical Clearance (for studies involving animal and/or human subjects)
Memorandum of Agreement between/among researchers comprising: Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), Intellectual Property Right (IPR), Material Transfer Agreement (MTA), Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, And Traditional Cultural Expression (GRTK&TCE)

1. In the event of joint research collaboration, it is the responsibility of the respective member of the collaborating project partners to determine in advance how any exploited IP will be divided amongst the partners in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective countries of the institutions Participants and the institutions' policies and procedures. Details of this agreement shall be included in the memorandum of agreement.

2. To the fullest extent possible, all research activities using materials originating from the country of either participant or project partner shall be done in the country of origin. Should there be any transfer of material and/or sample outside the territory of the country of origin, such material and/or sample shall be transferred using a Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) concluded between the institutions' project partners or their related collaborating project partners in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the country of origin as well as the policies of the institutions' project partners.

3. The collaborating project partners shall recognize the value of genetic resources, traditional knowledge, and traditional cultural expression (GRTK&TCE) and recognize the rights of the holders of GRTK&TCE to effective protection against their misuse and misappropriation by the collaborating project partners.

4. Participants' access to and utilization of the GRTK&TCE shall be regulated by specific arrangements concluded by the collaborating project partners. Details of this agreement shall be included in the memorandum of agreement.
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**Cost form**
You must review the budget form for Indonesia [Indonesia: DRTPM DIKTI International Costs proforma (DOCX, 99KB)](DOCX), complete it with details of the budget being requested from [name of the Indonesian funder]. You can also find the Indonesia budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the [funding finder page](fundingfinderpage).
## Malaysia Annex

**Country:** Malaysia  
**Funder:** Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)  
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### Budget information and eligible costs

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**Eligible/ Ineligible costs**  
**Kod Perbelanjaan yang Dibenarkan**

**Vote 11000 Allowance & Stipend for Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)**  
**Vote 11000 Upah dan Elaun untuk Pembantu Penyelidik Siswazah (GRA)**

Allowance to fund Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) full-time research mode only. Allowance and stipend shall not exceed **RM2,300 for Master’s Student** or **MYR2,800 for PhD student**. Deduction of GRA allowance for the purpose payment of contributions to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and the Social Security Organization (SOCSO) are not allowed.

**Elaun untuk membiayai Pembantu Penyelidik Siswazah (Graduate Research Assistant - GRA) mod penyelidikan sepenuh masa sahaja. Siling upah dan elaun tidak melebihi RM2,000 untuk pelajar Ijazah Sarjana atau RM2,500 untuk pelajar Ijazah Kedoktoran. Pemotongan elaun GRA bagi tujuan pembayaran caruman untuk Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dan Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (PERKESO) adalah tidak dibenarkan.**

**Vote 21000 Travelling and Transportation**  
**Vote 21000 (Perjalanan dan Pengangkutan)**

This includes all domestic travelling and transportation relevant to the project. Travelling abroad is only permitted to **partner’s country** for site work and attending conference/seminar/workshop/attachment relevant to the project. Travelling abroad is subject to grant sufficiency. Only Principal Investigator (PI) and team members are allowed to travel abroad.

The destination chosen for overseas travel should be the most appropriate and economical in terms of facility availability, relevance of expertise and technology transfer. Travelling abroad shall comply
with relevant institutions regulations. The total expenditure for Travelling and Transportation shall not exceed 40% of the total project allocation. However, travelling for the purpose of attending conference/seminar/workshop/attachment must not exceed 20% of the total project allocation.


Destinasi perjalanan tersebut mestilah merupakan tempat yang paling sesuai dan ekonomikal dari segi kemudahan, kepakaran dan pemindahan teknologi. Perjalanan ke luar negara mestilah juga mengikut peraturan IPT masing-masing. Jumlah perbelanjaan untuk Perjalanan dan Pengangkutan tidak boleh melebihi 40% daripada jumlah keseluruhan geran. Manakala perbelanjaan bagi menghadiri persidangan/seminar/bengkel/program sangkutan tidak boleh melebihi 20% daripada keseluruhan peruntukan.

**Vote 24000 Rental**  
*Vot 24000 Sewaan*

Rental is only allowed for premises, equipment, transport, and others relevant to the development of the project.

