



German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA)

Informational Webinar: GLOHRA 2025 Call for Research Proposals
Online, 2 December 2024

Welcome





GLOHRA in a Nutshell

The German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA)

- is an association of researchers committed to tackling today's global health challenges via interdisciplinary and collaborative global health research
- was launched in February 2020
- sponsored by BMBF
- co-funded by BMZ (2022-2023) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2024-2026)



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Aims:



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Who we are

Members

- > 1000 researchers
- from all disciplines
- active in global health
- affiliated with > 200 public research institutions

Steering Committee

- 19 elected experts
- speaker trio
- represent biomedicine, public health, social sciences and humanities, engineering and other sciences

Secretariat

hosted by Charité -
Universitätsmedizin
Berlin



Steering Committee 2024-2026



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Achievements 2020-2024

Attracted 1000+ members from 200 institutions, listed in the Global Health Research Directory

Supported 28 research projects in 20 countries (5.4m EUR from BMBF)



~ 20 publications published as a direct result of projects and other activities so far



Hosted 50+ events for early career researchers

Developed a strong social media presence with ~10,000 followers on LinkedIn & 50,000+ views on YouTube

Regular policy briefs and statements from the SC advocate for global health support

Held 3 elections for an interdisciplinary, gender-balanced Steering Committee

Reached ~ 8000 participants in GLOHRA events



Attracted additional funding for initiatives from the BMZ and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Created a Catalogue of Competencies listing global health course offers across Germany

Research Projects





Scope of GLOHRA projects

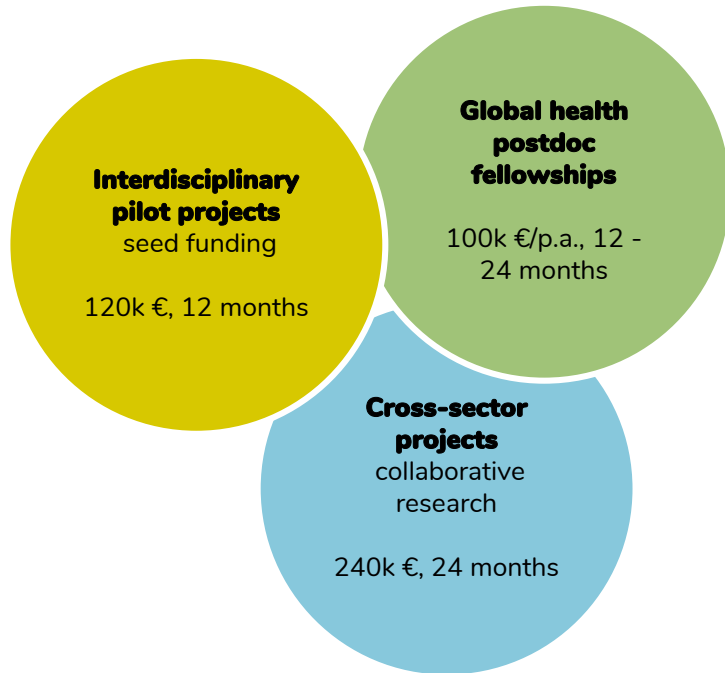
Scope same as
previous calls

GLOHRA research projects should

- address **transnational health issues**, determinants, and solutions
- contribute to the improvement of health and **health equity** worldwide
- develop and implement **groundbreaking ideas, test new models of cooperation and create new links** between disciplines and communities
- be **interdisciplinary** and link GLOHRA members from different institutions and cities
- link scientific excellence with the domains of **capacity building**, science-based **policy** advice, teaching, **implementation** and/or clinical practice
- promote active, **eye-level partnerships** with national and international partners, including collaborators in low- and middle-income countries



GLOHRA project funding lines



Guidelines for Application, Evaluation and Awarding of Projects

1. Preamble

Background and Aims

The German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA) is a proponent for interdisciplinary and collaborative global health research. Addressing the complex challenges we face today – neglected tropical diseases and antibiotic resistance, but also mental illness and diabetes together with achieving universal health coverage and the human right to health – requires research approaches that defy traditional boundaries. GLOHRA seeks to foster exchange and forge new mechanisms of cooperation across institutions, disciplines, sectors and countries. GLOHRA aims to support interdisciplinary, collaborative and cross-sector global health research in Germany.

