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เรื่อง ประชาสัมพันธ์ทุน SEA DREAM: DREAM 4 Health Call for Proposals 2026

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ตามที่ องค์การรัฐมนตรีศึกษาแห่งเอเชียตะวันออกเฉียงใต้ (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization: SEAMEO) ประชาสัมพันธ์ทุน SEA DREAM: DREAM 4 Health Call for Proposals 2026 โดยสนับสนุนงานวิจัยขั้นค้นพบ (discovery research) และการวิจัยเชิงแปลผลสู่การใช้ประโยชน์ (translational research) ที่ตอบโจทย์ประเด็นด้านสุขภาพที่เป็นลำดับความสำคัญของอาเซียน ภายใต้วาระการพัฒนาสุขภาพอาเซียนหลังปี 2015 (ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda: APHDA) ซึ่งครอบคลุมหัวข้อจาก 4 ประเด็นนี้คือ 1. โรคติดต่อ 2. ผลกระทบของการเปลี่ยนแปลงสภาพภูมิอากาศต่อสุขภาพ 3. สุขภาพจิต และ 4. การเสริมสร้างระบบสุขภาพและการเข้าถึงบริการด้านการดูแลสุขภาพ อาจารย์/นักวิจัย ที่สนใจสมัครขอรับทุนโปรดศึกษารายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมตามเอกสารการจัดประชุม Webinar ของแหล่งทุนตามที่แนบมาด้วยนี้

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# DREAM 4 HEALTH

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026



Pre-Launch Announcement and Q&A Webinar

# AGENDA.



14:00-14:05

SEAMEO 60TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

14:05-14:10

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, AND HOUSEKEEPING

14:10-14:15

OPENING REMARKS

**Datuk Dr Habibah Abdul Rahim**

*Director*

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat

14:15-14:25

PARTNERSHIP REMARKS

**Mr Jonathan Underwood**

*Ecosystems Lead (International), Equitable Research Ecosystems*

Wellcome Trust

**Mr. Chris Moore**

*Research and Science Partnerships Adviser*

UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

14:25-15:15

**ANNOUNCING THE DREAM 4 HEALTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026**

**Mr Emiljohn Sentillas**

*Policy and Planning Specialist | Moderator*

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat

**Mr Ansgar Schaefer**

*Head of Programme, SEA DREAM | Speaker*

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat

15:15-15:55

**QUESTION AND ANSWER: DREAM 4 HEALTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026**

15:55-16:00

CLOSING

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# HOUSEKEEPING.



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# DREAM 4 HEALTH

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Pre-Launch Announcement and Q&A Webinar



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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026**





# Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

- Established on 30 November 1965
- A Southeast Asian intergovernmental organization **promoting regional cooperation in education, science, and culture** for a better quality of life in Southeast Asia.





# Wellcome Trust

## Research Institutes

**KEMRI**

Wellcome Trust

Kenya: Kilifi, Nairobi  
Uganda: Mbale



Malawi: Blantyre,  
Thyolo Chikhwawa



South Africa:  
Durban & Somkele  
(Kwa Zulu Natal State)



Thailand: Bangkok;  
Laos; Cambodia; Myanmar  
(Thai/ Myanmar border); India;  
Bangladesh; and DRC



Vietnam:  
Ho Chi Minh  
City, Hanoi;  
Nepal; and  
Indonesia

## Funders



## India Alliance



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



Southeast Asian  
Ministers of Education  
Organization

## Wellcome's Major International Programmes



# UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)



**Strategy:** The UK has made a commitment to global leadership on climate change and health. The FCDO oversees cross-government efforts to deliver the strategy.



**Approach:** Cooperate with sovereign wealth funds, international organisations and civil society to ensure countries can access the funding and support needed for them to deliver on their health and climate ambitions.



**SEA DREAM Partner:** South & Southeast Asia Research and Innovation Hub, Research and Evidence Directorate; UK Mission to ASEAN.





## SEA DREAM's Vision:

A healthier and more resilient Southeast Asia

### SEA DREAM's Mission: Empowering science, research, and leadership in Southeast Asia

SEA DREAM will fund **regional consortia** to produce excellent and outcome-focused research that addressed existing national and regional health priorities and emerging issues.

#### OBJECTIVES

1.



#### Generating impactful research

Support 'excellent' science and research which is responsive to regional health priorities and that translates into real-world solutions, policies, and interventions.