*Sewaan hanya dibenarkan untuk bangunan, peralatan, pengangkutan, dan barangan lain yang terlibat secara langsung dengan pembangunan projek sahaja.*

**Vote 27000 Research Supplies & Materials**  
*Vot 27000 Bekalan dan Bahan Penyelidikan*

The expenditure may include supplies and materials relevant to the project.

*Hanya perbelanjaan yang berkaitan dengan pembangunan projek sahaja dibenarkan.*

**Vote 28000 Minor Repairs and Renovation**  
*Vot 28000 Baik Pulih Kecil dan Ubahsuai*

The expenditure may include minor repairs and renovation on premises, laboratory, equipment, or others relevant to the project. Maintenance cost for existing equipment is allowed during the project implementation period. Upon project completion, such maintenance costs shall not be borne under the grant.
Vote 29000 Consultancies and Other Services

Vot 29000 Perkhidmatan Ikhtisas

The expenditure may include services relevant to the project including printing, hospitality, honorarium, professional services, consultancies, computer usage, data processing and others.

Vote 35000 Accessories & Equipment

Vot 35000 Aksesori dan Peralatan

The expenditure may include purchase of equipment and accessories relevant to the project. Purchasing of equipment must adhere to Financial Regulations of the Federal Treasury. The need for purchase must be strongly justified. **Quotation must be attached as proof of market study of the equipment.** The total application under this Vote shall not exceed 40% of overall project budget. **Purchasing of IT and communication equipment (laptop, desktop, phone etc. are not allowed)**

Specific national rules

Eligible institutions

Malaysian Public Universities

Additional eligibility rules for this call

- The Malaysian PI must have been awarded a doctorate at the time of application. Applicants working towards a PhD or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be Malaysian citizen and holds a permanent or fixed-term contract in an eligible university or higher learning institute in Malaysia. Applicants with fixed terms contracts finishing before their grant end-date must secure confirmation from their Institution stating that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.

- Contact between the Malaysian PI and UK collaborators prior to the application is essential. This contact should lead to a clearly defined and mutually beneficial project proposal. Please note that MOHE will not assist in locating external collaborators.

- Applicants who have other active research projects should ensure that the project has reached 75% completion (with evidence & vetted by RMC) before applying.

- The Malaysian applicant’s employing organization must be willing to agree to administer the grant.

- Malaysian applicants will need to adhere to MOHE progress and outcomes monitoring requirements.

- Applicants are required to identify and submit risk management plans (risk assessment) for each project application.

- Human/Animal Research Ethics Committee approval (if relevant) should be included with the first progress report, should the research project be approved.

**Do applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?**

Yes. Applicants should submit their application to their respective Research Management Centre (RMC) for verification, vetting and endorsement before submitting to MRC’s portal and to MOHE.

**Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)**

**Expected output**

- **Human capital:**
  - Projects are expected to train at least 1 PhD or 2 Master’s student (full-time research mode) at PI’s institution

- **Publications:**
  - At least 2 publications in indexed journal (WoS/Scopus/ERA/MyCITE). One of those publications must be indexed in the Web of Science (WoS)
  - Acknowledgement towards MOHE and the grant must be stated clearly in every publication.

- Intellectual Properties (IP)
**Specific remit information**

- All rights and governance of IP should be made in accordance with Consortium Agreement between partner in Malaysia and UK
- Filed IP must be proven with IP approval’s letter

**Required start/end dates**

- Start date: Mid-January 2025
- End date: Mid-January 2028

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<td>- Studies on the new disease related to the pathogen natural history and behaviour, animal studies, environmental, economic, social adaptation in human</td>
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<td>- Identification of virus and antigenic changes, epidemiological studies including prevalence, prevention, control, and treatment (precision medicine, personalised medicine, and immunotherapy)</td>
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<td>- Surveillance and control using comprehensive strategy such as AI</td>
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<td>- Epidemiological, molecular, and clinical studies for prevention, treatment, and management</td>
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<td>- Ethics, legal and social contract such as knowledge translation and communication strategies</td>
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<td>- Biological adaptation which leads to resistance, impact of antimicrobial use on levels of antimicrobial resistance in colonizing organisms as well as pathogens within a given community/hospital</td>
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<td>- Prescribing practices (antimicrobial use patterns)</td>
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<td>- Patient care practices (handwashing, catheter insertion, etc.)</td>
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<td>- Microbiology of resistance such as identification of the most appropriate pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics factors, determination of the maximum efficacy and minimum emergence of resistance for an antimicrobial</td>
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| Submission information | Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to MOHE via email to: danakhas.bkpi@mohe.gov.my |
| | The following additional documents are required as part of the submission to MOHE: |
| | 1. MOHE Cost Proforma (funding details of project) |
| | 2. Researcher’s CV |
| | 3. Letters of Support for each named UK collaborator listed as a Project Partner |

