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RGHI International  
Collaboration Award -  
Information session

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# Agenda

1. Background
2. Overview of scheme
3. Application process
4. Questions

# Who are Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI)?

- ▶ Founded in 2020
- ▶ Dedicated to the advancement of hygiene, in particular promoting and funding rigorous hygiene science to enhance the evidence base
- ▶ RGHI is currently funded by a grant for Reckitt plc.
- ▶ They currently have a portfolio of 10 fellows based around the world
- ▶ 9 active grants
- ▶ There are 2 live funding calls at present –International Collaboration Award and the Senior Fellowship

# Other 2023 funding calls

- ▶ The Senior Fellowship scheme is open to mid-career researchers with experience of
- ▶ More information on the Senior Fellowship can be found on the RGHI website –
- ▶ There is also a detailed call specification for this scheme
- ▶ Applicants can be the principal investigator from the Host institution on a International Collaboration Award **or** a Senior Fellow. They could be a senior fellow and a PI from one of the collaborating institutions.
- ▶ For questions relating to the Senior Fellowship please contact – [fellowship\\_admin@mail.rghi.org](mailto:fellowship_admin@mail.rghi.org)

# What is the International Collaboration Award?

- ▶ The RGHI ICA is designed to support academic collaborations that advance evidence and understanding in the hygiene and health.
- ▶ It aims to support research institutions to work in partnership to develop innovative solutions to improve hygiene practices.
- ▶ The aim of the ICA is to support equitable research partnerships that produce new evidence and result in the translation of research findings into tangible advances in hygiene practices around the world.
- ▶ RGHI International Collaboration Award will be issued via a competitive, independent peer review process, to a global group of outstanding researchers.

# ICA will provide

The RGHI International Collaboration Award will provide up to \$750,000 for up to a 3-year period.

Eligible costs include:

- PI and researcher costs from all collaborating institutions
- Fieldwork/lab staff and expenses
- Training
- Research related travel
- Associated research administration costs

The following costs are not eligible for RGHI International Collaboration Award funding:

- Equipment over £5,000
- Non-research related activity costs
- Office furniture, such as desk
- Tuition and student fees
- Utilities such as water, electricity, or gas costs

# Eligibility

The RGHI ICA is an open call for academics working in partnership based at research institutions, where at least half of the institutions in an application are based in an LMIC, and where hygiene and health research is being locally led.

The ICA is designed to support relationships and collaborations between universities and/or academic research institutes in Global South-South or Global South-North partnerships. The institutions which apply for the grant must be recognised research institutions with experience of implementing hygiene research projects. Eligible host institutions are universities or academic research institutes anywhere in the world.

- Applications must be submitted by the Principal Investigator (PI) from the Host institution
- Institutions can be based anywhere in the world and partnerships can be between 2 or more institutions. **At least half the institutions must be based in an LMIC country**
- Eligible institutions include research organisations which have an internationally recognised portfolio of relevant research and where research is the primary purpose of the organisation
- The proposed project must align with the goals and priorities of the grant, as outlined in the RGHI research scope and areas of interest

# Priority Research Areas

Applicants to the RGHI ICA should consider these in relation to the relevance of their proposed study to the RGHI mission.

RGHI has an inclusive definition of hygiene, including hand hygiene, food hygiene, personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, domestic and surface hygiene, and hygiene in institutions. The specific focus areas are intentionally broad, and applicants should propose a specific focus in line with partnership expertise and interests.

- Exploratory research related to the links between hygiene and health
- Hygiene interventions and their impact on hygiene behaviours, norms and habits
- Implementation research to inform sustainable and scalable approach to hygiene behaviour change
- Research focused on hygiene policy and system strengthening, including economic analysis and evaluation
- Methodological research
- Other
  - ▶ Thematic areas of interest include:
    - Planetary health and climate change
    - One Health e.g. Zoonosis, AMR
    - Gender equity and social inclusion
    - Hygiene behaviours beyond hand hygiene, e.g. Food hygiene
    - Other



# Host institution and Collaborating institutions

- ▶ Applications must be submitted by the Principal Investigator (PI) from the host institution
- ▶ Each collaborating institution also has a PI
- ▶ We request CV's from each PI and additional researchers from each institution, please ensure the researchers CV's you provide are also costed on the budget
- ▶ The budget breakdown is by institution
- ▶ The grant is paid directly to the host institution