Specifically, GLOHRA aims to fund projects that

- address transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions
- contribute to the improvement of health and health equity worldwide
- are interdisciplinary (→ Box 1)
- contribute to the aims of the GLOHRA (→ GLOHRA Statutes)
- link scientific excellence with the domains of capacity building, science-based policy advice, teaching, implementation and/or clinical practice
- promote active, eye-level partnerships with national and international partners, including the Global South

Interdisciplinarity in GLOHRA Projects

For our collaborative research funding lines, i.e. interdisciplinary and cross-sector projects, we expect that project applicants represent at least two of GLOHRA's research areas, i.e. biomedical science, public health, social sciences and humanities, as well as engineering and other sciences.

In global health fellowships, applicants should outline their interdisciplinary approach in their application. For example, projects could scrutinize a particular problem from multiple perspectives using a mix of methods. They could also involve complementary disciplines and partners early on in the process. This will improve the chances that other researchers, policymakers, communities or companies will take up the knowledge, technology or intervention generated by the project.

Box 1. Interdisciplinarity in GLOHRA Projects



<https://globalhealth.de/faq>



Types of projects

See p3 of
project
guidelines

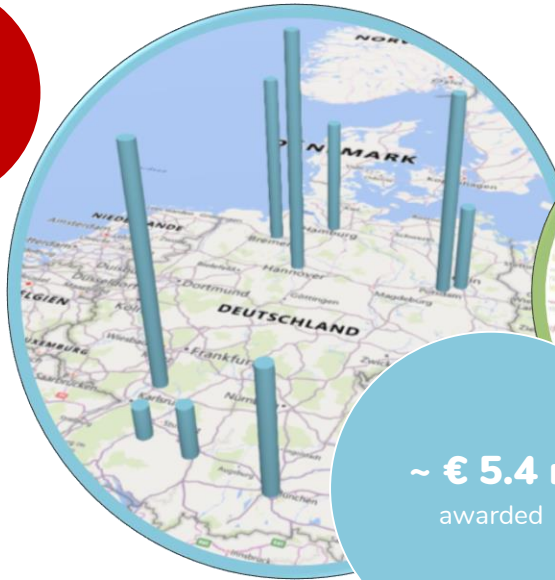
	Interdisciplinary pilot projects	Cross-sector projects	Global health postdoc fellowships
Description	Seed funding to validate approaches and prepare external funding applications	Collaborative projects between academic and non-academic partners	Postdoc fellowships
Minimum consortium	At least two GLOHRA members, representing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least two disciplines (→ Box 1) at least two organizations adequate balance in terms of budget and task distribution between the partners 	At least three applicants, of whom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least two GLOHRA members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from two different organizations at least two disciplines (→ Box 1) one non-academic partner (e.g. policy, industry, civil society) 	Applicant must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a GLOHRA member have obtained a PhD degree or equivalent within the last 0-7 years at the time of application*
	Funding for project partners and associate members is capped at 50,000€ per partner per year. International partners can participate as subcontractors. A subcontract may not exceed 50% of the budget of the institution awarding the subcontract.		
Duration	Generally up to 12 months 18 months in exceptional cases	Up to 24 months	12-24 months
Indicative funding amount	120,000 EUR per project over 12 months	240,000 EUR per project over 24 months	Up to 100,000 EUR per project per year
Evaluation criteria* *see pp. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific novelty, quality and originality, interdisciplinarity Adequacy and feasibility of the work plan, budget and management procedures Impact and expected results 		
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific publications, third-party funding applications Approaches, results, strategies, narratives, etc. that underpin and support interdisciplinarity in global health research projects Contribution to cross-institutional and interdisciplinary cooperation within and beyond Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative structures, models, methods, tools, networks etc. that are accessible and usable for the wider global health community and/or transferrable to other contexts Contribution to cross-institutional and interdisciplinary cooperation within and beyond Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific publications, third-party funding applications Contribution to cross-institutional and interdisciplinary cooperation within and beyond Germany