| Further information | Anything else applicants should be aware of: |
| | • All applications must be vetted and endorsed by the RMC’s Director of the respective Institution before submission to MOHE |
| | • For research projects funded by this grant and other sources, researchers must declare all funding received for the project |
| | • Institutions and researchers should comply with the matters stated in the “Malaysian Code of Responsible Conduct in Research” (MCRCR) |

**Cost form**
You must review the budget form for Malaysia, [Malaysia: MOHE: Funding template (DOCX, 90.4KB)](90.4KB) complete it with details of the budget being requested from Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE). You can also find the Malaysia budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the funding finder page.
# Philippines Annex

**Country:** Philippines  
**Funder:** Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD)  
**Contact details:**  
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## Budget information and eligible costs

| **Total budget available:** PhP 100M over 3 years |
| **Budget available per award:** PhP 15-20M cap per project |

**Link to national budget/cost guidelines or provide info here:**

The DOST Grants-in-Aid Guidelines provide the detailed funding terms of DOST and its attached agencies such as PCHRD. These may be downloaded from this website:  

Rates for honoraria and personnel salary shall follow DOST-prescribed rates.

### Eligible/ Ineligible costs

Request for funding should be itemized following DOST Form 4-Project Line-Item Budget:


Budget request may cover full or partial costs for project implementation, both direct and indirect costs for personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses, and capital outlay. Project expenses should be categorized in accordance with the Unified Account Code Structure (UACS) and relevant provisions specified in Section IX.B. “Line Item Budget Preparation” of AO 011 series of 2020, also known as the Revised Guidelines for the Grants-in-aid Program) of the Department of Science and Technology and its Agencies.

For foreign travel, in consideration of potential cost, priority should be given to capacity building activities needed by the PH team to undertake projects, critical project team meetings and presentations in an international conference.

PCHRD can only fund one (1) poster or oral presentation in an international conference per project year.
Publication cost may be requested as part of the project budget. However, for multi-year projects, these are encouraged to be included in the 2nd or 3rd year budgets. Further, if the proponent is uncertain when the budget will be utilised due to the review process of journals, they may opt to avail a separate publication grant from PCHRD.

For capital outlay, this cannot include construction of new buildings and other types of major infrastructure.

The implementing agency is expected to provide at least 15% counterpart funding, in cash/in kind, except for projects involving public goods.

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<td>• Other public or private non-profit S&amp;T institutions/organizations that are (1) located in the Philippines, (2) operated primarily for scientific, educational, service, or similar purposes in the public interest, (3) with proven competence, and provided that projects align to DOST/PCHRD priorities. Non-profit organizations engaged in lobbying activities are not eligible to apply.</td>
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Additional eligibility rules for this call

Project Leaders of proposal to be submitted must also meet the following eligibility requirements specified in the DOST Grants-in-Aid guidelines:

• Must be a Filipino citizen, subject to applicable laws
• Must hold a plantilla/permanent position in his/her primary institution of employment and is not due for retirement during the project implementation
• With at least a Master’s Degree in a relevant field, have proven research competence / track record
• Must not hold accountability with DOST and its funding agencies
• Must not have been found guilty of any administrative or criminal case, including those under appeal

Do applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?
Proposals for Philippines must also be submitted through the DOST Project Management Information System: [https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/](https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/)

Information to be submitted should exactly match the submissions made to the UKRI system. Copies of submission to the UKRI system should also be uploaded as supplementary files.

**Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)**

Approved projects are encouraged to have at least one (1) high impact publication and presentation to a reputable conference.

