# **FAQ – Global Health Hub starting grants**

*Please find a list of questions and answers resulting from the webinar and discussion, held July 1st 2025.*

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**Q 1. Shared coordination – two PIs from the same institution?**

*Can two people from the same institution be designated as Principal Investigators (shared coordination)?*

**A**: : For reporting and communication purposes, one person must be officially designated as the Principal Investigator (PI) and will be accountable for the project. However, you are free to share leadership responsibilities internally or with Team Leaders from other UNITA institutions.

**Q 2. Eligibility – previous UNITA calls**

*Are team members eligible if they participated in previous UNITA Starting Grant calls? What about other UNITA calls?*

**A:** Only individuals (PIs, Team Leaders, or Team members) who have already received a UNITA Research Starting Grant during Phase 2 (November 2023 – October 2027) are not eligible. Participation in other UNITA calls does not affect eligibility.

**Q 3. Eligibility – other types of grants**

Are recipients of a Starting Tech Transfer Grant or Infrastructure Sharing Grant eligible?

**A**: Yes, they are eligible. These grants are not considered Research Starting Grants.

### Q 4. **Eligibility – Researchers and technical staff as PIs**

*Under what conditions is a researcher eligible as a PI ? Are technician staff members eligible in a research team ?*

**A**: Any staff member from a UNITA institution can apply as a PI or team member, provided they can demonstrate affiliation with the institution for the entire duration of the project (12 months).

**Q 5. Can PI and TL be the same person?**

*Can the same person act as both PI and Team Leader for his/her institution?*

**A**: Yes. One person must take on the role of Principal Investigator and serve as the main contact for the UNITA alliance. Team Leaders represent other UNITA institutions within the project team.

**Q6. Number of UNITA institutions involved**

*If a project involves three labs from only two UNITA universities, is that acceptable? Or must the three institutions be from three different universities?*

**A**: The project must involve at least three different UNITA institutions, meaning three distinct universities.

**Q 7. Team size and budget per university**

*Is there a minimum or maximum number of members allowed per university?*

**A**: The minimum team size is three people from three different institutions / UNITA academic partners, with funding of approximately €5,000 per UNITA academic partner. There is no maximum number of members. However, the budget is capped at €25,000 per project funded, so having more than five UNITA academic partners does not increase the funding.

**Q 8. Gantt template location**

*Where is the the Gantt template?*

**A**: the gantt template is available on the webpage [LINK](https://www.research.univ-unita.eu/en/events/starting-grant-call-global-health.html) and in the relevant section in the Limesurvey application form.

**Q 9. Finding project partners**

*How can I find project’s partners?*

**A**: You have three options :

Browse the cartography [LINK](https://research.univ-unita.eu/en/support-for-researchers/research-projects-cartography.html%22%5Co%20%22https%3A//research.univ-unita.eu/en/support-for-researchers/research-projects-cartography.html) to find researchers working on similar topics.

Visit and post your interests on the AGORA platform [LINK](https://agora.univ-unita.eu/about%22%5Co%20%22https%3A//agora.univ-unita.eu/about).

Contact your Global Health Hub representatives or the Hub co-leaders (donatella.placidi@unibs.it ; amalric.ortlieb@hes-so.ch) to help disseminate the proposal

**Q 10. Topic alignment with hub lines**

*Is a project based on animal models and/or laboratory research more appropriate for the cellular and molecular hub line even if the topic tackles a health issue?*

**A**: The Global Health call includes both thematic lines presented during the matching events in Covilhã and Brescia. You are free to choose the line that best fits your project, regardless of which event you attended.

**Q 11. Evaluation and funding of hub topics**

*Are the two hub lines in the call evaluated or funded differently?*

**A**:No. Each hub line is evaluated separately and has its own ranking. Each topic also has a dedicated budget.

**Q 12.Engagement with non-academic partners**

*Is engagement with non-academic partners mandatory, encouraged, or discouraged?*

**A**: t is not mandatory to include a non-academic partner (e.g. from industry, associations, or government), but doing so is considered a strength by evaluators and can improve your chances of success.

**Q 13. Cartography and project approval dates**

*Do projects listed in the cartography need to be approved after August 24?*

A: No. August 24 is the closing date for the Global Health Hub Starting Grant call. The deadline to upload research projects to the cartography was February 2025.