

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SPHERiC Seed Funding Grant Call

### INTRODUCTION

The Singapore Population Health Improvement Centre (SPHERiC) Seed Funding Programme aims to contribute towards a centralised platform for multi-disciplinary research, develop local capabilities and foster collaboration with policy makers, national agencies, communities and other Regional Health Systems (RHSes). This seed funding grant is designed to support early career investigators in their small exploratory studies that may provide preliminary data to potentially vie for bigger grants on a national level.

### AWARD QUANTUM

Each awarded seed funding project will provide a funding quantum capped at S\$50,000 for up to 2 years, and indirect costs are not applicable.

### ELIGIBILITY

- a. Applicants applying as Principal Investigator (PI) are only allowed to submit one application per grant call.
- b. PI must hold a primary appointment in NUHS (E.g., AH, NTFGH, NUH, NUP, NUS FoD, NUS SSHSPH, NUS YLLSoM), and be salaried by a NUHS entity.
- c. Applicants should have PhD or MD/MBSS/BDS qualifications. (*Exceptions would be made on a case-by-case basis*).
- d. Applicants should not have held any national grants (E.g., NMRC, A\*STAR, NRF, MOE AcRF Tier II, etc.) or international grants (E.g., MRC, NIH, NHMRC, etc.) as a PI/Co-PI prior to the award of the seed funding grant. (*Exceptions would be made on a case-by-case basis*).

## ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Applicants are strongly encouraged to engage the support of a mentor who is an experienced PI.  
Note:
- Clinicians who are Associate Consultants and below, are advised to engage the support of a mentor who is an experienced PI (Consultant level and above).
  - Scientists/ Allied Health staffs/ Nurses are advised to engage the support of a mentor who is an experienced PI.
- c. The PI and study team should have adequate expertise and skills in the research area. They are strongly encouraged to attend courses offered by SPHERiC where relevant.

## RESEARCH THEMES

SPHERiC Seed Funding Grant is open to proposals across the breadth of disciplines relevant to its mission articulated above. However, there will be strategic consideration for proposals which focus on the following population health priority areas:

- Aging and Frailty
- Primary Care
- Technology-enabled Healthcare

This includes research into determinants of health, and enablers (healthcare financing, human resource/ manpower strategies, care integration, role of technology and data sharing).

## ENGAGEMENT

Applicants are strongly encouraged to engage one of the SPHERiC Core(s), i.e Population Health Analytics Core, Health Systems and Models of Care Core, and Implementation Science Core prior to their grant submission.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Research Proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

a.	Focus on studies relevant to research cores and priority themes identified
b.	Strength of research team to deliver outcomes of research proposals
c.	Ability to develop a project that can lead to an external competitive funding

## **SUBMISSION MODE AND DEADLINE**

It is mandatory for all applications (hardcopy and softcopy) to be submitted through the RHS Planning Office (SPHERiC) by **31 January 2019**.

*Note: Hardcopy submissions may take longer to reach the RHS Planning Office. Do factor in time for your proposal to reach us by the stipulated deadline.*

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Please download the [SPHERiC Seed Funding Grant Application Form](#) for more information.

Proposals collated will be reviewed by SPHERiC Review Committee for selection, and applicants will be notified of the outcome at the end of April 2019.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. SPHERiC Seed Funding Grant Application Form**
- 2. NUHS Grants General Administrative Guidelines**
- 3. NUHS Grants Annex A- Fundable and non-fundable items**