GLOHRA research projects

159
project
proposals
received

7
selection
rounds



~ € 5.4 m
awarded

15
active
projects

13
completed
projects

2025
next call

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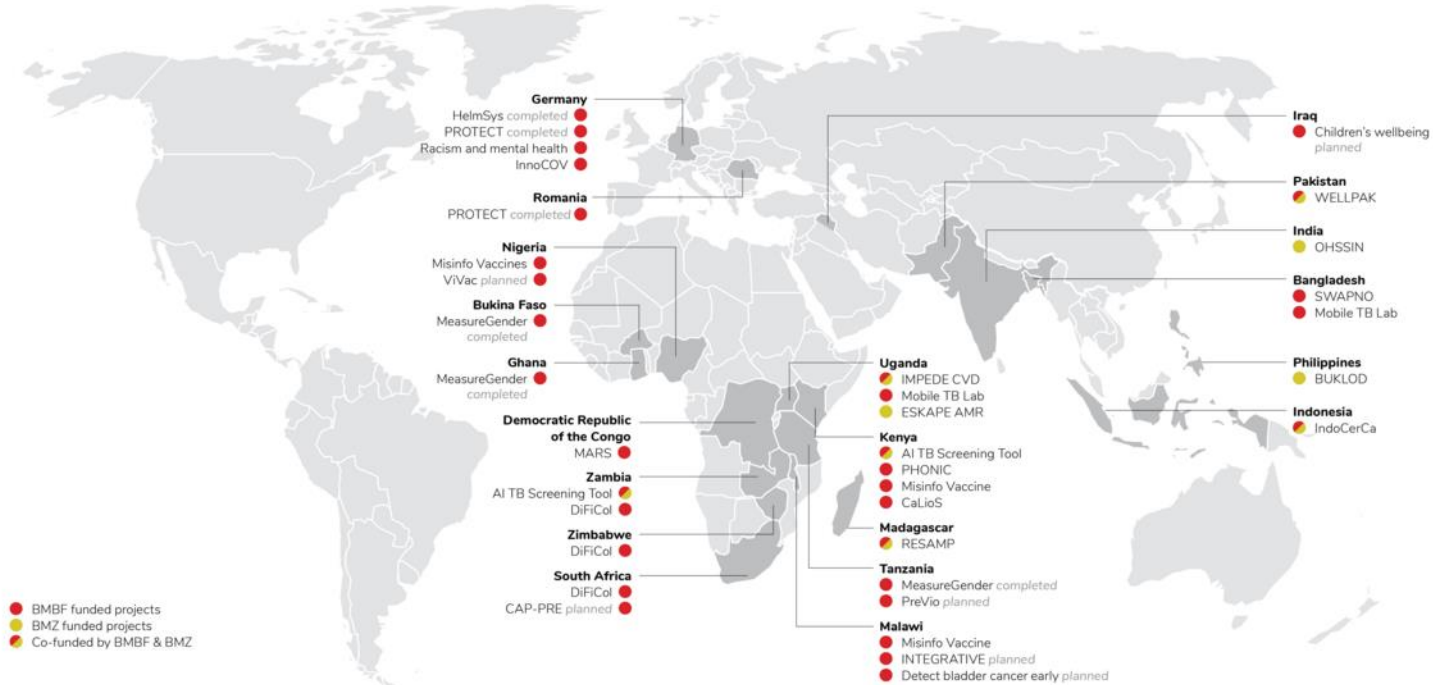


