

FALCON AWARDS FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

What is the Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE)?

GLIDE is a new global health Institute, rooted in Abu Dhabi, focused on accelerating the elimination of four preventable diseases of poverty: currently malaria, polio, lymphatic filariasis, and river blindness, by 2030 and beyond. Founded in 2019 as the result of a collaboration between His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, GLIDE identifies the latest scientific, cultural, and global health knowledge and puts it into action with its partners through programs, funding, and skills development to support local health care systems and advance global thinking.

What are the Falcon Awards?

The Falcon Awards for Disease Elimination invites institutions in endemic countries to submit proposals that aim to accelerate the elimination of one or more of GLIDE's four focus diseases: malaria, polio, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis.

How many prizes are being awarded and for how much?

At the end of 2021, GLIDE will award up to five grants of up to US\$200,000 to winning applicants.

What is the awards process?

Phase 1: Applicants from endemic countries will submit their abstracts which outline their innovative solutions to disease elimination.

Phase 2: Top 30 candidates selected for the second round will be requested to fill out a more detailed application.

Phase 3: GLIDE will establish a list of ten finalists who will be asked to submit presentations detailing their innovative solutions, which will be broadcast on social media and on GLIDE's website.

Phase 4: The jury panel, made up of esteemed global health leaders, will select up to five winners.

What is the timeline for the award selection?

- Launch of the Falcon Awards for Disease Elimination - 14 April 2021
- Applications open - 4 May 2021
- Deadline for abstract submission - 13 June 2021
- Deadline for receiving documentation from 30 shortlisted candidates – 18 August 2021
- Winners announced - End of 2021 (date and venue TBC)

ELIGIBILITY

Is my institution eligible?

We are keen to receive applications from organisations based in malaria, polio, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis-endemic countries. Applications must come from an organisation or organised entity incorporated in an endemic country. The following entities are eligible to apply:

1. Public or private sector institutions
2. Non-Governmental Organisations, philanthropic foundations and Coalitions or networks of Civil Society Organisations
3. Public-Private Partnerships
4. National or regional academic or research institutions
5. Other interested parties with strong demonstrated experience in at least one of the defined disease areas

In which country should my organisation be based in order to be eligible for the award?

To be considered eligible, organisations should be legally based in one of the endemic countries listed in this [endemic countries list](#). An institution based in one of the listed countries may submit a project targeting any of the four diseases.

Is my project eligible?

Projects should focus on the implementation of innovative ideas and established research that has a high potential to be catalytic, transformational, or genuinely novel in approach.

Applications can focus on, but are not limited to, the following themes:

1. Cross-border, cross-disease, cross-programme, or cross-sector approaches to disease elimination
2. Community-centered approaches to disease elimination
3. Approaches that better integrate disease elimination within health systems
4. Improved approaches to stop disease transmission, including through leveraging data and surveillance
5. Improved tools and approaches for vector control

We encourage applicants to consider cross-border, cross-disease, cross-programme, or cross-sector approaches to disease elimination and we recommend that projects align with national priorities to advance disease elimination strategies, along with the international objectives of the [WHO NTD Roadmap 2030](#) and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Are multiple submissions from an institution allowed?

Organisations are welcome to submit more than one project.

Can I apply in partnership with another institution?

Yes, provided that both institutions fall within the categories of eligible institutions and at least one of which is based in, and operates from, an endemic country.

I am not presently employed by any organisation, can I still apply?

In order to apply, you must be part of an organisation or affiliated with an organised initiative. Awards will not be granted to individuals.

I am an international organisation legally incorporated in an endemic country, am I still eligible to apply?

International organisations legally based in an endemic country are welcome to apply for the award.

I am an international organisation working in an endemic country, am I still eligible to apply?

The Falcon Awards aim to support local stakeholders in endemic countries to achieve disease elimination goals. If you are an international organisation looking to apply, the submission should come from a local partner and demonstrate strong local participation and ownership in order to be considered.

Can I submit a project that aims to eliminate more than one disease?

Yes, so long as the project targets at least one of GLIDE's four focus diseases: malaria, polio, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis.

What is the definition of “disease elimination” in the context of the Falcon award?

The definition of elimination in the context of the Falcon Awards is based on [WHO guidelines](#):

- Elimination (interruption of transmission): Reduction to zero of the incidence of infection caused by a specific pathogen in a defined geographical area, with minimal risk of reintroduction, as a result of deliberate efforts; continued action to prevent re-establishment of transmission may be required.
- Elimination as a public health problem: A term related to both infection and disease, defined by achievement of measurable targets set by WHO in relation to a specific disease. When reached, continued action is required to maintain the targets and/or to advance interruption of transmission.

If my project involves a disease or sector outside of malaria, polio, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis space, am I still eligible to apply?

Projects from other disease areas or related sectors are eligible to apply so long as the project submitted demonstrates strong applicability and scalability towards the elimination of at least one of GLIDE's four focus diseases.

APPLICATION PROCESS

What information do I need to include in my application?

In the first phase of the selection process, applicants are expected to submit an abstract. The abstract should describe the targeted disease area, the targeted problem, the solution description, and its design and deployment. Please see “Submission Guidelines” for more information.

When and how do I submit my abstract? How will I know that my abstract has been received?

You can submit your abstract at any point between 4 May and 13 June 2021. All applications must be submitted via the [Falcon Awards portal](#). An email confirming receipt of your abstract will be sent to your email address following your submission.

I'm having trouble submitting my abstract, what should I do?

If you are having trouble on the web portal, you can email FalconAwards@glideae.org.

When will I know if my abstract has been selected for phase 2?

If your application has been selected for phase 2, you will be notified via email by early August 2021.

If I am selected for phase two, what information should I include in my application?

If you are selected for phase 2, you will be requested to submit a detailed description of your project and the organisation from which you are applying. The application consists of two



sections. Section 1 requests information on your organisation, its mission and objectives, its previous experience and expertise and, if possible, its previous year's action plan and financial statement. Section 2 requests information on the project or programme you are submitting for, along with a thorough description including key activities, outputs, outcomes, anticipated impact, collaborators, budget, and sustainability plans. Please also see "Submission Guidelines" for more information.

What do I need to include in my presentation?

All finalists will be contacted by GLIDE, who will support in the development of their presentations and schedule their dissemination. The presentations will be built from the information provided in the application submitted.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

How will I know if I've won a Falcon Award?

Once your presentation has been reviewed by the Falcon Award judges, a member of the Falcon Award's team will contact you to confirm your successful submission and schedule a kick-off meeting to establish the partnership.

If I win, when will the funds be disbursed?

GLIDE will work with each winning team to develop a payment schedule that supports the effective implementation of the programme.

What reporting do I have to do if I am selected for a Falcon Award?

Reporting schedules and requirements will be established on a case-by-case basis with each award winner.

I still have questions, who can I reach out to?

For any other queries, you can email FalconAwards@glideae.org.