

VicHealth Sustainable Development Goals Partnership Grant Round

Frequently Asked Questions

How many applications do you receive and how many will you support?

We expect to receive a large number of applications. Applications that are strongly aligned with our criteria outlined in the Guidelines will be shortlisted.

How much cash does VicHealth offer?

VicHealth is offering up to \$20,000 over one year for each project. Up to five (5) projects will be funded in this round. Upon successful delivery of a final report, up to two (2) funded projects will then have the opportunity to receive additional funding of \$200,000 over two years from 2018 to 2020.

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed for eligibility and shortlisted by senior VicHealth staff together, then assessed by a panel including with one external expert who holds a PhD in the specific or broader field of the proposed research project on the basis of established selection criteria. Conflict of interest processes are managed and transparent. Applications will be screened for alignment with VicHealth's Action Agenda for Health Promotion, then assessed against the following criteria:

Criteria	Weighting
Originality and importance of the issue/s to be explored for achievement of an identified SDG goal target	30%
Strength of proposed collaborative partnership between researcher/s and industry partner/s	30%
Potential to build capacity for action in non-Australian partner country	20%
Potential to result in practical action by 2022	20%

A panel will make the final decision on successful applications based on the alignment with the above criteria and external reviews.

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Can I request an extension?

No. Under no circumstances will late applications be accepted.

I am a PhD student, can I apply?

Research Officers, Research Assistants, and current PhD students cannot usually apply as Chief Investigator for these grants. However it is entirely acceptable to include provisions for a PhD student in the proposal.

How much detail do I need to include?

Applications are a brief overview of the research proposal. The main thing to do is demonstrate how your project will

- address one (or up to three) global megatrends,
- address one of UN Sustainable Development Goal's targets 3.4, 5.C or 11.3, with a focus on the principles of achievement (knowledge-sharing, capacity-building or innovation); and
- contributes to the evidence base for achievement of at least one of VicHealth's strategic imperatives.

Applications should outline the project objectives, expected outcomes and partnership contributions.

Please refer to the [Guidelines](#) for further information on the global megatrends, UN Sustainable Development Goal's targets 3.4, 5.C or 11.3, the principles of achievement, and application and assessment criteria.

Do I need to include references?

VicHealth will require letters of support from key partners to demonstrate that applicants meet the criteria relating to international and public health/health promotion partnerships. Applicants may also cite sources to support key information or statistics in-text but it is not essential.

I already receive funding from VicHealth – can I apply?

Yes, but in the interests of equity, funding may be prioritised towards applicants who are not currently in receipt of VicHealth funding for any other project. All applications will be assessed on merit.

Can I add appendices such as CVs?

We do not require full CVs for chief investigators.

What if my organisation is not incorporated?

The organisation does not have to be incorporated under the "corporations act" - we will accept "Other incorporated" organisations. This is the case for most universities and charitable institutions.

My institution does have a connection with the alcohol industry due to its brewing and/or wine making courses. Does this exclude us from applying?

This criterion refers to funding received from the alcohol industry for research purposes only. If you receive in-kind support from the industry for your facilities, sponsorship to promote the related course or to hold an event etc., you will not be excluded from applying. Please contact us if you need further clarification or to discuss your situation.

Can I include tables in my application?

This is not an option for this application.

Can my project be based outside of Victoria?

Yes, however the administering organisation for this funding must be based in Victoria.

How many partners are allowed in partnerships?

At least two. Applicants must comprise partnerships of

- one (1) Victorian based research institution as partner, who will be the grant recipient
- at least one (1) body, organisation or agency not based in Australia
- at least one (1) partner in the public health or health promotion space who are policymakers, service providers or leading practitioners

What type of in-kind support/contribution is available from VicHealth?

In-kind support can be negotiated with staff at VicHealth depending on specific expertise or skills needed but may include:

- Meeting periodically with researchers and partner investigators;
- Participation in the project advisory committee;
- Access to VicHealth resources, including internal data;
- Provision of resources and services to assist with dissemination of project outcomes including; expertise and advice on written reports; co-authoring peer reviewed publications; access to workshop venues and support to publicise and disseminate project activities and publications;
- Media and knowledge translation support for profiling research outcomes locally and nationally including help to put together press releases, and advice around appropriate media contacts.

What do you mean by “applicant”?

Applicant refers to the partners to the submission, who would typically also be the partner organisations to pursue the research proposal to be developed if, on delivery of a report in 2018, it is assessed and funded in 2018-2020.

Are the funding years negotiable?

No. If successful with, funding from VicHealth will commence in the 2016/2017 financial year.

If you have any further queries please contact:

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