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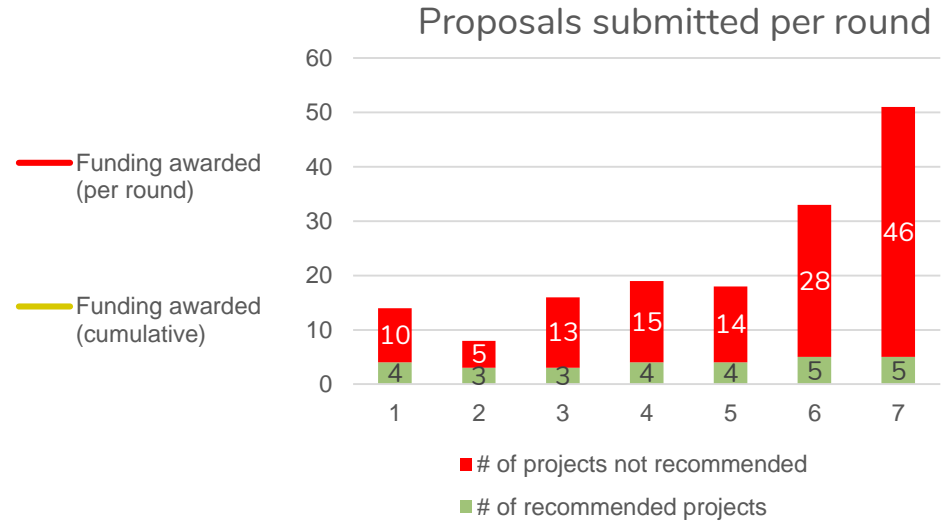
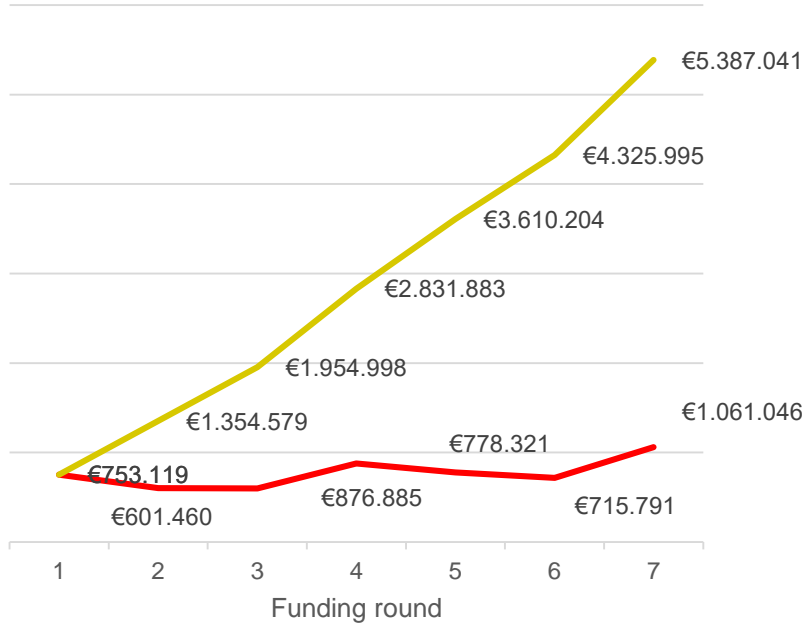
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GLOHRA research projects (2023)