Project deliverables should be declared following the DOST 6Ps categorization, whatever will be applicable:

- Publication - contribution to the general body of knowledge through scientific publications
- Patent/IP - tangible measure of innovation
- Product - commercial value of outputs
- People Services - increase in the scientific workforce
- Places and Partnerships - facilities and networks established/enabled
- Policies - adopted science-based guidelines; policy recommendations

**Required start/end dates**

Will follow calendar agreed upon by the collaboration.

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1. Studies on modifiable risk factors, environmental exposure, and antibiotic-resistant diseases of public health importance.  
2. Development of screening, diagnosis or monitoring tools (i.e. Diagnostics / POC)  
3. Vaccine development R&D for diseases of public health importance  
4. Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies for re-emerging and emerging diseases |
| **AMR:** |  
1. Community knowledge, perceptions, practices, and/or behavior (prescription practices, marketing) correlated with AMR  
2. Studies of alternative therapeutics against antimicrobial-resistant pathogens  
3. Innovative AMR detection technologies  
4. Diagnostics / POC |
| Submission information | 5. Genetic, molecular and physiologic AMR studies and innovation for antimicrobials.  
6. Digital health/AI approaches  
Topics that are out of remit  
1. AMR on zoonotic pathogens  
2. AMR on agriculture  
**Type of research that can be supported by DOST-PCHRD:**  
- Fundamental and applied only  

|  | Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to PCHRD.  
Proposals for Philippines must also be submitted through the DOST Project Management Information System: [https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/](https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/)  
Information to be submitted should exactly match the submissions made to the UKRI system. Copies of submission to the UKRI system should also be uploaded as supplementary files.  
**The following additional documents are required as part of the submission to PCHRD:**  
Proposals that will be selected for funding should submit the following, if applicable, as a condition prior to issuance of the Research Funding Agreement:  
- Biosafety Clearance, if applicable  
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Clearance  
- Bureau of Animal Industry Clearance  
- Ethics Clearance (for studies involving human subjects)  
Proponents from private organisations may also be asked to submit the following documents prior to commencement of an approved project, as deemed applicable by PCHRD:  
- Copies of latest Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Registration or Articles of Cooperation  
- Co-signed Statement  
- Copy of latest Income Tax Return  
- Mayor’s Permit  
- Audited Financial Statements for the past three (3) years,  
- Document showing that NGO/PO has 20% equity of the total project cost, which shall be in the form of labour, land for the project site, facilitates, or equipment and the like to be used for the project; |
- Disclosure of other related business, if any;
- List and/or photographs of similar projects completed, if any and source of funds for implementation;
- Sworn affidavit of the secretary of the NGO/PO that none of its incorporators, organisers, director or officers is an agent of or related by consanguinity or affinity up to the 4th civil degree to the official of the agency authorised to process and/or approve the proposed MOA and release of funds;
- For CSOs, compliance to regulation as required by the General Appropriations Act (GAA) pertaining to fund release to Civil Society Organizations; and
- For foundations, DOST certification as accredited by the Science and Technology Foundation Unit.

**Further information**

**Anything else applicants should be aware of**

PCHRD shall conduct pre-project implementation orientation to further discuss the guidelines and attend to queries.

**Cost form**

You must review the budget form for Philippines, [Philippines: DOST-PCHRD: Cost proforma (XLSX, 101KB)](https://example.com) complete it with details of the budget being requested from Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD). You can also find the Philippines budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the [funding finder page](https://example.com).

Singapore Annex

Country: Singapore

Funder: Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness and REsponse (PREPARE), on behalf of National Research Foundation (NRF)

Contact details: PREPARE_Grants@ncid.sg

Budget information and eligible costs

**Total budget available:** 3,400,000 SGD

**Budget available per award:** 1,700,000 SGD.

Specifically we will contribute:

i. Up to 1,700,000 SGD (incl. Indirect Research Costs) for the funding of one (1) research project on epidemic preparedness and response; and

ii. Up to 1,700,000 SGD (incl. Indirect Research Costs) for the funding of one (1) research project on AMR.