# Equitable partnerships

- ▶ Ensuring awardees of the RGHI International Collaboration Award are in an equitable partnership is a key feature of this grant. Addressing power imbalances when conducting research between collaborating institutions is essential for ensuring mutual respect and fair allocation of resources.
- ▶ At least 50% of the collaborating institutions in any application must be based in a LMIC. The aim of supporting equitable, international collaborations is to bridge knowledge and resource gaps in hygiene research, support the ongoing development of global hygiene research networks and, through engagement with relevant communities and policy actors, promote the sustainable implementation of research outputs.
- ▶ For further guidance and resources to support equitable research partnerships, the UKCDR [website](#) includes an overview and access to various toolkits.

# Review criteria

RGHI International Collaboration Award will be made on the basis of a rigorous peer-review process with reviews conducted by independent scholars skilled in RGHI research topics. An independent expert panel will review all applications and will score applications based on the following criteria:

- Applicant's track record to date (demonstrating balanced team from across research institutions)
- High-quality, internationally collaborative research project aligned with RGHI research scope
- Demonstrated plans for the project to strengthen capacity of all collaborators, their institutions and global hygiene research networks, and proof of mutual commitment to equitable working
- Potential for impact of the research project
- Value for money

# Application process

- ▶ RGHI use a grant management system called Founant
- ▶ All applications must be made using Foundant
- ▶ We will not accept email applications or late applications
- ▶ Applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5pm EST

# Application process

- ▶ Lay Summary (Text box in Foundant)
- ▶ Case for support (upload attachment in Foundant)
- ▶ CV's of PI's and researchers from the host institution and each of collaborating institutions (upload attachment to Foundant – template on RGHI website)
- ▶ Equitable partnership statement (Text box in Foundant)
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# Case for Support

This can be up to 6 pages and should include and should include the following sub-headings;

- Background to the proposed study
- Rationale for the collaboration to address the proposed research questions
- Summary of the investigator team's skills and experience to conduct the proposed work
- How the project addresses the RGHI priority areas
- Study aims and objectives
- Study design and proposed methodology
- Plans for involvement of relevant community and policy actors
- Analysis plan
- Timeline of activities for the 3 year award
- Anticipated outputs and pathways to impact (including plans for peer reviewed research papers resulting from the project)

# Equitable Partnership Statement

- ▶ This should be co-authored by the PI's from each institution outlining the motivation for the partnership and commitment to equity.
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# Letters of Support

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All participating institutions should submit a letter of support from their Head of Department (or equivalent) confirming support of their commitment to the partnership grant and explaining how this will contribute to knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening between their institutions.

# International Collaboration Award

*All applicants are required to submit their application within **Foundant**, the RGHI grant management system. Applicants are encouraged to register and create an account as soon as possible so as to not cause any delays in the application process. Details of all elements required for an application to the RGHI International Collaboration Award are provided below, please note, incomplete applications will be returned to applicants.*

All application materials must be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, 5pm EST (UTC – 5:00).

The International Collaboration Award (ICA) will support research institutions to work in partnership to develop innovative solutions to improve hygiene practices



**Name of key contact / authorized signatory at the host institution\***

First and last name; Example: Alex Smith

**Position in organization of key contact / authorized signatory at the host institution\***

**Email of key contact / authorized signatory at the host institution\***

**Name of PI from Lead/Host institution:\***

**Position of PI in Lead/Host Institution:\***

**Name of Lead/Host Institution:\***

**Name of Collaborating Institution(s):\***

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**Project Title\***

**Grant Start Date\***

Grant must start between December 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024. Successful applications will be expected to commence work as soon as possible, with allowances for notice periods.



# Application process timeline

- **31st May 2023: Deadline for submissions**
- Early June: RGHI office will check applications for eligibility and completeness
- June/July/August: Peer review of applications
- September: International Collaborative Award selection committee
- Early November: Notification of candidates and award process commences
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December: Awards announced at RGHI Global Hygiene Summit in Singapore

# Questions

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- ▶ Thank you for listening!