



GLOHRA Research Funding Info Webinar

Online via Teams, 7 December 2023



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Milestones

Mar 2020 Jun 2020

Global Health Research Directory online

First call for projects

Oct 2020

2 GLOHRA sessions at digital World Health Summit (WHS)

May 2021

First research projects start

Oct 2021

1st GLOHRA Day & session at WHS

Jun 2022

First research project completed

Oct 2022

GLOHRA Day (with Hospital Partnerships) & session at WHS

Jun 2023

GLOHRA Day



2020

2021

2022

2023

Feb 2020

Launch of the German Alliance for Global Health Research



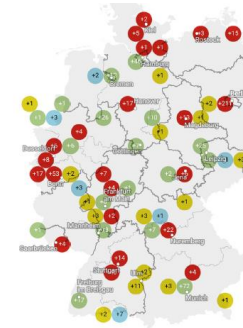
Apr 2021

Launch of the Global Health Academy



Jun 2022

Beginning of co-funding by BMZ



Feb 2022

1000 members!



Some highlights from 2023



→ Globale Herausforderungen – globale Zusammenarbeit

Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler aus aller Welt arbeiten zusammen, um globale Herausforderungen zu bewältigen. In der Forschungszusammenarbeit sind Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler voneinander abhängig.

Über 1.000 Mitglieder sind heute in der Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Gesundheit für alle

Einige Gesundheitsthemen sind von großem Ziel. Die Forschungszusammenarbeit ist ein zentraler Bestandteil jedes Projektes, so dass es gewährleistet ist, dass alle von den Ergebnissen profitieren können.

Informationen und Früherkennung im Kampf gegen Krebs



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GLOHRA Research Projects

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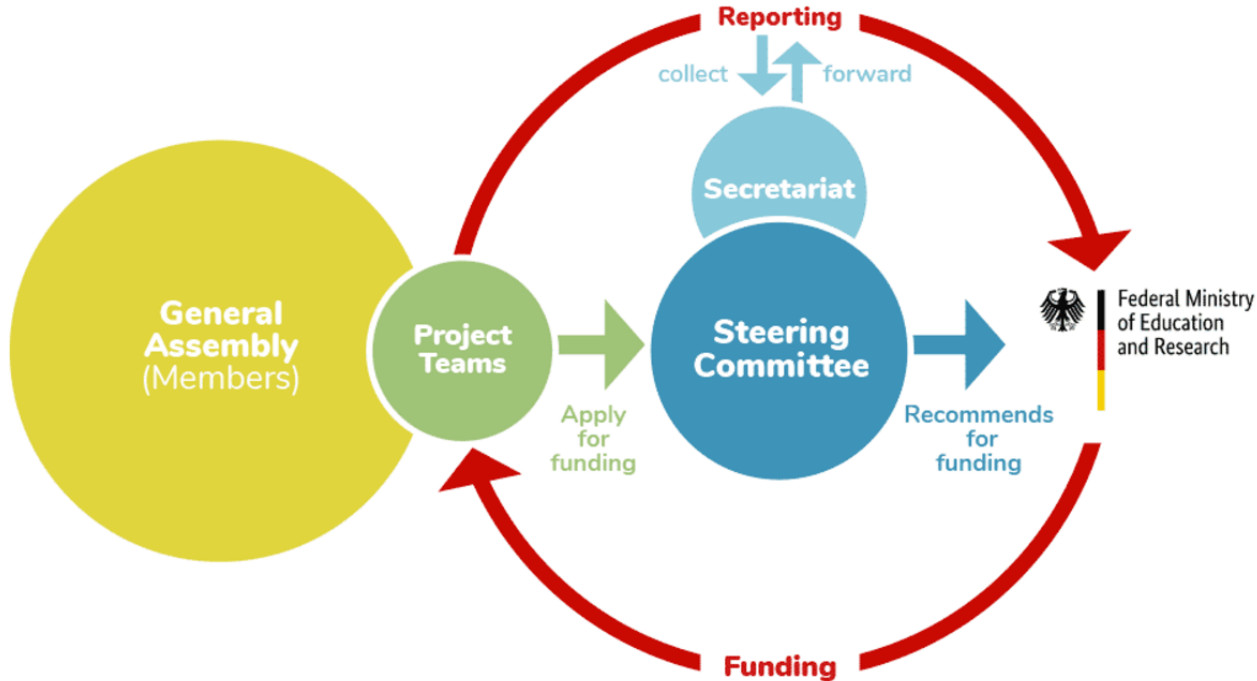