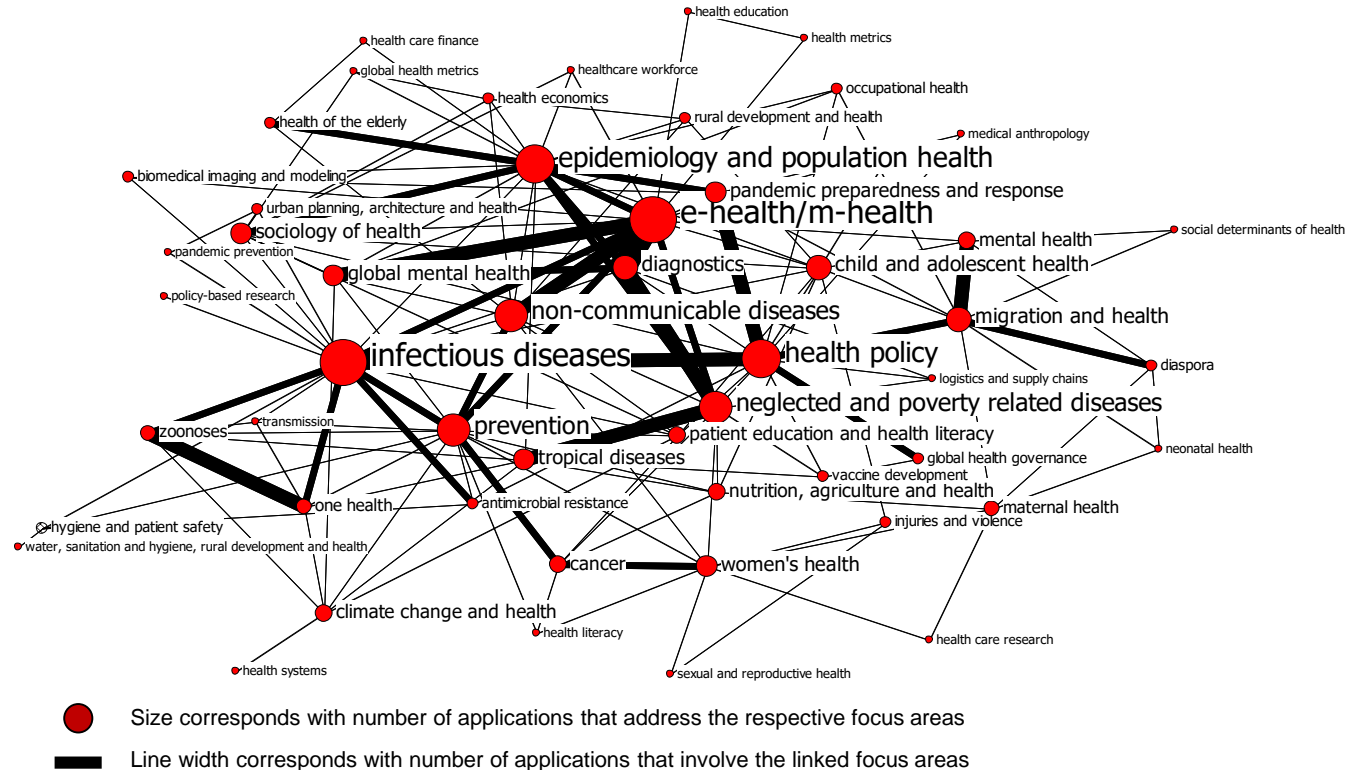




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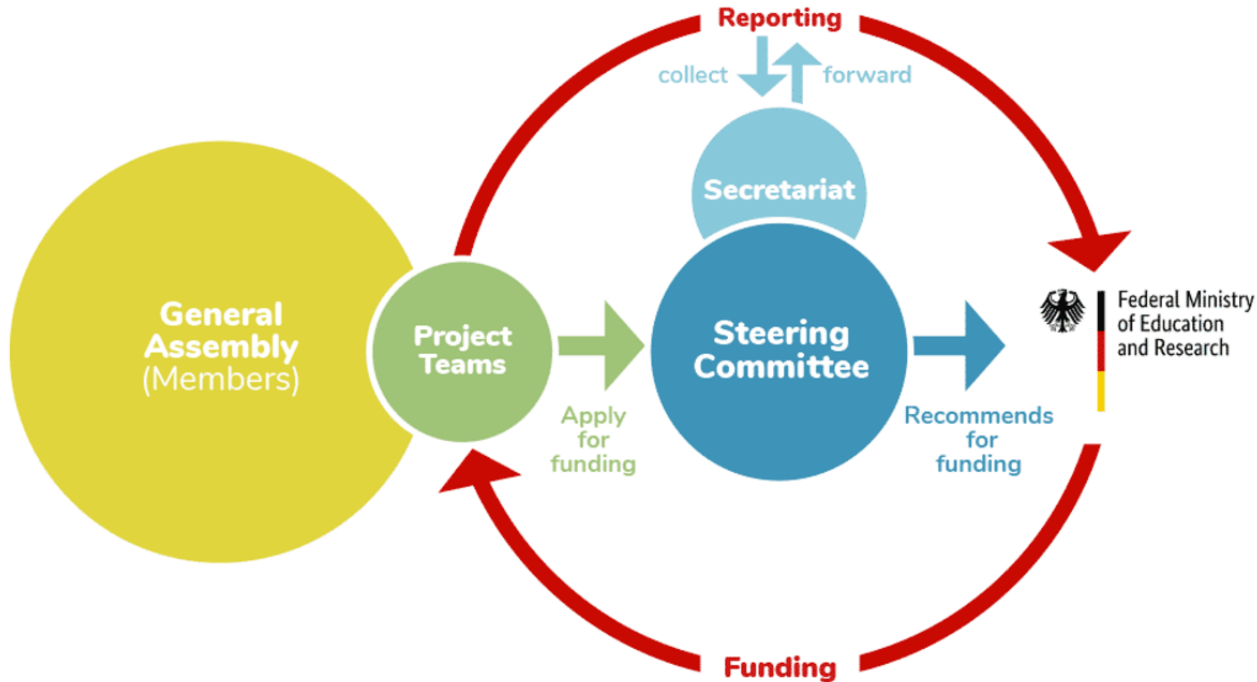


Focus areas in GLOHRA projects





Project evaluation process





Project resources

- **Research Projects – Call for Proposals**

globalhealth.de/news/view/research-projects.html

→ Scope, deadlines, link to [Project Guidelines](#) & [GLOHRA Project Application Portal](#) (open: 15 December)

- **Funded research projects**

globalhealth.de/funded-projects.html

→ Get a sense of which projects have already been funded.

