

Developing Research Excellence and Mentorship in Southeast Asia
(SEA DREAM) Programme

Who can join a DREAM 4 Health Consortium?

Eligibility Requirements

Multi-Country Partnership

Each consortium must include **at least three organisations**, each from a different Southeast Asian country. The Consortium Lead must be a legal entity registered in one of these 11 Southeast Asian countries:



Inclusive Representation

Each consortium must include **at least one organisation from a Lower Middle-Income Country (LMIC)*** in Southeast Asia.



*World Bank, 2025

Regional and Global Collaboration

Organisations from countries outside of Southeast Asia can be Consortium Members and receive funds, but are not eligible to be the Lead Organisation.



Consortium Composition

A consortium should consist of **three to five organisations**, including the Lead Organisation who will administer the organisation.

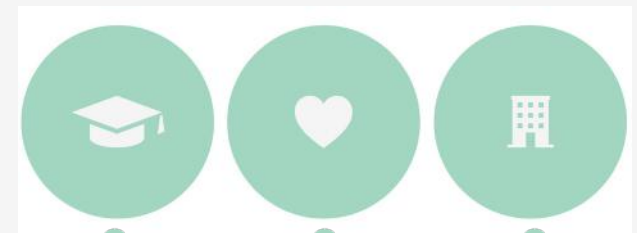
More than five may participate if clearly beneficial to the consortium.



Consortia are designed in a **hub-and-spoke structure**, with the Lead serving as the central hub that coordinates, manages funds, and supports the Member Organisations as spokes.

Consortium Composition

The AO and all Consortium Members must be:



Public or private universities

Not-for-profit organisations

Commercial organisations (under not-for-profit conditions)

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Key Personnel Requirements

Principal Investigators

Definition

Leads the consortium on behalf of the Lead Organisation, ensuring the design, conduct, and reporting of all activities meet standards of integrity and compliance. Oversees finances, personnel, and partnerships.

Profile

An established researcher with experience leading major projects and fostering inclusive, collaborative environments.

Application Requirements

Provide evidence of:

1. International standing as a research leader
2. Experience leading innovative research
3. Track record in leadership, management, and mentoring

Eligibility

1. Employed by and based at an eligible Lead Organisation
2. Holds or guaranteed a long-term contract for the grant period
3. Organisational support and time commitment to the project
4. May lead only one application (but can be Co-PI on others)

Deputy Principal Investigators

Definition

The D-PI supports the PI in leading the Consortium and managing the grant; capable of assuming leadership if needed.

Profile

An established researcher experienced in managing large research grants, partnerships, or capacity-building programmes.

Application Requirements

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Eligibility

1. Employed by and based at and employed by the Lead Organisation
2. Holds or guaranteed a long-term contract for the grant period
3. Organisational support and time commitment to the project

Co-Principal Investigators

Definition

The Co-PI represents Co-Applying Organisations (each must have at least one Co-PI). Works with the PI and D-PI to contribute expertise, resources, and leadership.

Role

Leads or contributes significantly to research, training, or ecosystem strengthening activities; involved in project design and application preparation.

Application Requirements

Provide evidence of:

1. technical and methodological experience within their field
2. strong track record of leading on, managing, or supporting high quality research
3. track record of working collaboratively, with contributions to training and development of others

Eligibility

1. Employed by and based at an eligible Co-Applying Organisation
2. Organisational support and time commitment to the project
3. Co-PIs who are Early- or Mid-career are encouraged and should be embedded in a formal mentorship arrangement with a named, experienced researcher at their organization.

Collaborators

Role

Support the project delivery without leading specific components such as:

1. Share facilities or resources
2. Provide technical expertise or guidance



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