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# GLOHRA PATH Funding Guidelines

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## 1. Background and General Aims

The German Alliance for Global Health (GLOHRA) is an association of researchers from public research institutions in Germany. Launched in February 2020, GLOHRA is sponsored by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). GLOHRA is committed to tackling today's global health challenges via interdisciplinary and collaborative global health research. GLOHRA aims to strengthen global health research in Germany by connecting a community of qualified researchers, funding groundbreaking research projects and scientific events, supporting the next generation of researchers, and enhancing cross-sector collaboration.

Through funds of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GLOHRA intends to strengthen the links between the GLOHRA community and global health researchers from low and middle income countries (LMIC), including partner countries of German development cooperation.

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## 2. Specific Aims of the Funding Measure

### Eligible activities and expected outputs

GLOHRA will fund up to three **Partnerships for Research and Training in Health (GLOHRA-PATH)**, in which teams of GLOHRA members and their LMIC partners jointly define and address a global health challenge combining interdisciplinary research, training and implementation activities. Particular attention is to be paid to the support of early career researchers and the promotion of gender equality.

Project objectives should be linked to local needs. With regards to training, teams may, for example, organize workshops, trainings or lecture series, elaborate strategy or policy papers or design and implement community or capacity building events or tools.

Wherever possible, relevant materials, curricula or tools developed during these processes should be shared with the GLOHRA community. Teams are requested to summarize their learnings in a case study to be shared within the GLOHRA community.

### Expected outcomes

Numerous GLOHRA members are already active in international cooperation and have built long-term partnerships in LMICs. The GLOHRA-PATH initiative will support these members in deepening, extending and further developing their partnerships. As a result multidirectional cooperation pathways and regional nuclei will be created that can be accessed by other GLOHRA members and LMIC partners. Participating researchers are also encouraged to explore cooperation opportunities with local German public structures, especially those with a focus on implementation (like GIZ offices) or policy (like embassies).



## Budget and Timeline

The maximum funding amount for each project team is **90,000 EUR** including all ancillary costs (institutional overheads, exchange rate fluctuations, money transfer fees, etc.). Project implementation has to be completed **by 31 August 2023**.

## Key differences between PATH call and GLOHRA Call for Research Projects

	GLOHRA PATH	GLOHRA Research Projects
<b>Funder</b>	BMZ (through GIZ)	BMBF
<b>Main beneficiary</b>	Vast majority of funds goes to the LMIC partner	Focus is on funding GH research in German institutions (limited funding for the LMIC partner)
<b>Partnership history</b>	Targets established partnerships that are willing to open up to other GLOHRA members and create multidirectional collaboration pathways between GLOHRA and the LMIC institution	Expressly invites new partnerships and collaborations to apply (although prior experience with the LMIC partner is advantageous)
<b>Main aim</b>	Build capacity in LMIC research institutions (in terms of research, researcher support, networking capacity and/or implementation)	Contribute to an unsolved research question
<b>Topic</b>	Global health topic that is relevant to the LMIC institute and provides a solid basis for wider LMIC-German research collaboration	Specific global health research question
<b>Main activities</b>	Research networking, knowledge transfer, research trainings, research translation	Research study
<b>Cross-sector approach</b>	Encourages cooperation with German public structures on site, such as GIZ, DAAD, embassies	Encourages cooperation with (German and local) experts from outside research (e.g. NGOs, communities, industry)
<b>Duration</b>	Implementation has to be completed by 31 August 2023	12 – 24 months, depending on the funding line
<b>Funding</b>	90,000 EUR	120,000-240,000 EUR , depending on the funding line

## 3. Eligibility and Application

Project teams consisting of one GLOHRA full member and one LMIC legal entity, generally an academic institution, are eligible to submit project proposals as direct funding recipients.

For better comparability and assessment of submitted project proposals, the application form is standardized.

Project proposals must be submitted to the GLOHRA Secretariat by e-mail ([secretariat@globalhealth.de](mailto:secretariat@globalhealth.de)) by the deadline stated on the website.