Link to national budget/cost guidelines or provide info here:

Please see attached (i) PREPARE Grant Application Form and (ii) PREPARE Grants Terms and Conditions (Jul 2023)

**Eligible/ Ineligible costs:**
Please see Annex A of PREPARE Grants T&Cs (extracted below)

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**Specific national rules**

**Eligible institutions**: Singapore local public health institutions

**Additional eligibility rules for this call:**

- Local research team (Principal Investigator (PI) and at least one Co-Investigator (Co-I)) must comprise researchers from at least two local institutions in Singapore. Researchers from overseas institutions or private companies can only participate as collaborators.

- Only one Singapore Principal Investigator (PI) is allowed per application.

**Principal Investigator**

- Singapore applicant applying as Principal Investigator is required to fulfil the following criteria at the point of application:
  a. Holds a primary appointment in a local publicly funded institution and salaried by the institution.
  b. PI should have PhD or MD/MBBS/BDS qualifications. (Exceptions would be made on a case-by-case basis).
  c. Is an independent investigator (with PI status in institution) with a demonstrated track record of research, as evidenced by the award of nationally
competitive funding (international funding to be considered on a case by case basis), substantial publication record in the past 3 years.
d. Has a laboratory or clinical research program that carries out research in Singapore
e. Holds a minimum of 9 months employment (per calendar year) with local Singapore institution(s).
Upon award, the PI must agree to fulfil at least 6 months of residency in Singapore for each calendar year over the duration of the grant award.
f. Has no outstanding report from previous BMRC, NMRC grants, and other national grants.
g. For proposal involving patients, the PI should be SMC registered; or should be able to demonstrate ability to access patients through SMC registered Co-Is or collaborators.

Co-Investigators and Collaborators
- There is no limit to the number of Co-Investigators or collaborators. Please specify and describe clearly the roles of Co-Investigators and collaborators in the relevant section. Researchers from overseas institutions or private companies can only participate as collaborators.

Do applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?
Yes.

Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)

Please see PREPARE Grant Application form, specifically Sections 7 (Project Milestones and Go/No-Go checkpoints) and 9 (Performance Indicators)

Required start/end dates?
- Start date: no later than FY25
- End date: within 3 years from start date

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be tapped on to detect, respond to, and contain future infectious diseases threats.

- We will fund a research project that is aligned to our strategy and desired outcomes for epidemic preparedness and response, with emphasis on translational and/or productization outcomes.
- PREPARE has a number of desired outcomes:
  i. Enhance research capabilities for early detection and sense-making to prepare against future threats;
  ii. Develop or strengthen key enablers in data infrastructure, analytics and behavioural science research to respond to public health crisis;
  iii. Strengthen research capabilities to enhance our resilience in diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines; and
  iv. Develop a strong infectious diseases research collaboration network across countries in our region to respond to epidemics and facilitate multicentre clinical trials.

- Proposals with a focus on severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) of viral aetiology; on paramyxoviruses, coronaviruses and influenza viruses; and/or on pathogen-agnostic / universal tools, methods and products, may be prioritised.

ii. AMR (ADVANCE-ID)

- Priority areas are to be strictly aligned with those of the ADVANcing Clinical Evidence in Infectious Diseases (ADVANCE-ID) network. See [www.advance-id.network](http://www.advance-id.network) for further information on ADVANCE-ID.
- ADVANCE-ID is a network of more than 30 hospitals across Asia collaborating in the conduct of clinical research in infectious diseases to improve the “evidence base” for the optimal prescribing of antibiotics to seriously ill patients with infections associated with AMR.
- ADVANCE-ID is conducting surveillance of hospital-acquired infections and clinical trials on strategies of treatment of bacterial infections with antibiotic resistance. ADVANCE-ID is very interested in conducting other research relevant to AMR.
- Proposals with a focus on infection control interventions - applied research on infection control in both acute care and
intermediate- and long-term care (ILTC) settings may be prioritised.

**Type of research that can be supported by PREPARE/ADVANCE-ID:**

Applied, clinical and/or clinical trials

**Submission information**

Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to PREPARE Grants Secretariat via email at PREPARE_Grants@ncid.sg.

The following additional documents are required as part of the submission to PREPARE:

Interested applicants in Singapore must complete the ‘GRANT Application Form’.

