

EUGLOHRIA SEEDING GRANT



The EUGLOHRIA seeding grant instructions for applicants

1. Background

The European University Alliance for Global Health (EUGLOH) currently brings together University of Paris-Saclay, Lund University, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, University of Porto and University of Szeged. Since 2021, the European Commission, under the “Science with and for Society” programme within the Horizon 2020, has been financing the “European University Alliance for Global Health – Transformation through Joint Research and Innovation Action” (EUGLOHRIA, link: [EUGLOHRIA | EUGLOH](#)). EUGLOHRIA consolidates EUGLOH’s efforts and achievements towards establishing a European University around global health by broadening its scope to include the “Research and Innovation” dimension. The alliance is pleased to announce the “EUGLOHRIA seeding grant” to researchers affiliated to any of the five EUGLOHRIA alliance members.

2. Aim of the EUGLOHRIA seeding grant

The aim of the EUGLOHRIA seeding grant is to:

- i. stimulate new pandemics-related research collaborations between researchers from different disciplines within EUGLOHRIA;
- ii. facilitate contacts and exchange of experience between researchers within the alliance to bring knowledge to the research communities; and
- iii. contribute to the dissemination of research activities among and between the universities within the alliance.

The grant is primarily intended for the planning of joint research projects, e.g. through workshops, the organisation of research conferences hosted by the institutions within EUGLOHRIA, short stays for researchers to exchange experiences and best practices, or for writing joint research proposals for external funding collaborations. The application should state how the seeding grant applied for strengthens the research or research environment to which the application relates. The seed funding applies to researchers working at the institutions within the alliance (only the five partners of the EUGLOHRIA grant agreement, link: [EUGLOHRIA | EUGLOH](#)).

3. Eligibility criteria

3.1 Applicants

Researchers affiliated to any of the five EUGLOHRIA alliance members (University of Paris-Saclay, Lund University, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, University of Porto, University of Szeged) are eligible to apply.

3.2 Minimum number of partners per application

A minimum number of two EUGLOHRIA alliance partner universities per application is required.

3.3 Project duration

The project period is from **March 1st 2023 to October 31st 2023**.

3.4 Maximum funding available per project

The maximum amount that can be applied for is **EUR 10.000** per project. Funds should be administered and spent according to the specific regulations outlined below (point 7. Cost categories) and subject to procurement and expenditure statutes at the respective hosting institutions.

3.5 The main applicant

The main applicant is responsible for the overall coordination of the project activities, the budget, and compliance with the regulations described in this call. Responsibilities and specific roles of the project team should be clearly defined.

3.6 Language

Only proposals submitted in English will be considered.

3.7 Topics

All proposals on pandemics-related research and initiatives are eligible.

4. Timeline

- Deadline for the submission of project proposals: **January 15th 2023**
- Project review period: **January 15th-February 15th 2023**
- Information about the outcome sent to applicants: **February 15th 2023**
- Start of project period: **March 1st 2023**
- End of project period: **October 31st 2023**
- Deadline for final report to be submitted to EUGLOHRIA: **November 30th 2023**

5. Structure of proposals and word count

The title of the project should clearly reflect the objective of the application. If granted, the project title may be used in communications about activities within the alliance and should therefore be easy to understand also for people that are not familiar with the subject of the application. Each proposal should consist of a maximum of 6 pages (approx. 2000 words; font: Arial, size 10). Proposals missing any of the formal criteria as mentioned above (3. Eligibility criteria) will be excluded from evaluation. The proposals should be structured in the following way:

- **Cover Page:** Title of the project (maximum 200 characters, including spaces), name and institution of the primary applicant and co-applicants.
- **Page 1:** Short description of the project idea in relevance (and explanation of its relevance) to pandemics research, global health and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030.
- **Page 2:** Track records of the applicants relevant to the application.
- **Pages 3-6:** Project plan: Background, objectives, research methods, description of project activities (workplan), timeline of the project, and expected results.
- **Annex 1:** Budget: Outline and justification of the requested funding.
- **Annex 2:** CV of the principal applicants (minimum of two partners; maximum 2 pages each).
- **Annex 3:** Up to five selected publications of relevance for the research application.

6. Evaluation criteria

Only projects fulfilling the eligibility criteria and the formal requirements of the application are eligible for review (see 1. Eligibility criteria). Eligibility will be checked by two academic reviewers within the alliance. Priority will be given to projects with more than two collaboration partners, and to those using existing infrastructures and the Excellence Core Facility Network (ECFN, *please use this link for further information:* <https://u-szeged.hu/euglohria>, as well as industrial networks associated with EUGLOHRIA partners.

