

U21 Health Sciences Research Development Fund 2024

The U21 HSG Research Development Fund aims to support interdisciplinary research projects across at least three U21 HSG member universities, across at least two countries.

Up to US\$12,500 will be awarded annually for a 12-month period with the expectation that this will lead to high-impact publications and applications for further substantial funding. Successful applicants will need to provide a brief mid-project and end-of-project report.

Application form

Please refer to [the guidelines](#) before completing this form (at end of document).

1. Applicant information

Name of lead applicant	
Position	
Address of Lead Institution (To be awarded)	
Department	
Email	
Date of application	

2. Project information

Project title	
U21 HSG partner institutions in the project (Ensure that your project has at least 3 U21 HSG member institutions involved from at least 2 different countries)	
Project summary (Please describe the activities to be undertaken and how they will help achieve U21 HSG's	

key objectives) (500 words max)	
Timeline for activities (Over a 12 month period)	
Expected project outcomes and outputs (Such as names of journals that the team may be planning to submit an article to and how the project aims to create benefits or new learnings to share across the network) (500 words max)	

3. Funding requirements

Amount of funding required	
Breakdown of the activities to be funded for the project including timescales	
If applicable, provide details of other funding being sought/awarded from outside the U21 HSG	

Application closing date: Friday 21 June 2024

To submit the application form and for any queries in relation to the funding application process please email:

Alicia Lui, U21 HSG Operations Manager, alicia22@hku.hk

Thank you.

Guidelines for applicants

- Applicants are expected to familiarise themselves with the U21 Health Sciences Group's [mission](#) and [current activities](#) before submitting an application. This can be found via our website www.u21health.org
- Applications should normally engage at least three U21 member institutions from at least two countries as part of the project
- Outputs are expected from each project. The form of the outputs will depend on the nature of the project
- All outputs funded in total or in part by the U21 HSG should acknowledge the support of U21 HSG; U21 HSG branding collateral will be made available to successful applicants
- The maximum total allocated budget for the awards is **US\$12,500**
- Any activity must add value to our network, member universities as well as those that participate
- All U21 HSG activities must be sustainable with a clear plan for disseminating the learning from the activity widely across the network, and if appropriate beyond
- The funding is intended to be used for project funding only; costs such as travel, accommodation and meals for meetings will not be allowed
- Applications which provide information about other potential sources of funding are encouraged
- It is not possible to fund any activity (beyond those which have been identified as standing items such as the Summer School) over a number of years. Funds will primarily be used for initiating activity so that it is unlikely that any funds would be given to the same activity on more than two occasions
- Where possible, and in order to reduce unnecessary travel, attempts should be made to utilise alternative ways of collaborating than face-to-face meetings
- Should it be deemed necessary to depart from these general principles, a rationale must be put forward in writing to the U21 HSG Operations Manager who will consult with the U21 HSG Executive Committee and any decision made by this group will not form a precedent for any future request for funding.

Application process

- Each application for funding, other than those which are a standing item in the budget, should be accompanied by a completed application form which sets out certain key information
- Applications will be considered by the U21 HSG Executive Committee and are subject to the group having available funds
- Should the group not have funds in the budget to support an application which is meritorious in all other regards, the U21 HSG Executive Committee can either decide to defer support until the following financial year or decide to exceed the current approved budget to fund the application
- The U21 HSG Secretariat is responsible for the transfer of agreed funds.

Timeline 2024