2.



#### Nurturing leadership and Research Talent

Support the development of attractive career opportunities leading to research leadership and excellence.

3.



#### Fostering regional collaboration

Leverage regional expertise and share resources to build equitable and strategic partnerships and overcome regional barriers.

4.



#### Strengthening research ecosystem

Strengthen research culture and environment to be ethical and equitable.

#### Principles

Developed sustainably

Adaptive to learnings

Partnership focused

Engaged with communities

Flexible to regional needs

Regionally-connected

Outcomes and impact focused

Equitable capacity strengthening

#### Principles

## SEA DREAM's Objectives

# Announcing the DREAM 4 Health Call for Proposals 2026

## Funding Goal

**At least 8 consortia**  
**Up to 5 years / 60 months**  
**Up to \$6.5m US per consortia**

## Implementation Partners

**SEAMEO Secretariat**  
**Wellcome Trust**  
**UK FCDO**

***National Research Funders in SEA***

- **The DREAM 4 Health Call** will fund at least **8 research consortia over 5 years through grants**, focused on addressing Southeast Asian health priorities through **discovery and translational research**.
- Fund **multi-country institutional partnerships** between researchers and research institutions across and beyond Southeast Asia.
- SEA DREAM Grants will be awarded through an **open competition**, with the **DREAM 4 Health Call for Proposals** to be launched on the last week of January 2026.



# Who can apply to DREAM 4 Health?

## DREAM 4 Health Consortium Eligibility Criteria:

A minimum of **three institutions from different Southeast Asian (SEA) countries**

Recommended size of one consortium:  
**3-5 Organizations**

**Lead** must be from a **Southeast Asian** country

Must include **at least one institution based in a Lower-Middle Income SEA Country** (per World Bank definition):

Cambodia

Lao PDR

Myanmar

Vietnam

Philippines

Timor-Leste

Other consortia **members outside of Southeast Asia** can be part of the consortium and receive funds, but they cannot serve as the Lead Organisation.

Applying organisations must be **non-profits**, or non-profit arms of for-profits.

## Principal Investigator (PI) Criteria:

Employed by and based at an eligible Lead Organisation

- **International standing** as a research leader in their field
- Experience of **leading innovative and creative multi-country research**
- **Track record of leadership**, management and training of others

Works with **one Deputy-PI** at the Lead Organisation

Each **Consortium Member** must assign one **Co-PI**

# Who can apply to DREAM 4 Health?

## Co - Principal Investigator (PI) Criteria:

The Co-PIs will work in partnership with the PI and D-PI, contributing specific expertise, resources, or capabilities that complement the overall objectives of the Consortium. **A Co-PI must make a significant and essential contribution to the proposed activities.** This could include, but is not limited to, leading a strand of research, or meaningfully engaging in training and development or research ecosystem strengthening activities. We also expect all Co-Principal Investigators to be involved in designing the proposed activities and preparing the application.

Demonstrates technical and methodological experience within their field.

Strong track record of leading on, managing or supporting high quality research.

Evidence of being able to work collaboratively, with contributions to training and development of others.

*Co-PIs who are Early- or Mid-career are encouraged and should be embedded in a formal mentorship arrangement with a named, experienced researcher at their organisation.*



# Role of the Consortium Lead:

SEA DREAM funding will be provided through a Hub-and-Spoke Model:



- The Lead Organisation is **responsible for submitting the application to SEA DREAM**, for managing the grant, and ensuring that activities are delivered in accordance with proposal.
- The **Lead holds overall legal and financial accountability** and is required to ensure **compliance with SEA DREAM grants conditions** across all Consortium Members.
- The **Lead oversees:**
  - Consortium coordination, partnership management, Reporting & Communication
  - Operational oversight and risk management of Consortium activities
  - Financial management of overall Consortium budget and disbursement to Consortium Members
- **Organisations may submit up to two applications per thematic area as the Lead Organisation.**
- An organisation may be **awarded up to two DREAM 4 Health grants** as a Lead Organisation, provided the awards are held in **different faculties or schools and address different thematic areas**. Organisations leading a DREAM 4 Health Consortium may also **participate as a Member Organisation in multiple other DREAM 4 Health Consortia**.