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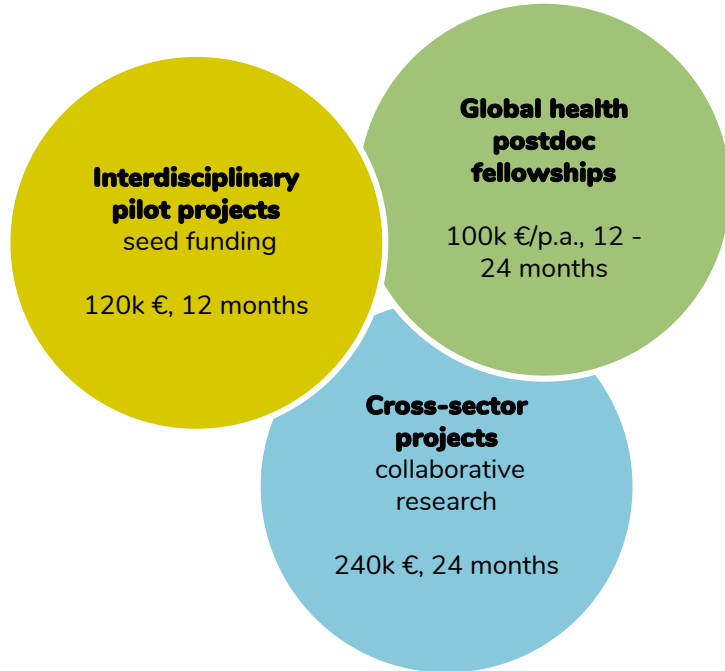


GLOHRA Projects: Evaluation Process





GLOHRA Projects: Types



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/faqs>



GLOHRA Projects: Scope

Next cut-off:
15 January
(expression of interest)
28 February
(full proposal)

GLOHRA 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 the Global South



Evaluation criteria

i) Scientific novelty, quality and originality, interdisciplinarity

e.g. project is ambitious, aligned with GLOHRA mission, collaboration is new and brings together especially well suited and qualified partners

ii) Adequacy and feasibility of the work plan, budget and management procedures

e.g. measurable outcomes that align with the research objectives, operational capacity of team, (if applicable: LMIC stakeholders are adequately and fairly represented)

iii) Impact and expected results

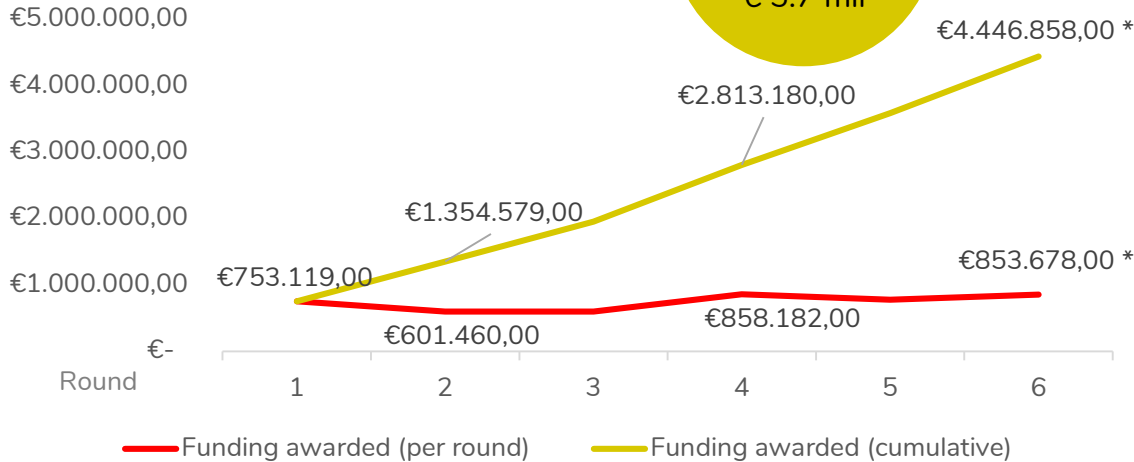
Vary according to funding line



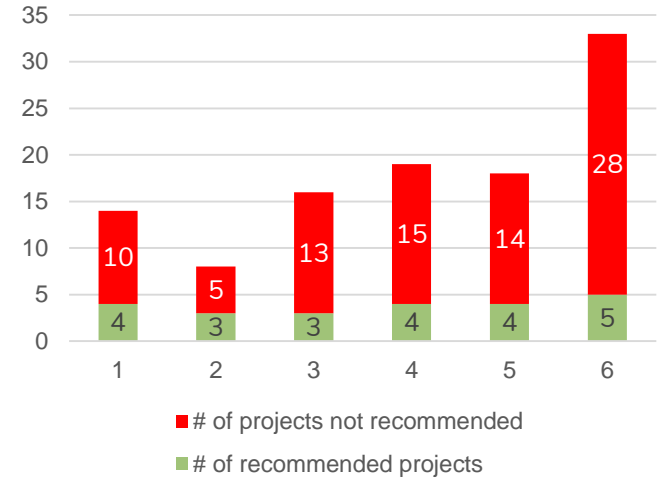
Previous Project Selection Rounds

Funding awarded

Total budget available:
€ 5.7 mil



Proposals submitted per round



* estimates



Ask yourself...