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## 4. Evaluation

### Criteria

#### 1. Innovation, ambition, collaboration

- The project addresses (or lays the groundwork for addressing) a global health need.
- The project is aligned with GLOHRA's values and mission and the (inter)national global health agenda. The project cannot easily be funded through other programs and mechanisms.
- The research questions/objectives and/or the global health challenge are clear.
- The project concept is coherent and convincing.
- The proposed methods are adequate for addressing the research questions/objectives and/or the global health challenge.
- The different disciplines involved are linked/ integrated in a meaningful way.
- The applicants have the necessary knowledge/ expertise to address the questions raised and/or plan to involve relevant partners.
- The applicants (German and LMIC partner) have a proven track-record of successful collaboration and a convincing vision of how to better link the LMIC partner with the wider German global health research community.

#### 2. Adequacy and feasibility of the work plan, budget and management procedures

- The work plan is coherent; tasks and resources are adequate and allocated in a plausible way.
- The proposal aims at producing measurable outcomes that align with the stated research objectives.
- The applicants have the operational capacity to carry out the project.
- The partners work in a complementary manner.
- LMIC partners are adequately and fairly represented (e.g. in research design, project execution and decision-making, budget, ownership of results, etc.)
- The project has appropriate management structures and procedures.

#### 3. Impact and expected results

- The expected impact is ambitious, but realistic. The pathway to impact is clearly described.
- The project addresses the Specific Aims of the call (networking and capacity building between GLOHRA and an LMIC institution, gender equality, early career researcher support, etc.)
- LMIC stakeholders are adequately and fairly represented (e.g. in problem definition, research design, project execution and decision-making, budget, ownership of results, etc.).



- Ethical dimensions are appropriately considered (e.g. adequate management of ethical risks when dealing with vulnerable populations or collecting/using personal data, adequate involvement of local review boards, etc.)
- Gender dimensions are appropriately considered (e.g. in project team composition, leadership, contents, methods, target populations and outcomes).
- Sustainability dimensions are explicitly considered (e.g. environmental sustainability, sustainable use of project results, social sustainability for local populations, etc.)

## Evaluation

The GLOHRA Secretariat and an interdisciplinary group of at least four rapporteurs from the Steering Committee will assess applications submitted by the eligible teams and make a funding recommendation to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will take the final funding decision. All members of the Steering Committee are entitled to vote, provided they do not declare a conflict of interest. The Steering Committee and Secretariat may request that applicants incorporate modifications to raise the overall quality of the project (conditional acceptance).

## Conflicts of interest

The Steering Committee and its members also have the right to submit projects. If members of the Steering Committee are biased or declare a conflict of interest, they may not review an application.

A member of the Steering Committee needs to declare a conflict of interest if s/he is involved financially or in terms of content in the planned project or if s/he is employed in the same institute or working group as the applicant and cooperates with them in terms of content. In addition, the members of the Steering Committee are requested to truthfully declare close cooperation or direct competition with the applicant in thematically similar projects. Employment in the same superordinate institution alone is no reason for bias. Cases of doubt will be decided upon individually, using the Guidelines for Avoiding Conflicts of Interest of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) as a reference.

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## 5. Funding conditions

### Conditions

- Funding is conditional on the successful conclusion of a subsidy agreement between Charité and GIZ.
- For the implementation of selected projects, tripartite agreements will be concluded between Charité as the host of the GLOHRA Secretariat, the GLOHRA member and the LMIC partner receiving the funds. Terms and conditions of GIZ Subsidy Agreements (“Zuschussverträge”) will apply, including for narrative and financial reporting.
- Aligned with BMZ priorities, spending in LMICs will generally be prioritized, meaning that measures taking place in Germany will generally not be funded.
- German institutions cannot claim overhead costs. Requested budgets are inclusive of all ancillary costs.



- Cost-neutral extensions beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 are not possible.

### Timeline

Evaluation results will be communicated by the end of July. Project implementation has to be completed **by 31 August 2023**.

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## 6. Contact

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