

RGHI Senior Fellowship

FAQs

1. What is the purpose of the Senior Fellowship?

The purpose of the programme is to stimulate new research and translation of findings into tangible advances in hygiene practices around the world. The Senior Fellowship will protect time for mid-career researchers to focus on their research project and ensure there is an ambitious training programme in place to enhance the career of the Senior Fellow.

2. What areas of research are eligible for funding?

RGHI has a broad range of interest areas. These include projects which focus on:

- 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

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

3. How many years' experience do I need?

While there is no upper or lower limit on the number of years' experience, applicants must have a track record of research excellence and experience winning and leading similar work.

As a rough guide we would expect mid-career researchers to apply for this grant, with roughly 5-10 years post-doctoral experience.

Application process

4. What is the application process for the Senior fellowship?

Applications are open until 31st May 2023. The full list of application materials can be found in the application pack.

After applications close there will be a peer review process carried out by independent experts. An expert panel will be convened over summer 2023 to select candidates to interview. Interviews will be held virtually in September 2023. The formal announcement will be made at the RGHI Global Hygiene Summit in Singapore in December 2023.

5. What are the key components of the Senior Fellowship application?

The full list of application materials include:

- Lay summary
- Case for Support
- CV
- Personal Statement
- Letters of support
- Budget
- Training plan
- Justification of resources
- Dissemination/public engagement

More information on what is required can be found in Annex 1 – Guidance for Applicants of the call specification.

6. When is the deadline for submissions?

Application close at 5pm (EST) on 31st May 2023.

7. Is there a limit to the amount of funding that can be requested?

While there is no fixed limit, we have given a breakdown of what the Senior Fellowship costs will cover.

The RGHI Senior Fellowship will provide support for projects of a 3year duration. Eligible costs are:

- 50% salary for the Senior Fellow (and associated costs and benefits as determined by the host institution within RGHI Guidelines for the local market) for the three-year duration of the Fellowship. Applicants are asked to spend 50% of time on the Fellowship – applicants requesting to spend a lower % of time will be considered with sufficient justification.
- Research expenses up to \$250,000. Note that costs for research assistants and/or laboratory technicians should be included as research expenses where necessary.
- A training budget of \$15,000.
- A travel budget of \$15,000.
- For individuals based at institutions without core funded administrative support, administrative support is allowed but total costs of administrative support should not exceed 0.1fFTE of research admin post.
- A flat overhead rate of 25% of the total direct costs listed above.

The following costs are not eligible for RGHI Senior Fellowship funding:

- Mentor salary
- Equipment over £5,000
- Non-research related activity costs
- Office furniture, such as desk
- Utilities such as water, electricity, or gas costs

The full list of eligible and non-eligible costs can be found in the ICA call specification.

8. How should I reference the Case for Support?

References should be listed at the end of the document (not as footnotes) and must not exceed one page, this is in addition to the 6-page limit.

9. Do we need to budget Open Access fees?

No, these are paid directly by RGHI.

Other questions

10. How do I contact RGHI?

For queries relating to the International Research Award you can email fellowships_admin@mail.rghi.org

11. Is there an appeals process if my application is not successful?

There is no appeals process for the Senior Fellowship call. We will provide timely feedback on all applications.

12. What are the reporting requirements for Senior Fellows?

RGHI require Fellows to submit milestone reports every 6 months for review. This is done through the Grant Management System. This is followed by a milestone meeting with the scientific advisor and Programme Manager.

*** This document will be updated regularly to reflect additional questions and feedback, so please keep checking throughout the application process.*