

## FAQ

### Collaborative Researcher Project on Mental Health in Ukraine During and After Wartime

#### Project partners

Q: Are only two partners allowed? What about “associated partners”?

A: Yes, only two partners are allowed: One Norwegian and one Ukrainian. Any informal collaborations outside the funded project are not guaranteed any rights to the project results.

Q: Can you help with finding a partner for a joint application?

A: Yes, we are hosting a virtual matchmaking event 17-19 March. [See the event page for details.](#)

Q: If a Ukrainian scientist works at a Norwegian institution, how can they be included in the project?

A: It is the nationality of the research institution that is considered, so in this scenario the Ukrainian researcher would nevertheless be considered a Norwegian partner.

Q: Is it expected that the Principal Investigator (PI) role is shared equally between the Norwegian and Ukrainian partners?

A: The only formal limitation is that neither partner in the project can receive more than 60 % of the funding. Within that limitation, projects are free to determine how the responsibilities are distributed between the partners.

Q: Is it possible to include companies or NGOs as partners? Could they alternatively be involved as subcontractors?

A: It is not possible for companies or NGOs to receive funding under this call. It is possible to involve them as subcontractors, so long as their involvement doesn't rise to the level of an [R&D purchase](#). However, they would not have any rights to project results.

Q: How can we include relevant stakeholders in the application?

A: Relevant stakeholders can be included as subcontractors.

#### Scope of the call

Q: And can our study be fundamental biological research on which a subsequent program of practical interventions will be built?

A: No, the project must involve the development of an intervention within the project period.

Q: Does the call cover projects about Ukrainian refugees in Norway, or must they cover Ukrainians in Ukraine?

A: Projects must be about Ukrainians in Ukraine.

Q: Also, could activities be implemented in both Norway and Ukraine, or is the call limited to activities delivered in Ukraine only?

A: The project output must primarily be designed and planned to be implemented in Ukraine.

Q: Can the same institution submit more than one proposal? Can multiple proposals from the same institution be selected for funding?

A: Yes, although the portfolio board has discretion to take an overall assessment of the project portfolio into consideration. We will seek to ensure that the breadth of the call's thematic scope is covered.

### **Requirements to the Ukrainian partner**

Q: Can private research institutions or private universities in Ukraine be a partner in a project?

A: No, only a state-owned institution of higher education or a research institution may be the Ukrainian partner.

Q: How will the institutional overheads be managed for Ukrainian research institutes?

A: Indirect costs (overheads) for the Ukrainian partner is capped at 5 % of the Ukrainian partner's total budget. They can be used to support administrative personnel, as well as communal and other expenses not directly related to research tasks, but are aimed at creating proper conditions by the institution to support research.

Q: What is meant by an early career researcher in the Annex?

A: In terms of the Joint Call, an early career researcher is either a researcher aged up to 35 years with a PhD degree, a researcher aged up to 40 years with a degree of Doctor of Sciences, or a PhD student.

Q: In the Annex, does postgraduate students include master students??

A: No, masters students are not considered postgraduate students with respect to the requirements to Ukrainian partners.