# What research are we looking for?

**DREAM 4 Health will fund discovery and translational research that addresses ASEAN Health Priorities within the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda (APHDA), along one or multiple of these four thematic areas:**

- (1) Infectious Diseases;**
- (2) Impact of Climate Change on Health;**
- (3) Mental Health; and**
- (4) Strengthening Health Systems and Access to Care.**

**Applications submitted to SEA DREAM can embrace a diversity of disciplines (e.g., from physical sciences to fundamental biology, population and public health, clinical sciences to the humanities and social sciences) and may focus on a single thematic area or address multiple themes.**

**Exploring connections across multiple themes and priorities is encouraged only when beneficial to the proposed research and demonstrably covering major cross-cutting topics.**





## Infectious Disease

Infectious diseases remain a major health challenge in Southeast Asia, disproportionately affecting low- and middle-income countries and vulnerable populations. The region faces ongoing threats from emerging and re-emerging pathogens, vector-borne diseases, neglected tropical diseases, and antimicrobial resistance, compounded by climate change, natural disasters, and inequities in care and treatment.

SEA DREAM supports innovative discovery and translational research that aims to **increase our understanding of and insights relating to infectious disease threats in the region, the outcomes of which could lead to or inform future prevention, detection and public health strategies.**

### This includes, but not limited to:

- investigating the burden, drivers, and transmission dynamics of communicable, emerging, and re-emerging infectious diseases, including neglected tropical and zoonotic diseases.
- building, developing, and evaluating strategies for outbreak preparedness, early detection, and regional response to public health emergencies.
- addressing antimicrobial resistance, including patterns, drivers, and mitigation strategies.
- examining environmental determinants of infectious diseases, including climate impacts, pollution, and ecosystem changes.
- studying the effects of natural disasters and climate-related shocks on infectious disease risk and explores strategies to improve related regional disaster preparedness.



# Impact of Climate Change On Health

Southeast Asia is one of the regions most affected by climate change, with rising temperatures, extreme weather events, food insecurity, and air pollution already threatening health and livelihoods. These pressures are contributing to more heat stress, outbreaks of vector-borne diseases, malnutrition, and respiratory problems, especially among vulnerable populations.

To address these challenges, SEA DREAM supports innovative discovery and translational research that aims to **increase our understanding of and insights relating to mitigating the health impacts of climate change.**

## This includes, but not limited to:

- examining the links between climate variability, heat, environmental change, and health outcomes.
- strengthening the resilience of health systems to climate-related shocks
- developing and evaluating solutions for climate adaption e.g., early-warning and surveillance systems for climate-sensitive diseases, heat-health, and vector-control.
- advancing climate and health data systems and cross-sectoral data integration to improve prediction, preparedness, and response.
- addressing the health impacts of air pollution and other environmental exposures
- applying Planetary and One Health approaches connecting human, animal, and environmental health
- generating economic evidence on the costs, benefits, and macro-economic impacts of climate-related health risks and adaption measures to inform policy and investment decisions.





## Mental Health

Mental health conditions are a major contributor to disability in Southeast Asia, undermining well-being, daily functioning, and social participation. Vulnerable populations, including children, adolescents, migrants, and those affected by disasters, bear disproportionate impacts. Stigma, limited access, and social and structural barriers further intensify these challenges across the region.

SEA DREAM supports **research that guides future interventions, fosters innovation, and strengthens mental health outcomes and inclusion across Southeast Asia**. Research must ensure meaningful **involvement of people with lived experience** at multiple stages of research design, governance, implementation, and dissemination.

### This includes, but not limited to:

- investigating the burden, drivers, and risk factors, and understanding of the aetiology and underlying biological, psychological, social and environmental mechanisms of mental health conditions.
- examining the impact of disasters, pandemics, and climate-related events on mental health.
- evaluating early detection, intervention, and community-based approaches to improve mental health outcomes.
- exploring strategies to reduce stigma, promote inclusion, and address social determinants of mental health.
- fostering innovation to develop scalable solutions for equitable mental health care and psychosocial support.
- understanding why mental health interventions work, for whom, and in which contexts, and identifying how they can be tailored to individual, cultural, and community-specific factors.





## Strengthening Health Systems and Access to Care

Health inequities in Southeast Asia, rooted in social, economic, and environmental factors, limit access to quality and affordable care. Rural populations, migrants, and marginalized groups face disproportionate barriers and risks, while fragmented financing, workforce shortages, climate change impacts, and uneven technology adoption challenge health system performance.