Submissions should be made to the PREPARE Grant Secretariat at PREPARE_Grants@ncid.sg through the Host Institution’s Research Office and include the following:

1. The Application Package without signatures, including all pictures, tables, charts and various attachments in Word Document format*.
2. The Application Package with signatures, including all pictures, tables, charts and various attachments in PDF format*.

* Use Arial font size 10 for all text and attachments through the application form.

For enquiries, please contact the PREPARE Grant secretariat at PREPARE_Grants@ncid.sg.

**Further information**

**Anything else applicants should be aware of**

No further information

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**Cost form**

You must review the budget form for Singapore, Singapore: PREPARE-ADVANCE-ID: Budget template (XLS, 54.5KB) complete it with details of the budget being requested from Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness and Response (PREPARE), on behalf of National Research Foundation (NRF). You can also find the Singapore budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the funding finder page.
### Thailand ARDA

#### Thailand ARDA Annex

**Country:** Thailand  
**Funder:** Agriculture Research Development Agency  
**Contact details:** supakkawat@arda.or.th

| Budget information and eligible costs | **Total budget available:** 5 million Baht  
| | **Budget available per award:** 1-3 million Baht  
| | Link to national budget/cost guidelines or provide info here  
| | [https://www.arda.or.th/research_grantees](https://www.arda.or.th/research_grantees)  
| | **Eligible/ Ineligible costs** see the manual downloaded from the link above  

| Specific national rules | **Eligible institutions:** Thai research institutions  
| | Additional eligibility rules for this call  
| | **Do applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?**  
| | Yes  
| | **Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)**  
| | [https://www.arda.or.th/research framework](https://www.arda.or.th/research framework)  
| | **Required start/end dates?**  
| | Yes. Each project will have 3 years duration and evaluation conducted annually.  

| Specific remit information | **Specific priority areas**  
| | It suggests to visit the ARDA website to learn more about the priority areas for the grant call  
| | **Topics that are out of remit**  
| | Topics covered by proposals submitted to ARDA must be relevant to the agricultural sector  
| | **Type of research that can be supported by ARDA:**  
| | Applied, Clinical and/or clinical trials  

### Submission information

Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to ARDA funder via (email: supakkawat@arda.or.th/submission system NRIIS platform https://nriis.go.th/www/)

Applicants should visit the ARDA website to find all the necessary details and submission information.

**Any additional documents required (beyond those requested through UKRI)**

Yes (Thai version of project proposal submitted to NRIIS platform.)

### Further information

**Anything else applicants should be aware of**

It is important to carefully review and strictly follow the ARDA guidelines to ensure the proposal meets all the necessary requirements for consideration. Further information can be found on the ARDA website.

### Cost form

You must review the budget form for Thailand ARDA, complete it with details of the budget being requested from Agriculture Research Development Agency. You can find Thailand ARDA budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the funding finder page.
**Thailand HSRI**

**Thailand HSRI Annex**

**Country:** Thailand

**Funder:** Health Systems Research Institute

**Contact details:** charay@hsri.or.th

**Budget information and eligible costs**

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Link to national budget/cost guidelines or provide info here [https://www.hsri.or.th/handbook#](https://www.hsri.or.th/handbook#)

**Eligible/ Ineligible costs** see the manual downloaded from the link above

**Specific national rules**

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**Do applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?**

Yes

**Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)**

Yes

**Required start/end dates**

Yes

**Specific remit information**

**Specific priority areas**

It suggests to visit the HSRI website to learn more about the priority areas for the grant call

**Topics that are out of remit**

No

**Type of research that can be supported by ARDA:**

Fundamental and applied
### Submission information

| | Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to HSRI. Applicants should visit the [HSRI website](#) to find all the necessary details and submission information. Any additional documents required (beyond those requested through UKRI) No |

### Further information

| | Anything else applicants should be aware of It is important to carefully review and strictly follow the HSRI guidelines to ensure the proposal meets all the necessary requirements for consideration. |

**Cost form**

You must review the budget form for Thailand HSRI, complete it with details of the budget being requested from Health Systems Research Institute. You can find Thailand HSRI budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the funding finder page.
Vietnam

Vietnam Annex

**Country:** Vietnam

**Funder:** National Foundation for Science and Technology Development

**Contact details:** nafosted@most.gov.vn

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Regulations apply to the Vietnamese budget as below:


6. Circular No. 71/2018/TT-BTC dated on 10th August 2018 by Ministry of Finance governing the allowances for welcoming and receiving foreign delegation into Vietnam, and for organizing international workshops/conferences in Vietnam:

Please note that the requested budget shall be assessed by NAFOSTED and items that do not show clear relevance to research needs in the research plan or do not match national cost-norms and regulations can be cut down.

