

Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference 2022
&
Global Infectious Disease Ethics (GLIDE) Collaborative



DRAGONS' DEN

The concept

Authors of accepted oral abstracts at the conference, who meet eligibility criteria (below), are invited to pitch their project ideas to an international panel of colleagues from the GLIDE Collaborative with the possibility of **five individuals or teams** each winning **£2,500 seed funding** to help kick-start their proposed work.

Projects can include research, teaching/training, and/or service activities and must be appropriate to the amount of funding and relevant to the topic of the conference (global health ethics).

Project should be completable **within up to a one-year timeframe**.

While not required, eligible individuals may wish to connect with other conference presenters before or during the conference to integrate a collaborative element into their pitches. Information about conference presenters and presentations will be posted to the conference website in due course.

The spirit

This initiative aims to encourage conference participants to connect with others who have similar research interests or who are working on related issues. It is an optional engagement, and is not intended to require a tremendous amount of preparation. You may be familiar with the UK television show “Dragons’ Den,” on which this activity is loosely based. In our version, the judges (aka “Dragons”) will be friendly and constructive, we promise.

Global Infectious Disease Ethics Collaborative

The Dragons' Den is supported by the [Oxford-Johns Hopkins Global Infectious Disease Ethics Collaborative](#) (GLIDE).

GLIDE provides a flexible collaborative platform for identifying and analysing ethical issues arising in infectious disease treatment, research, response, and preparedness, through the lens of global health ethics.

Bringing together scholars, trainees and partners from around the world, GLIDE undertakes both responsive research on pressing issues and forward-looking projects with longer timeframes.

The Oxford-Johns Hopkins Global Infectious Disease Ethics Collaborative is funded by a Wellcome Humanities and Social Science Award.

Eligibility

Dragons' Den participants (the project lead) must:

- be current students or early-career researchers (early career = up to 8 years from the date a doctorate-level degree was awarded)
- be from a low- or middle-income country
- have been selected to make an in-person or virtual/online **oral presentation** at the conference
- want to work collaboratively to develop their project

Projects must be relevant to the conference theme of global health ethics and completed within one year.

What do I need to do if I meet eligibility criteria and would like to participate?

1) During the conference – project development

- The conference will provide an opportunity to connect with potential collaborators and GLIDE colleagues.
- A Dragons' Den session will be included on the conference agenda for you to attend.
- The conference website will also enable you to connect with other conference delegates.

2) After the conference – concept note: deadline 31 August 2022

- Prepare a brief concept note that is **NO LONGER THAN 400 WORDS** for a project idea that would benefit from the seed funding.

- The idea may be directly connected to the work that you present during the conference, though this is not required.
- The concept note should include a title, brief summary of the idea, why it is important, how it will be executed over a one-year timeframe, how collaborating with GLIDE will contribute to your project, and how the funds would be used to advance the project.
- At the top of your concept note, please provide your full name, employment or student position, institution, country, and email address. Please also provide a statement indicating that you meet eligibility criteria. If projects involve more than one lead, please provide these details for each project lead. These details will not count towards the word limit.
- At the bottom of your concept note please explain how you will use the funds. These must be in line with eligible costs that can be claimed on a Wellcome grant. Please visit the [Wellcome website](#) to check your project costs are eligible. These details will not count towards the word limit.
- Submit your concept note by email to Claire Murray (claire.murray@ethox.ox.ac.uk) with subject “Dragons’ Den” by 31 August 2022. You must submit a concept note to be considered and late submissions will not be accepted.

3) After the conference – pitch: October 2022, date to be confirmed

- Concept notes will be reviewed by an international panel of GLIDE colleagues and eligible projects will be invited to attend an online GLIDE meeting in October 2022.
- At the meeting, projects will be invited to deliver an oral **pitch** that is **NO LONGER THAN 5 MINUTES**.
- It is up to you to decide how to organize your pitch and what to emphasize, but remember that the Dragons will have read your concept note in advance, so you may wish to expand on the information in that concept during your pitch, and/or indicate how your initial concept has since evolved (e.g., by including a different element or collaborator).
- PowerPoints are optional.
- Dragons may or may not ask you questions about your idea.

How will proposals be evaluated?

A panel of Dragons representing diverse regions and topical interests will consider:

- The quality and potential of the project idea.
- The timeliness of the project idea.
- How collaboration with GLIDE or other colleagues will contribute to the project.
- The feasibility of the project idea, including

- Whether projects can be completed within a one-year timeframe.
- Whether the budget is appropriately aligned with the project objective.

Dragons will avoid judging pitches based on individuals' linguistic capabilities, and will endeavor to offer some real-time project feedback to participants, if possible.

By when will I learn if my pitch was successful and then what?

We will announce awardees shortly after the pitch session by email to all applicants.

We will then work with individuals to obtain additional relevant information and to disburse funds accordingly. For collaborative projects, project leads will be responsible for ensuring an agreed-upon plan for appropriate allocation of funds.

Awardees will be matched with a GLIDE colleague and may be offered additional support in making connections to other relevant project resources (e.g., other scholarly or training materials).

Awardees will be expected to attend GLIDE meetings and provide budgetary and project updates to GLIDE at certain intervals.

For more information

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