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What geographic areas does this call cover?

The current call is opened to early career scientists in the following African countries: Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal and Tanzania.

Why is my country not included in this call?

Much as GSK is interested in supporting early career scientists from all countries in Africa, the current plan is to start off with some selected countries and gradually widen the inclusion over

subsequent calls. The current call is therefore open only to applicants from the countries listed above.

What areas of non communicable disease does this initiative cover?

The programme's aims are to fund primary research addressing at least one of the following priority NCD areas: cardiovascular disease, oncology, chronic respiratory disease, chronic kidney disease and diabetes. Research proposals that additionally examine the interplay of these priority NCDs and infectious disease or sickle cell will be in scope. Proposals may additionally involve NCDs in children and across the life course.

In which language should applications be submitted?

All proposals must be written in English

What can be funded by the grant?

The application may include costs for resource, materials, publications, equipment and research assistance associated with the proposed research only. Outsourcing costs for portions of the work may be included for consideration where facilities are not available locally; however the applicant must provide transparency on the involvement of any other groups. Grantees are not permitted to make sub-grants. Costs for Principal applicant's salary are **not** included in this grant as they are expected to hold a salaried position in their institution.

Does the institute I work for need to be involved in the application process?

It is the responsibility of the applicant to adhere to their own institutions policies when submitting a proposal to Africa NCD Open Lab. The institution must review and/or endorse the application prior to submitting the grant application.

I am not currently employed by any organisation or institution, can I still apply?

We require all applicants to be already working in an institution that must endorse the application before it is submitted.

I collaborate with another research facility, can I still apply?

The principal investigator must be working in an institution in Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, The Gambia, Uganda, Senegal and Tanzania but can collaborate with investigators from other countries. Collaborations with centres outside of the applicant's country but within sub-Saharan Africa are encouraged.

What is the role of the supervisor/mentor?

The supervisor/mentor will have adequate experience in conducting research in Africa and in training early career scientist in any field of research. The supervisor/mentor should be available to

provide day-to-day guidance on all aspects of the research and highlight any training needs that need addressing whilst ensuring that the research is conducted to the highest standards and adherence to good clinical practice.

Do you publish information about my proposal if a grant is awarded?

Yes, a high-level description of the successful proposals will be included on the website.

Do you keep my application confidential if a grant is not awarded?

Your application will not be published if a grant is not awarded. A high level description of countries of principal applicants and subject areas may be published without any identifiers. Please note that GSK may share the personal information submitted by the applicants and all other information submitted in application proposals, with third parties around the world in order to process and review the application to assess suitability for a grant.

Who will own the intellectual property rights to any findings resulting from the project?

GSK will sign a collaborative research agreement with the investigator's institution. Depending on the intellectual contribution associated with the proposal, collaborative research agreement will be based on the relevant Lambert Agreement (or similar), as described at <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/Lambert>, with the further intention that results of the collaboration are shared for the broader benefit of the research community.

Can GSK help provide scientific guidance?

Yes, GSK scientists will be available throughout the duration of the grant and are enthusiastic about contributing to aspects of the project and sharing ideas based on the GSK experience in the area of research.

Can I apply if my country is not listed?

Unfortunately, applications will not be accepted from researchers working in institutions in any other countries except Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, The Gambia, Uganda, Senegal and Tanzania. The principal applicant may however collaborate with researchers from other sub-Saharan countries.

Can I change my proposal after I have submitted?

As long as the closing deadline has not passed, you may resubmit your application by logging into your account and making a new submission through the application portal.