

UAE-NIH Collaborative Awards 2023 RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What resources are there for Principal Investigators to promote early-stage collaboration and find other interested investigators?**
 - a. The [NIH RePORTER](#) tool provides a match maker module, which allows users to search a repository of NIH-funded research projects and lists publications and patents resulting from NIH funding. Individuals can use the match maker module as a resource to search for partner investigators.
 - b. CRDF Global will provide interested individuals access to a private Moodle channel upon release of the RFP to encourage early collaboration and communication between Principal Investigators (PIs) who anticipate applying to this funding opportunity. To receive access to the channel, please contact Anna Emery, CRDF Global: aemery@crdfglobal.org and Kesina Kum, CRDF Global: kkum@crdfglobal.org.
2. **Who is eligible to apply for this funding opportunity?**
 - a. Each PI must possess the degree of Ph.D., M.D., or the equivalent research experience and demonstrate scientific capacity and research experience.
 - b. UAE PI and participants on the UAE sub-team may be UAE citizens or UAE residents and must reside in UAE for at least 50% of the award period.
 - c. U.S. PI and participants on the U.S. sub-team may be foreign nationals (U.S. permanent residents or visa holders) but must reside in the United States for at least 50% of the award period.
3. **What are the approved research topics for this funding opportunity?**
 - a. Basic and clinical immunology and endemic and emerging infectious diseases relevant to the MENAT region.
4. **How is funding split between the UAE and U.S. institutions?**
 - a. **UAE sub-team:** Total grant support for the UAE sub-team expenses of the total amount requested must be at least 80% of the total award funds up to \$140,000 USD per year or \$420,000 USD in total grant funding. UAE sub-teams are permitted to split the total cost as they see fit within the approved ceiling.
 - b. **U.S. sub-team:** Total grant support for the U.S. sub-team expenses of the total amount requested must be up to 20% of the total award funds up to \$35,000 USD per year or \$105,000 USD in total grant funding.

5. Do I need to have an early career investigator and female investigator included in my team?

- a. Yes! Each application must include a PI or key personnel that is an early stage or female investigator. If senior investigators (i.e., non-early-stage) are included as members of the proposed UAE or U.S. sub-teams, at least one senior investigator involved in each project must be identified as a mentor and trainer who will work with the early-stage investigator(s) involved in each project.

6. Who is considered an 'early career investigator'?

- a. An early-stage investigator (ESI) is a scientist who has completed a terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years. This program will consider request to extend the ESI status period for reasons that can include: medical concerns, disability, family care responsibilities, extended periods of clinical training, natural disasters, and active-duty military service, determined on a case-by-case basis at the discussion among NIAID, Al Jalila Foundation, and CRDF.

7. What is the period of performance for this funding opportunity?

- a. The duration of the project shall be up to 36 months from the date an award agreement is fully executed. CRDF Global may grant up to two years additional no cost extension of the project with strong justification with sponsored committee approval.

8. How do I apply through the CRDF grant management system, Fluxx?

- a. First, CRDF Global must receive an email for the corresponding PI, including the collaborating PIs stating their intent to submit a proposal. This email must be sent to health@crdfglobal.org no later than **Friday, December 2, 2022 (3:59 PM) U.S. Eastern Time (ET) or Friday, December 2, 2022 (11:59 PM) UAE Gulf Standard Time (GST)**. Once submitted, PIs will receive a login for, and instructions on how to submit their application via, CRDF Global's grant management system, Fluxx.
- b. Second, once PIs have received their CRDF Global login credentials, all applications must be submitted through Fluxx no later than **Friday, December 16, 2022 (3:59 PM) U.S. Eastern Time (ET) or Friday, December 16, 2022 (11:59 PM) UAE Gulf Standard Time (GST)**. Please view the [UAE-NIH Collaborative Awards 2023](#) request for proposals for more information.

9. How can a successful research collaboration be achieved?

- a. Successful collaborations have shared scientific interests and provide mutual benefit. The benefit to each party should be defined and a clear communication strategy should be established between the investigators, as well as their institutions.

10. Who are the primary points of contact for this funding opportunity?

- a. Anna Emery, CRDF Global: aemery@crdfglobal.org
- b. Kesina Kum, CRDF Global: kkum@crdfglobal.org