**Eligible/ineligible costs**

**Eligible cost**

- Scientific staff
- Equipment (NAFOSTED only sponsors the purchase of small, necessary research equipment that directly serves the research activities of the projects)
- To cover expenses for material and consumables
- Other expenses (subject to NAFOSTED’s funding regulation)

With regard travel and subsistence, NAFOSTED propose as in the previous MoU 2016 with UKRI:
The overall principle is that the country sending a researcher will pay for the airfare and insurance while the country hosting will pay for accommodation, meals, subsistence and local travel. This is open to the applicants to propose a clear explanation should they wish to apply a different cost sharing model.

**Specific national rules**

**Regulations are as follows:**

1. Circular No.12/2018/TT-BKHCN dated on 31st August 2018 regulating establishment and management of collaboration programs between NAFOSTED and its international partners to fund for joint research projects and scientific activities;

2. Circular No. 37/2014/TT-BKHCN dated on 12th December 2014 by the Ministry of Science and Technology governing the administration of basic research funding program of National Foundation for Science and Technology Development;

3. No. 40/2014/TT-BKHCN dated December 18th 2014, regulation on management of unplanned science and technology tasks of great scientific and practical importance, potential science and technology tasks aided by the NAFOSTED
4. Circular 15/2022/TT-BKHCN dated on 30 June 2016 by the Ministry of Science and Technology governing the management of applied research projects funded by the National Foundation for Science and Technology

**Eligible institutions:**
Requirements for organization applying for projects

**For host institution:**
Having legal status and operational capability relevant to the project’s research area, as well as sufficient facilities and technology for conducting the project.

**Additional eligibility rules for this call**
*Requirements for individual applying for projects*

1. **For the principal investigator:**
a) Have qualifications suitable for the research content and work at a scientific and technological organization. If the principal investigator of the topic is not working for any scientific and technological organization, he/she must be patronized by a prestigious Vietnamese scientific and technological organization in the appropriate discipline and accepted as the host institution;
b) Have the research capacity that meet the requirements of the topic: have a doctorate or an academic title of associate professor, professor and have appropriate research results published in prestigious international journals for 05 years up to the time of dossiers submission;
c) Have sufficient time to complete the research contents of the topic according to regulations. If the topic principal investigator goes to work abroad, the total time working abroad shall not exceed 1/3 the time of execution of topic;
d) Not violate the provisions on registration of topic leading and participating as specified in Clause 5, Article 19 hereof.

2. **Members of research group must have professions and skills suitable and relevant to research work of the project, including:**
a) Key research members, scientific secretary: have a doctorate or an academic title of associate professor, professor and have appropriate research results published in prestigious international or national journals for 05 years up to the deadline of submission. If the member has a Master’s degree, he/she must have appropriate research results; 01 article published in prestigious international scientific and technological journals; 01 article published in prestigious international journals, or 02 articles published in prestigious national journals or 01 monograph in the field of social sciences and humanities within 05 years up to the deadline of submission;
b) PhD students participating in the project must have a thesis content appropriate to the topic, and have a decision to assign the thesis topic no more than 24 months before the end of receiving applications;

c) Technicians, other supporting staffs.

3. At the same time, each individual can be principal investigator of no more than 01 (one) project funded by NAFOSTED.

Do all applicants need to inform local funder in advance of an application?

Are there specific T&Cs for the awards (e.g. numbers of expected publications etc)

Circular No. 37/2014/TT-BKHCN
Article 11. Requirements on implementation time and research results of the project

2. The research results of the project in the field of natural sciences and engineering must have at least 02 articles published in prestigious international journals and 01 article published in a prestigious national journal.

