Funding Opportunity Announcement
NIHR Global Health Research

The UK-based National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is looking for applications for the Global Health Research (GHR) – Researcher-led programmes. These programmes fund research to improve health outcomes for the most vulnerable people in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Research must address evidence needs that are locally identified and prioritised, and must promote health equity, aligning with the aims of Sustainable Development Goal 3. Applications can span broad, ambitious programmes of research to projects with a narrower scope.

There are 3 programme bands of funding based on the scale and ambition of the proposed research, the maturity of partnerships, the teams' experience and expected capacity strengthening plans:

Programme band	Award details
GHR – Researcher-led band 1 This is for more established research partnerships and experienced teams. This band is suitable for teams proposing a broad, ambitious programme of research and capacity strengthening.	• Band 1 offers £4.0m to £7.0m of funding per award, • running for up to 5 years. **Eligibility:** • Applications must include Joint Leads (LMIC-LMIC or LMIC-UK) at separate institutions. • You must involve at least 2 DAC list countries and at least 3 separate institutions. • To be successful in receiving GHR – Researcher-led band 1 funding, at least 10 academic training posts are required.
GHR – Researcher-led band 2 This is for developing or less mature research partnerships with varying levels of experience proposing to undertake a significant new programme of research, extend existing research and capacity strengthening, and/or include more LMIC settings.	• Band 2 offers £2.0m to £4.0m of funding per award, • running for up to 4 years. **Eligibility:** • Applications mustinclude Joint Leads (LMIC-LMIC or LMIC-UK) in separate institutions. • You must involve at least 1 DAC list country and at least 2 separate institutions. • To be successful in receiving GHR – Researcher-led band 2 funding, at least 4 academic training posts are required.
GHR – Researcher-led band 3 This is for new research partnerships and/or less experienced teams. This band is suitable for teams proposing a research project which may be at an early or developmental stage. It may be delivered in a single country context	• Band 3 offers £0.25m to £2.0m of funding per award, • running for up to 3 years. **Eligibility:** • Applications can be for either a Sole LMIC Lead or Joint Leads (LMIC-LMIC or LMIC-UK) in separate institutions. • You must involve at least 1 DAC list country and at least 1 institution. • The inclusion of academic training posts are optional, however formal training posts (e.g. MSc, Post Doc) must be completed within project duration.

To help with your application please read the information on the following pages:
- About GHR – Researcher-led
- Core application guidance
- Stage 1 application form guidance
- Finance guidance for applicants

Submission process:
This proposal is a two-staged i.e., only shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a stage 2 full application.

Important: This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal (REALMS) as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system, prior to submission of the stage 1 application.

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Preliminary Proposal Approval request and alert their Senior Finance Officer* of the budgetary support needed no later than	**25 September 2024**
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA no later than	**09 October 2024**
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA no later than	**23 October 2024**
PI to submit the application on the funder portal (REALMS) no later than	**30 October 2024**
RC&I to action the final submission on the funder portal no later than	**06 November 2024**

Please complete the intention-to-submit form if you intend applying for this call. Please note that completion of this form is for the purposes of internal support and tracking, it is not linked to funder application processes and does not commit you to applying for this opportunity.

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