Ca. 1.25 mil EUR available for funding → ca. 6 projects

- Does your research question address transnational health issues?
→ Answer should be YES
- Will your research draw on diverse disciplinary perspectives, and thereby test new mechanisms of cooperation?
→ Answer should be YES
- Could you likely receive funding for your project elsewhere?
→ Answer should be NO

If you are trying to “squeeze” your project into our guidelines, we do not suggest applying.

	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 member 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*	<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 		
<i>*see pp. 5</i>			
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



Frequently asked questions

globalhealth.de/faqs.html

- **Are contracts made with individuals or institutions?**
 - Institutions.
- **Is it ok if I make slight changes to my budget?**
 - At this stage you should give your best possible estimate. However, when you submit your formal funding application for the BMBF (AZA) you will have an opportunity to make minor adjustments.
- **Can my cross-sector research partner be based outside of Germany?**
 - Yes. They will be formally seen as a sub-contractor. A subcontract may not exceed 50% of the budget of the member awarding the subcontract.



Frequently asked questions

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- **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. Our overall acceptance rate is about 20%, with increasing competitiveness observed each round.
- **What do I need for an expression of interest?**
 - Project type, topic, short description, project partners/institutions (see p. 4 of guidelines)
- **What is the earliest starting date for an accepted proposal?**
 - Approximately 8 months.



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Mobile TB Lab

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

Cross-sector Project | Planned 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 will draw 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: Decentralization of diagnostics; Deliver results in short time; Deliver tests to poor resource settings; Decrease the operation costs.

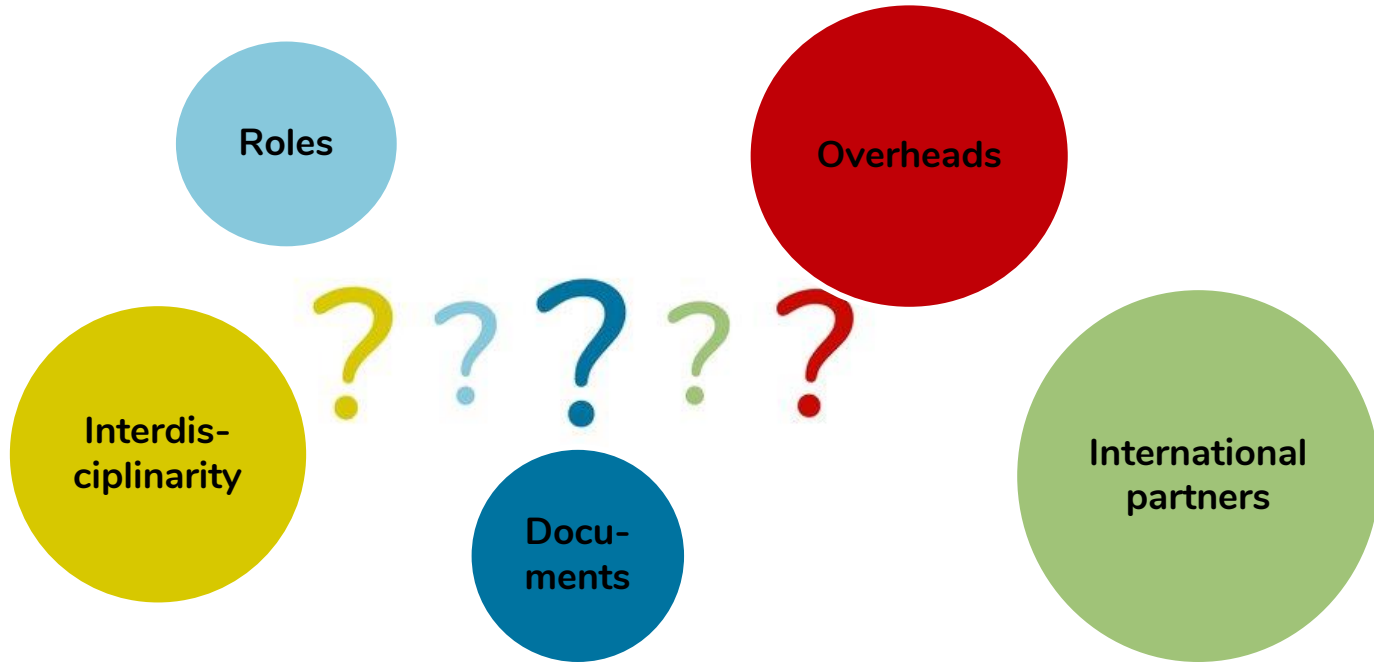


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Discussion, Q&A



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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 since June 2022

Aims:





Who we are

Members

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

Steering Committee

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

Secretariat

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