- **FAQs**

globalhealth.de/faqs.html

→ Answers to your common questions.

- **GLOHRA Secretariat**

secretariat@globalhealth.de

→ Can't find your answer? Wondering whether to apply at all? Feel free to email or call us.

**Call for
research
proposals
2025-01**





Timeline



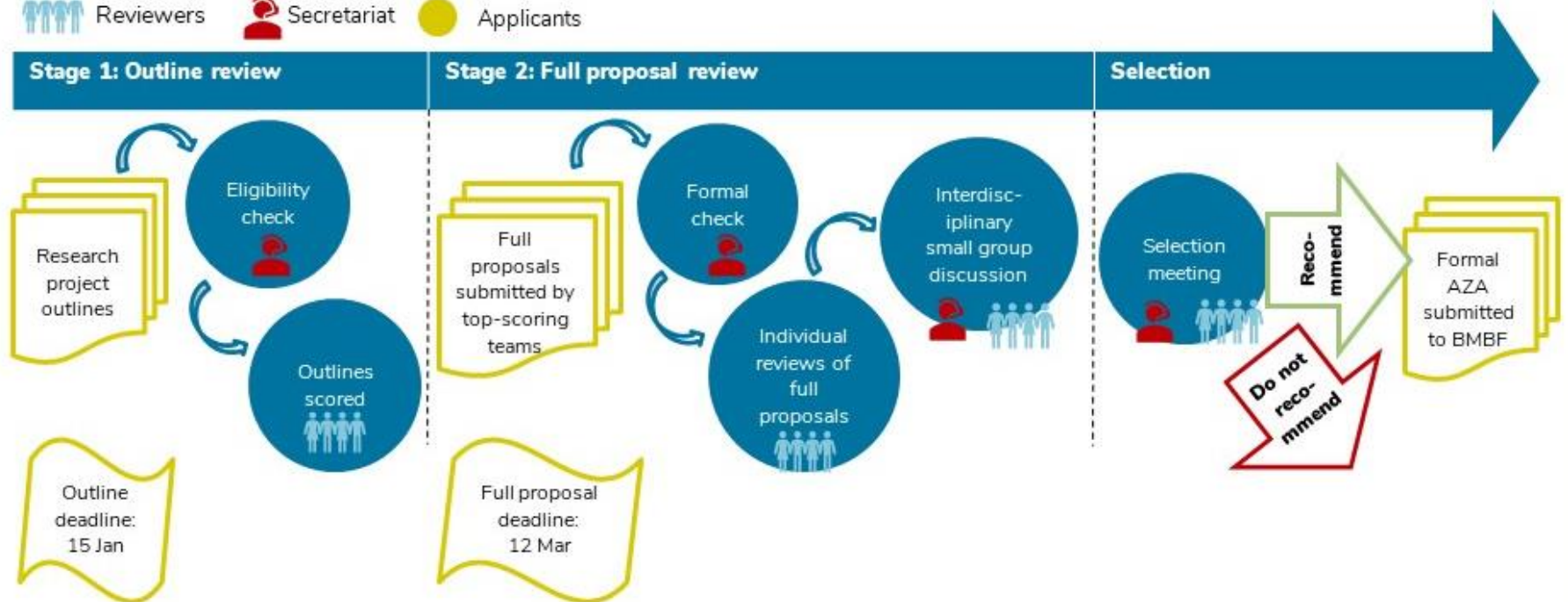
Reviewers



Secretariat



Applicants





Brief portal tour

Initial eligibility check

GLOHRA Project: Application Portal

Programs My Application



Funding line

65%

Please assist us by confirming whether you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for your chosen funding line.