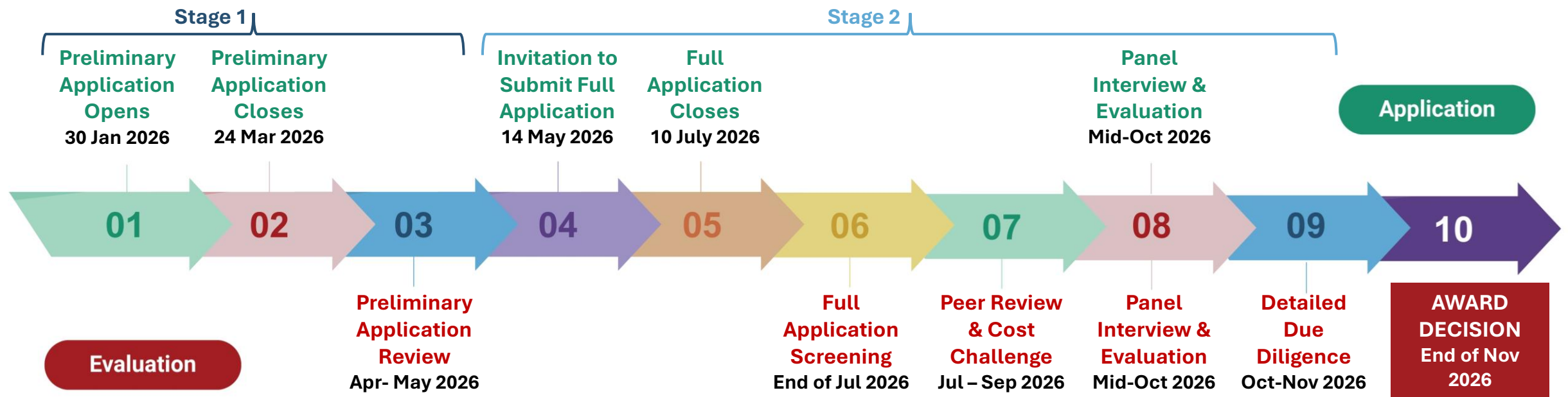
SEA DREAM supports innovative discovery and translational **research that aims to increase our understanding of health inequities to guide or inform future policy, strengthens health system performance, and enhances equitable access to quality health services in the region.**

### This includes, but not limited to:

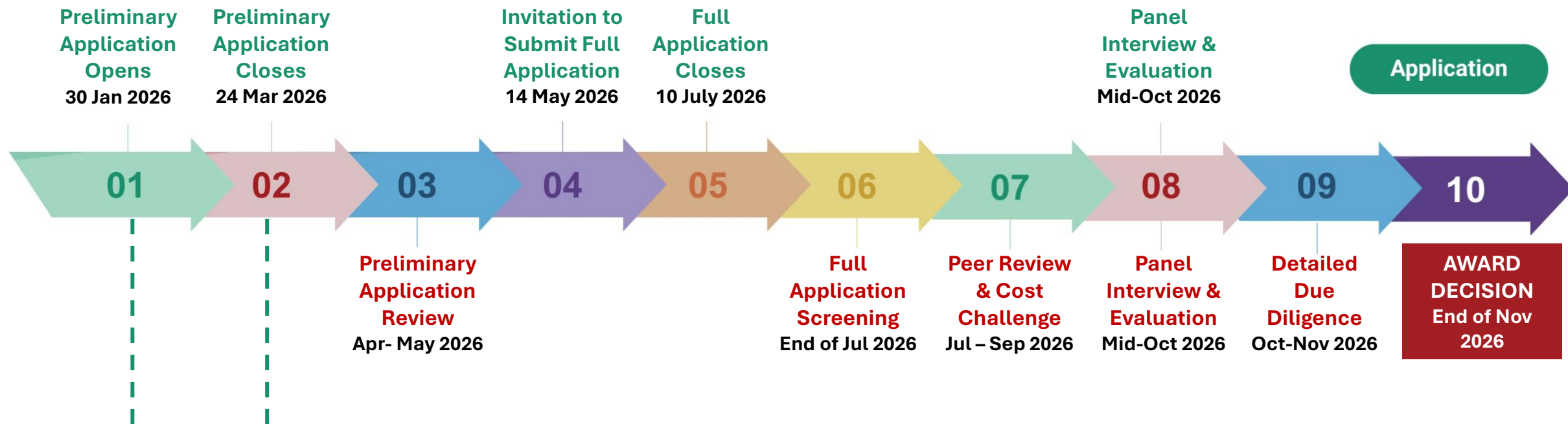
- improving maternal, neonatal, and child health and promoting life-saving solutions and interventions.
- strengthening health system capacity and expanding access to universal health coverage.
- improving inclusion of migrants and mobile populations in health services.
- supporting the development of coordinated, integrated and accessible multi sourced data platforms along with novel analytical tools that transform fragmented and missing health information, into layered, interconnected understandings of health phenomena and inequalities.
- exploring and evaluating digital and innovative approaches for health and public health interventions.

