



VALIDATE LMIC Publication Fund Application Guidance

Summary

The VALIDATE Network aims to accelerate vaccine research and development for complex intracellular pathogens that cause diseases significant to low and middle-income countries (LMIC), with a focus on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Leishmania spp*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei* and *Mycobacterium leprae*. VALIDATE also aims to facilitate Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and career progression amongst its members.

To support these aims, VALIDATE has received funding to support LMIC members in publishing original peer-reviewed articles, particularly to make their publication open-access, as this has two main benefits:

1. Increased visibility and citations of the article and its authors
2. Access to the article for all VALIDATE members, disseminating information and widening access to VALIDATE-relevant research

Costs for publication must be incurred before 31 March 2023, when this fund will close.

Please see the further details below about this award and how to apply. Please submit your application form and associated documents to the VALIDATE Network Manager at VALIDATE@ndm.ox.ac.uk. Do contact the Network Manager at the same address with any queries about the form or the application process.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, by the VALIDATE Management Team.

Details

Funding eligibility

Applicants:

- Must be Associate, or early-PI Investigator,* VALIDATE members (Affiliates can apply if a VALIDATE LMIC Associate / early PI Investigator is a co-author on the paper)
- Must be based in an LMIC (see below).

[*Early PI's are Investigators who have become independent/Group Leaders in the last three years]

LMIC: to be considered 'LMIC' you must be based for your work at an organisation in an LMIC country. A list of LMIC countries can be found [here](#); all listed countries (in any column) are eligible.

Activities supported:

Payment of journal charges for publication (including open-access charges).

Eligible articles:

Journal articles must be:

- Relevant to VALIDATE's remit
- Focused on VALIDATE's core pathogens
- Accepted for publication

Application process

Applications will be reviewed on a one-by-one basis, as they are submitted, until this pot of funding is spent. This fund closes on 31 March 2023, due to VALIDATE funding restrictions.

Complete the application form as directed on the form itself, sticking to the word limit where stated. Ensure you complete all sections, and that you attach the necessary supporting documents. All documents should be in English. Extra documents/appendices will not be accepted.

The application form and associated documents must be submitted **as one pdf** to the VALIDATE Network Manager at VALIDATE@ndm.ox.ac.uk. You will receive acknowledgement of your application within 48 working hours of submission. Applications will be reviewed by the VALIDATE Management Team. Management Team members will not input into discussions about an application where they have a conflict of interest (see below for details on conflicts of interest). The VALIDATE Scientific Advisory Board ([SAB](#)) has oversight of VALIDATE's processes to ensure transparency, fairness and consistency. You will be notified by email of the Management Team's decision.

Publicity and Data Protection

Copies of applications may be made available to the VALIDATE Management Team, NMB and SAB who will use information provided for review, oversight and post-award administration (all have signed confidentiality agreements). Observers from CTVD and our funders, the UK's Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), may sit in on the review process and see applications. VALIDATE, CTVD, MRC and BMGF may choose to publish non-confidential details of awards, awardees, and information of training provided.

Conflict of Interest

Examples of a conflict of interest include:

- Employed by the same department in the same institution as the applicant/host
- Close active collaboration impacting on the application being reviewed
- Holding a current position on the governing body of the applicant organisation
- Personal/family relationship with the applicant