The applicant team includes a minimum of two GLOHRA members

- Yes
- No

Clear

The applicant team includes GLOHRA members from at least two research areas (i.e. biomedical sciences, public health research, social sciences and humanities, or engineering and other sciences)

The research area is the category which you self-identified with when registering as a GLOHRA member. If you are no longer sure of your research area, please check your profile in the global health research directory: researchdirectory.globalhealth.de.

- Yes
- No



GLOHRA project portal

Basic project information:

- Applicant team
- Research idea/methods, novelty, feasibility, and impact potential
- Budget estimate

GLOHRA Project Application Portal

Research idea, objectives, and methods

maximum length: 300 words

Topic(s), justification of research question, background, relevance to global health, description of research objectives, description and justification of methods

This value must be between 100 and 300 words.

Novelty and interdisciplinarity

maximum length: 200 words

Why/how is your proposed research ambitious, original and goes beyond the state of the art? What makes the interdisciplinary (or if applicable: cross-sector) cooperation in your project innovative and unique?



What do you need to submit in stage one? (1/2)

- Brief information about eligibility
- Information about the applicant team (including cross-sector and/or international partner if applicable)
- Short answers about project (see next slide)
- Basic information about budget



What do you need to submit in stage one? (2/2)

- **Research idea, objectives and methods** (max. 300 words)
 - Topic(s), justification of research question, background, relevance to global health, description of research objectives, description and justification of methods
- **Novelty and interdisciplinarity** (max. 200 words)
 - Why/how is your proposed research ambitious, original and goes beyond the state of the art? What makes the interdisciplinary (or if applicable: cross-sector) cooperation in your project innovative and unique?
- **Work plan and feasibility** (max. 200 words)
 - Describe your work plan, defining and describing sub-tasks and indicating the responsible institution.
- **Impact potential and networking** (max. 200 words)
 - Clarify how your project contributes to (or lays the groundwork for) solving a global health need. In other words: How is your research going to make a difference and for whom? Are your expected results scalable and/or transferrable to other contexts /questions? How do you make sure you achieve your desired impact? Please also consider networking aspects (national and international) and why GLOHRA is a suitable funder for this project. If you are applying for a global health fellowship: how will this advance your career?



Summary of process changes

- Changing from one-stage to two-stage review process
 - Previously: expression of interest required, but ALL applicants could submit a full application
 - 2024 Call: project outline required, and ONLY top-scoring applicants will be invited to submit a full application (approximately 15)
- Moving from email application to online application portal
 - Previously: expression of interest and application emailed to Secretariat
 - 2024 Call: Applicants and reviewers will complete the entire application project review process in online GLOHRA Project Application Portal
- **No changes** to scope or project types



Frequently asked questions (1/2)

- **How many of each project type are typically funded?**

→ All projects undergo the same review process and the best-evaluated projects are chosen, regardless of the funding line. Accordingly the number of projects from each funding line varies from round to round. Although it will vary from round to round, there is funding for about five projects.

Can I apply for multiple projects?

→ You may only be named as an applicant in one application per funding call. Serving as an advisor or mentor on a fellowship applications does not count toward this limit.

- **Who is the applicant in a fellowship proposal?**

→ The postdoc fellow is the applicant. The advisory team can be mentioned within the project outline description (stage one) and listed in full proposal (stage two).