## Health Equity

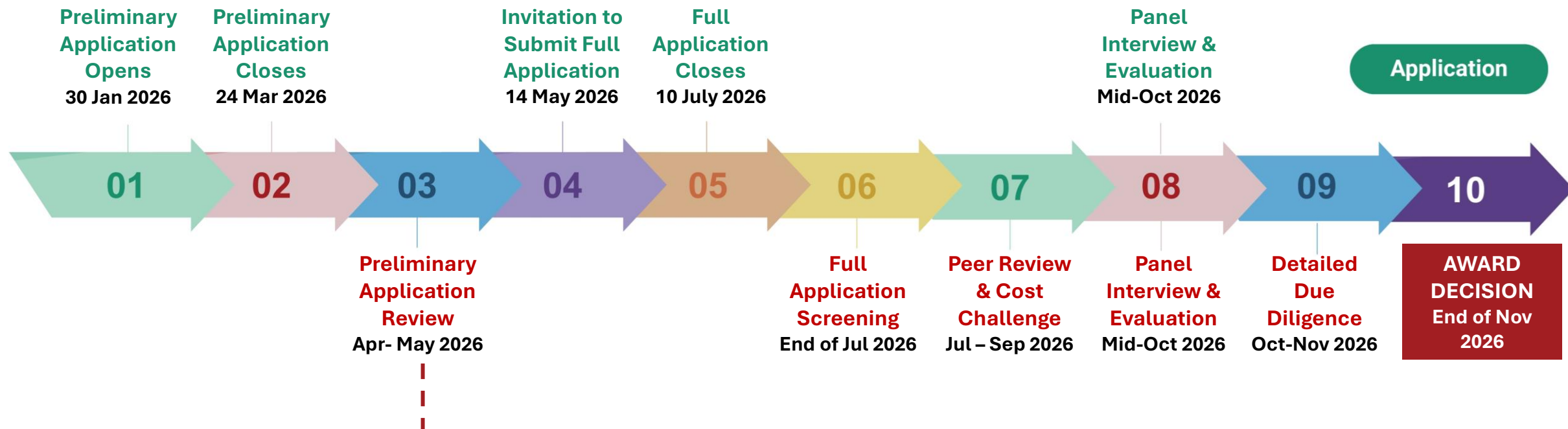
Health equity is a foundational lens that informs all SEA DREAM-funded research. By centering equity, SEA DREAM seeks to ensure that innovations, interventions, and evidence generated benefit all populations, especially the marginalized and underserved. Health equity considerations are relevant across the four thematic areas, guiding research and collaboration partnerships, research questions, methods, and implementation strategies to reduce disparities and promote inclusive health outcomes and research environments across Southeast Asia.