6.1 Evaluation process

Timeline: Project review period (January 15th- February 15th 2023)

6.1.1 Each proposal will be reviewed and evaluated by two academic reviewers (review board) from each of the five universities in the EUGLOHRIA alliance. The review panel at each university has the opportunity (**optional**) to circulate its evaluation report (template) to other review boards in other member universities during project review period before the deadline for revision expires. Each review panel may also request such information from the other review boards to support their own review process.

6.1.2 The reports from project evaluation will be sent to the **academic/local leaders at Lund University** (euglohria@med.lu.se) to be compiled.

6.1.3 The final output (including the application form/proposal and evaluation reports) of all reviewed projects will be forwarded to the Executive Board members for a final validation and decision making. The review board carries out the review and presents a funding recommendation to the Executive Board of EUGLOHRIA who then makes a final funding decision.

6.1.4 The content of the proposal

Overall, the relevance and added value/s to EUGLOHRIA's main focus area of global health and the development of research collaborations in pandemics-related research will be assessed, as well as the quality of application according to the following criteria below and how the application will strengthen the proposed collaborative initiative. More specifically, proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the project to pandemics research and global health.
- Relatedness of the project to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030.
- Inter-/multidisciplinary approach of the project by involving researchers both within and outside their own faculties/disciplines to strengthen new translational research collaborations between researchers from different disciplines within EUGLOHRIA.
- Feasibility of project within the time frame.
- Potential to facilitate contacts and exchange of experience between researchers within the alliance to bring knowledge to the research communities.

6.1.5 Project management and budget

The management and budget will be evaluated based on the feasibility to reach proposed objectives which presented for management plan and budget. Each hosting university within the EUGLOHRIA alliance take care of both administrative and legal agreements adapted to each institution regarding the seeding grant coordination procedures.

6.2 Notification of funding

The outcome of the review process will be communicated to the main applicants on **February 15th 2023**.

7. Cost categories

The seed funding will be subject mainly to the applicable financial regulations at the respective partner institution.

7.1 Consumables/Equipment

The seeding grant can be used to cover costs related to e.g. exchange/networking, preparation of research applications, generation of preliminary data, and research meeting participation/organisation. Specific examples include:

- Advertisement (e.g. flyers, posters, brochures, etc).
- Travel and attendance fees for conferences.
- Expenditure for translations.

- Expenditures for setting up electronic networks, software, and websites as well as expenditure for scientific publications/proposals for external funding initiatives and research applications.
- Direct research costs (e. g. lab and research infrastructures, materials/chemicals).
- Consumables for setting up workshops, seminars, and other academic events (teaching/learning materials, printing and copying costs).
- Consumables for projects (lab, field work).

7.2 Indirect costs

External experts (e.g. for events, conferences, workshops etc) can be remunerated for their contribution through an agreement with the rewarded institution (i.e. the hosting institution of the main applicant).

7.3 Travel and Accommodation Expenses

7.3.1 Travel expenses

The travel expenses need to be related to a specific activity of the project. Only economy-class flights and second-class railway journeys for project-specific staff and external experts can be covered. Additional requirements may apply according to the regulations of the hosting institution of the main applicant.

7.3.2 Accommodation

Only accommodation expenses with readable receipts with specifications of date, price per unit and quantity are covered for project-specific staff and external experts. The accommodation expenses need to be related to a specific activity of the project.*

***Please note: Partner-specific national legislation, local regulations and institutional procedures may apply.**

7.4 Non-eligible costs

- Alcohol, gifts, cancellation fees (e.g. accommodation, flights etc.).

8. Submission

Please submit your complete project proposal (application form and proposal including Annexes) no later than **January 15th 2023** to the respective administrative office at the host university (within the EUGLOHRIA alliance). The coordination of all administrative work for all applications sent to each host institution will be managed by the respective hosting university within the alliance. For questions concerning the submission and evaluation procedure, please contact:

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- The application form is available on the EUGLOHRIA website ([EUGLOHRIA Seeding Grant | EUGLOH](#)).

9. Reporting

A final report of the achievements and future perspectives of the project/initiative (maximum of 2 pages) should be submitted to the respective administrative office at the host university (within the EUGLOHRIA alliance) by **November 30th, 2023**. The coordination of all final reports for the seeding grant will be managed by the respective host university. The email address for EUGLOHRIA office at these universities are as above.

The reporting form is available on the EUGLOHRIA website (link: [EUGLOHRIA Seeding Grant | EUGLOH](#)).