



Lab Placement FAQs

Eligibility

How do I know if I am an Associate VALIDATE member?

Your membership level is stated in your VALIDATE membership approval email. You can also check your membership level via your VALIDATE website members' biography webpage at www.validate-network.org/validate-network-members, as it is stated there.

Can I upgrade my membership level from Affiliate to Associate to be eligible for this call?

If you have now passed your PhD (fully completed) then you can apply to upgrade your VALIDATE membership from Affiliate to Associate level. To do so you will need to re-complete the VALIDATE membership application form with your new information (stating your current membership level as 'Affiliate' and ticking the box to apply for Associate membership) and submit it to VALIDATE@ndm.ox.ac.uk along with your updated CV and publications list. Your upgrade application will then be reviewed by the Management Team against the criteria for Associate membership.

Can I apply for a Lab Placement if I have already received other funding from VALIDATE?

Yes.

Can I submit one than one application?

You can only submit one Lab Placement application in this round.

I have two positions, one at a HIC institute and one at an LMIC institute – do I count as HIC or LMIC for this application?

Which institute pays your salary? That institute will count as your host institute for your application – so if this institute is in a HIC then you are HIC; if it is in a LMIC then you are LMIC.

Is there an age limit for applicants, or a restriction on number of years post-PhD?

If an eligibility criterion is not mentioned in the 'funding eligibility' section of the Lab Placement guidance form (e.g. age), then we do not have criteria/limits for that characteristic.

What skills or experience do I need to have to apply for a Lab Placement?

Each placement has different requirements; see the laboratory host project details for what is required at each placement.

Budget

In the budget is there a minimum/maximum amount per line?

No. Your total budget must come in under the overall maximum budget but there is no set limit for cost categories.

Can I use personal/other funds for the budget?

Yes, if you have other funds available then you may use them for your placement. VALIDATE's contribution to each lab placement is a maximum of £10,000. Please clearly state any other funds you will be using in the Resource Justification section.

Travel / Training

How long can applicants stay at the Lab Placement?

The Laboratory Host project details list the length of each placement visit.

Supporting Documents**What font/size of font should I use for my CV and publications?**

Anything legible; not smaller than size 10.

Grant Award Process**Is it possible to postpone the Lab Placement start date?**

The Lab Placements will take place in 2025, likely from May onwards. The specific dates will depend on the host lab and applicant's availability (as well as how long it takes to get necessary visas etc).