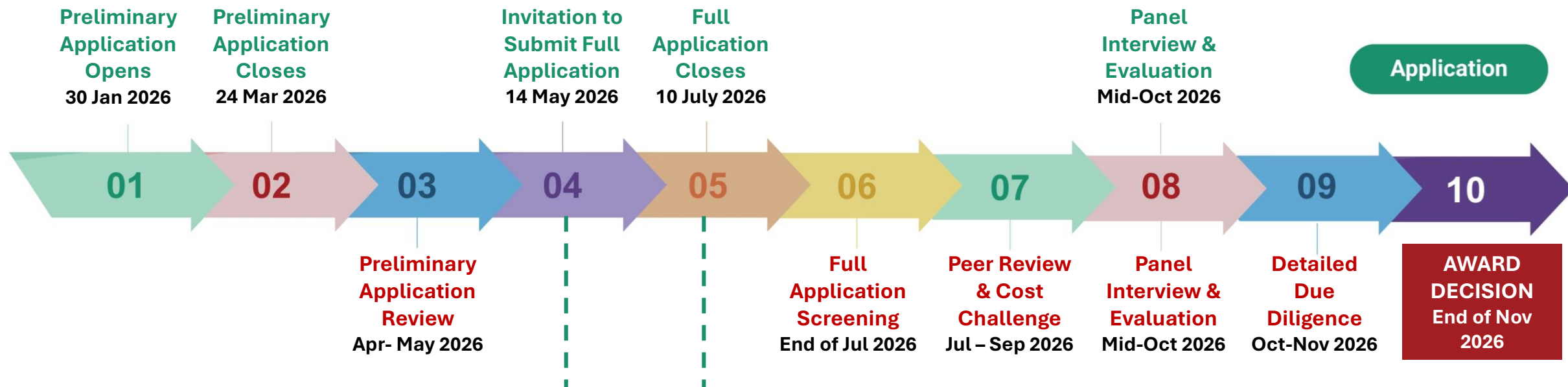


Applicants submit a **preliminary application** including Proposed Research and Consortium Activities, Team Composition, Indicative Budget and Milestones, and Eligibility information.



An internal committee of programmatic and scientific experts **will review preliminary applications**, checking:

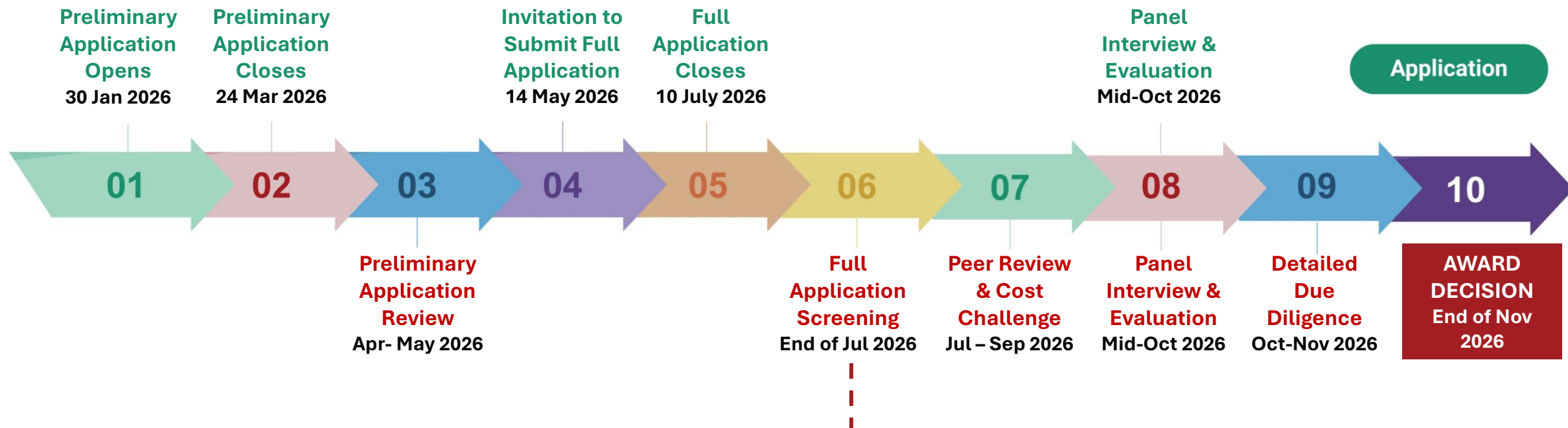
- Proposed research alignment with thematic areas,
- Alignment with SEA DREAM objectives,
- Appropriate indicative budget and milestones, and
- Principal Investigators and team's high-level skill set, capabilities, and composition



