

# Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Immunology in Asia

## Grand Challenges Global Call-to-Action

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Eligibility**

##### **Who is eligible for grants?**

For Asia PGI funding, we seek proposals from government-funded institutes and labs based in South and Southeast Asia that are mandated to provide surveillance data to health ministries for public health action. For GIIISER-Asia, we seek proposals from government-funded labs or their academic partners. Collaborations with global partners are acceptable however, at least 80% of the funding needs to be awarded directly to organizations based in South and Southeast Asia. Individuals and organizations classified as individuals for U.S. tax purposes are not eligible to receive an award from the foundation as part of this initiative.

#### **Scientific Scope**

##### **Which monoclonal antibody discovery activities are you looking for?**

We are looking for research sites that have (or will develop) the ability to discover monoclonal antibodies. These include antibodies for research tools or diagnostics, as well as broadly neutralizing antibodies that could be used as therapeutics. Overall, we are looking for the underlying techniques to be applied appropriately, depending on the goal.

#### **Application Process**

##### **What must my application include?**

Please refer to the Application Instructions document

##### **Am I able to edit my proposal once submitted?**

Yes, you may edit your proposal up until the specified deadline.

##### **What amount of indirect cost is available?**

Details of the foundation indirect cost policy guidelines can be found here: [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's indirect cost policy](#)

#### **Review Process**

##### **How does the review process work?**

Please refer to the Rules and Guidelines document

##### **Can I get a list of potential reviewers who might be assigned to my application?**

No. We do not make public the roster of reviewers.

**Can I request that my application not be reviewed by a specific individual?**

No. However, we will ask reviewers about conflicts of interest and will not assign reviewers with conflicts.

**Will I receive specific feedback on my application if it is not selected?**

Due to the rapid proposal and review timelines applicable to this Call to Action, applicants with proposals that are not selected for award may receive a notification of decline without specific feedback.

**Award Information**

**Are grant awards made directly to individuals?**

No. All awards are made to the organization where the individual holds their primary appointment. Institutions must agree to the terms and conditions governing the grant award prior to award activation.

**How much money will each grant provide?**

The funding level for the Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Immunology in Asia Project is **a grant of up to \$300,000 USD per year for each project**, with a grant term of up to 2 years. An additional \$300,000 USD may be added to the second year budget if a proposed project includes monoclonal antibody discovery activities. Application budgets should be commensurate with the scope of work proposed. Indirect costs will be considered, and should be included in the budget for the \$300,000 USD award (subject to the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's indirect cost policy](#)).

**Technical Support**

**I forgot my password. How do I reset my password?**

You can request to update your password within the application site. If you continue to have issues, please reach out to [grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org).

**How will I know if my application was submitted?**

Once an application is submitted, an email confirmation will be sent.

**I'm having trouble uploading my application file. What should I do?**

If you are having issues submitting your application, we would encourage you to submit from a different browser. If the issue persists, please email the specifics of your problem to [grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org).

**How often do you intend to update the Frequently Asked Questions, and do you plan to provide answers to all questions submitted?**

We will periodically post answers to questions as they are submitted, but do not have a specific schedule. We will provide answers on this page that are of relevance and of general interest to potential applicants. For answers to specific questions that are not covered here, please email [grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org).