



Global Health Academy 2023-2024

Subcontract for Academy Coordination and the development of a concept for a cross-institutional and interdisciplinary graduate center for global health research

1. Introduction

The German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA) is a platform that supports interdisciplinary and collaborative global health research. The complex challenges we face today – neglected tropical diseases and antibiotic resistance, but also non-communicable diseases together with achieving universal health coverage and the human right to health including the social determinants of health – require informed, high-quality, and scientific collaboration. GLOHRA aims to build an interdisciplinary research community in Germany, strengthen global health research, support young researchers and stimulate intersectoral cooperation.

The Global Health Academy is a GLOHRA initiative that supports the next generation of global health researchers, specifically doctoral students and postdocs from all disciplines. The Academy aims to improve the quality, accessibility and number of global health research trainings offered. The Global Health Academy is led by the GLOHRA Steering Committee.

2. Subject of the subcontract

The Global Health Academy plans to award a subcontract¹ for

- a) the coordination of the Global Health Academy (task 3.1 of the GLOHRA work program)
- b) the development of a concept for a cross-institutional and interdisciplinary graduate center for global health research (task 3.5 of the GLOHRA work program).

a) Coordination of the Global Health Academy (task 3.1)

As part of the GLOHRA Secretariat Team, the Academy Coordinator fosters interdisciplinary and cross-institutional collaboration across all GLOHRA research areas (lab-based and clinical biomedicine, public health, social sciences and humanities, and engineering and other sciences).

The Academy Coordinator

- develops and coordinates activities and events of the Global Health Academy
- oversees and supports the Academy-related ongoing GLOHRA-funded activities, i.e. the repository of existing training offers (task 3.2), the catalogue of competencies (task 3.3) and the development and implementation of innovative research training offers (task 3.4)
- works closely with the GLOHRA Secretariat in Berlin and reports to the GLOHRA Steering Committee, preparing strategic decisions with the Academy Advisory Board².

¹ This means that GLOHRA acquires an exclusive, transferable, unrestricted right of use in all types of use to all work results.

² The Academy Advisory Board (AAB) is an interdisciplinary board that facilitates and prepares strategic decisions for the Global Health Academy, which are subject to approval by the GLOHRA Steering Committee.



b) Development of a concept for a cross-institutional and interdisciplinary graduate center for global health research (task 3.5)

The Global Health Academy envisions a graduate (doctoral) level cross-institutional cooperation in Germany with a curriculum that cuts across GLOHRA research areas, regions, and topics. This will support the next generation of researchers with the requisite competencies and perspectives to approach global health challenges. The graduate center will not award doctorates³, rather the center will allow doctoral students from all GLOHRA research areas to collect curricular credits and be co-supervised by representatives from different institutions, according to their individual needs. The target group will primarily be doctoral candidates at participating German research institutions.

The concept should contain:

- a systematic assessment of opportunities and challenges for implementing a cross-institutional graduate center, including incentives and barriers for the participating institutions and doctoral candidates
- a proposal for the graduate center's governance, structures and processes addressing the issues identified in the assessment
- a viable and sustainable financial concept
- a proposal for basic study regulations, such as admission requirements, training objectives, etc.
- an outlook on international cooperation opportunities and modalities
- a roadmap for implementation / operationalization of the concept

The process will be enriched by insights from ongoing GLOHRA projects, notably the repository of existing training offers (task 3.2), the catalogue of competencies (task 3.3) and the development and implementation of innovative research trainings offers (task 3.4).

3. Funding Conditions

The subcontract contains

a) Academy coordination (task 3.1)

- Up to 0.5 FTE (E13) for up to 24 months
- 10,000 EUR travel expenses and other costs
- 19% VAT

b) Graduate center development (task 3.5)

- Up to 0.5 FTE (E13) for up to 24 months
 - 10,000 EUR travel expenses and other costs
 - 19% VAT
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Project duration: 01/01/2023-31/12/2024

GLOHRA members may apply individually or as a team. Interested members are encouraged to sound out potential cooperations prior to submitting a proposal.

³ Doctoral candidates enrolled at participating German institutions will receive their doctorate degree through their affiliated institutions. Participating institutions will recognize doctoral candidates' successful participation in the GLOHRA Graduate Center as (partially) fulfilling PhD requirements.



4. Requirements and Criteria

Requirements

- Previous experience with:
 - coordinating activities for early career researchers related to global health
 - establishing and/or operating international, interdisciplinary and cross-institutional research training programs
 - interacting with GLOHRA's / the Global Health Academy's structures and processes
- The concept for the graduate center must focus on global health research (as opposed to global health education)
- Applicant(s) must coordinate closely with the GLOHRA community via the GLOHRA Secretariat, Steering Committee and the Academy Advisory Board
- Coordination and concepts must involve all GLOHRA research areas to ensure a balance of perspectives and disciplines

Criteria

- Clear objectives, coherent and convincing approach, adequate methods to fulfill the aims
- Adequacy and feasibility of the work plan, budget, and management procedures; measurable outcomes that align with stated objectives
- The project develops an ambitious, but realistic concept for a cross-institutional and interdisciplinary graduate center, including appropriate consideration of ethical, gender equity and sustainability considerations, with a clearly described roadmap for implementation.

5. Application

Application and selection process

- Proposals should be submitted by 30 September, 2022 to secretariat@globalhealth.de
- Applicants should use the application form provided by GLOHRA
- Proposals will be evaluated and the final selection will be made by the Steering Committee

6. Contact

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