- **What is the earliest starting date for an accepted proposal?**

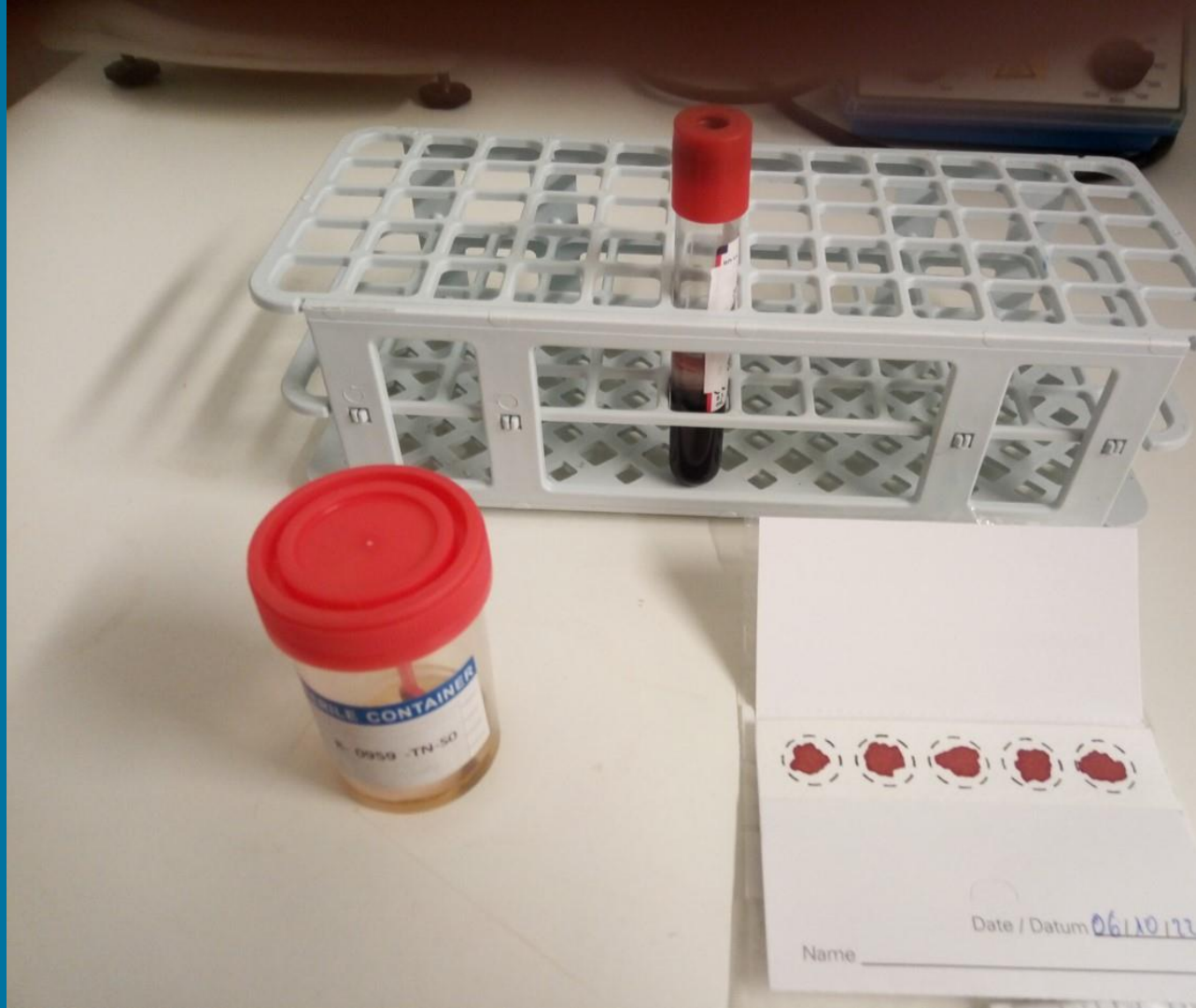
→ Approximately 8 months from the submission of the full proposal.



Frequently asked questions (2/2)

- **Are contracts made with individuals or institutions?**
 - Institutions.
- **Can my cross-sector research partner be based outside of Germany?**
 - Yes. They will be administratively be considered a sub-contractor. A subcontract may not exceed 50% of the budget of the member awarding the subcontract.
- **My project outline was not among the top-scoring applications. Can I still submit a full application?**
 - No. Only top-scoring applicants (ca. 15) will be invited to submit a full application.

**Best practice
example:
Mobile TB Lab**





Mobile TB Lab

Mobile TB Lab: Diagnostic algorithm for peripheral lymph node tuberculosis using portable station

Cross-sector project | Duration: November 2022 - October 2024

GLOHRA Team Lead(s): Dr. Sophie Schneitler, Universitätsklinikum des Saarlandes; Dr. Ahmed Abd El Wahed, Universität Leipzig; Prof. Dr. Martin Siegel, Technische Universität Berlin

This project draws on a trilateral collaboration between European partners and institutions from Africa and Asia in order to support tuberculosis (TB) diagnostics. The main project objective is to introduce mobile diagnostic capabilities and capacity for peripheral lymph node TB in low resource settings in Uganda and Bangladesh. The strategy will follow a 4Ds concept: **D**ecentralization of diagnostics; **D**eliver results in short time; **D**eliver tests to poor resource settings; **D**ecrease the operation costs.



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Q&As





Discussion



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