3. Research results of the topic in the field of society and humanities must meet one of the following requirements:
   a) Have at least 01 article published in a prestigious international journal and 02 articles published in prestigious national journals;
   b) Have at least 02 articles published in prestigious international journals.

   In case the research problem cannot be published in prestigious international journals, the results of the project must have at least 01 monograph (published or in the form of a manuscript assessed as eligible for publication) and 02 articles published in prestigious national journals. The Scientific Committee proposes these cases for NAFOSTED to consider and decide.

4. The topic is exploratory and discovery, the research results must have at least 01 article published in a prestigious international journal.

5. The topic is carried out by a strong research team, the research results must have at least 02 articles published in a prestigious ISI journal and 01 article published in a prestigious national journal.

Circular 40/2014/TT-BKHCN
Article 3. Requirements for unexpected topics

Product of the topic
   a) A report summarizing the research results of the topic, including scientific and technological solutions with full scientific and practical arguments to solve the problem;
   b) Scientific publication in one of the following forms:
   - Article published in a reputable national magazine or reputable international magazine;
- Patent or utility solution patent or plant variety protection patent. In case a license has not been granted, there must be confirmation from a competent authority on the possibility of protection.

**Article 4. Requirements for potential topics**

**Product of the topic**

a) A report summarizing the research results of the project, including scientific and technological solutions with full scientific and practical arguments to solve the problems raised, new technological products in sample form (if applicable). Have;

b) Scientific publication in one of the following forms:
   - At least two (02) articles published in prestigious international journals;
   - Patents are evaluated by experts to determine the quality of scientific content or plant variety protection certificates. In case a license has not been granted, there must be confirmation from a competent authority on the possibility of protection.

**Circular 15/2022/TT-BKHCN**

**Article 9. Requirements for implementation time and results of the project**

3. Project products in the field of natural sciences and engineering must meet one of the following requirements:

a) 02 (two) patents or 02 (two) plant variety protection certificates or 01 (one) patent and 01 (one) plant variety protection certificate;

b) 01 (one) patent or 01 (one) plant variety protection certificate; and 01 (one) article published in a reputable international journal or 01 (one) patent for a useful solution.

In case a patent/plant variety protection certificate has not been granted, there must be a notice of acceptance of the application and proof of receipt of the request for content appraisal from the agency competent to grant patents/plant variety protection certificate and results of looking up the possibility of protection from agencies and organizations certified to operate legally.

4. The product of the project in the field of social sciences and humanities must meet one of the following requirements:

a) 02 (two) articles published in prestigious international journals;

b) 01 (one) article published in a prestigious international journal and 01 (one) article published in a prestigious national journal;

In case due to the characteristics of the research problem it cannot be published in international journals, the research product must have at least 01 (one) monograph (published) and 02 (two) articles published in prestigious national journals. The Scientific Committee evaluates and recommends these cases for NAFOSTED to consider and decide.

**Required start/end dates?**

No specific requirements
### Specific remit information

**Specific priority areas**
Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

**Topics that are out of remit**

### Submission information

Applicants are to submit application to UKRI and also to submit a copy directly to NAFOSTED. Instructions for the Vietnam research team to submit applications are on NAFOSTED’s website ([https://nafosted.gov.vn/thong-bao-tiep-nhan-ho-so-dang-ky-de-tai-thuoc-chuong-trinh-hop-tac-tai-tro-nafosted-ukri-vuong-quoc-anh-2024/](https://nafosted.gov.vn/thong-bao-tiep-nhan-ho-so-dang-ky-de-tai-thuoc-chuong-trinh-hop-tac-tai-tro-nafosted-ukri-vuong-quoc-anh-2024/))

Any additional documents required (beyond those requested through UKRI)

Vietnam research team need to provide their CV via NAFOSTED’s system.

### Further information

**Anything else applicants should be aware of**

No

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**Cost form**

You must review the budget form for Vietnam, [Vietnam: NAFOSTED: 2024 Grant Project Proposal (DOCX, 24.7KB)](https://example.com) complete it with details of the budget being requested from National Foundation for Science and Technology Development [Vietnam: NAFOSTED: 2024 Budget Estimate (XLS, 50.5KB)]. You can also find the Vietnam budget form listed in the related content on the top right of the funding finder page.