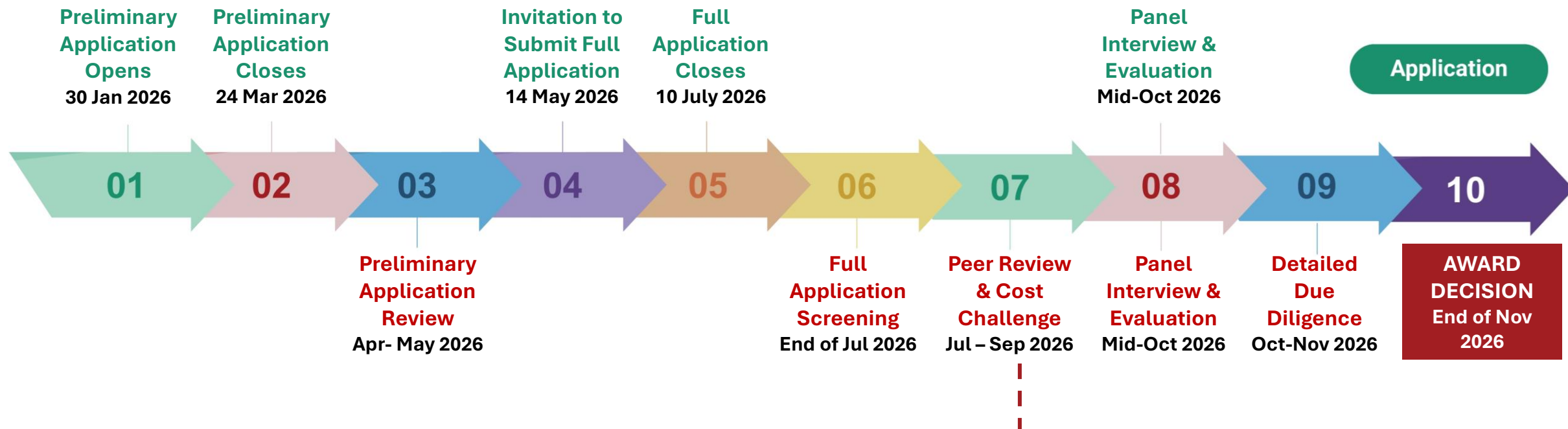
### Successful Applicants will be invited to submit a full application covering:

- Proposed Research and Consortium activities, including any Training and Development plans,
- Ethical considerations, Human participants, Animal studies, and Data management plans, if applicable,
- Information around Collaborations and Partnerships,
- Information on activities that Strengthening Research Culture and Research Ecosystem
- Full staff and organisational details,
- Milestones and Outputs,
- Full Budget.



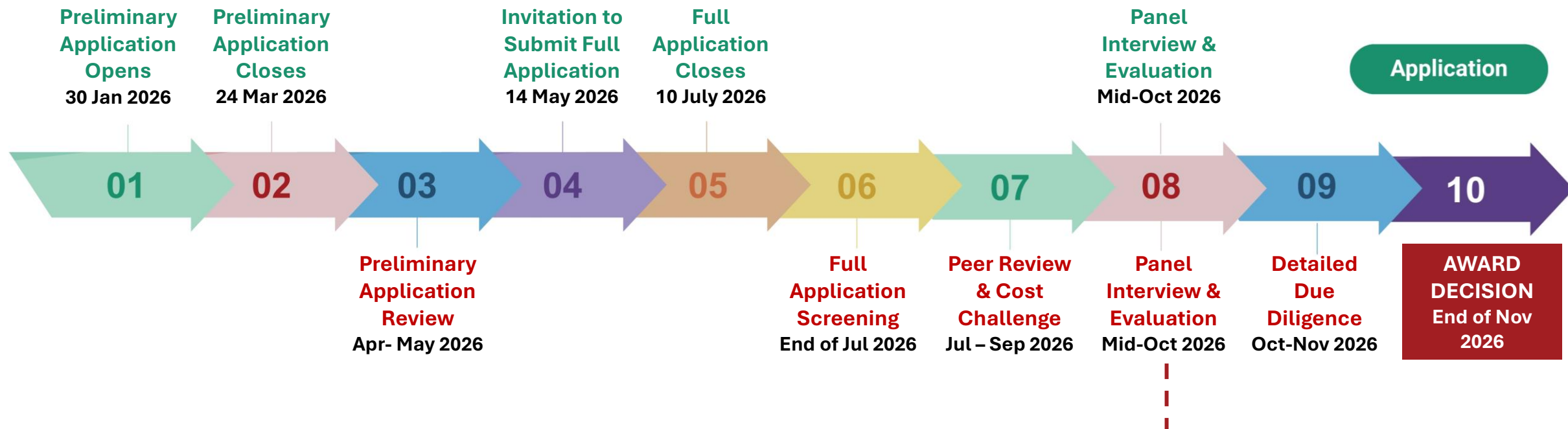


Full Applications will be screened internally for completeness and changes in the proposal affecting eligibility requirements.



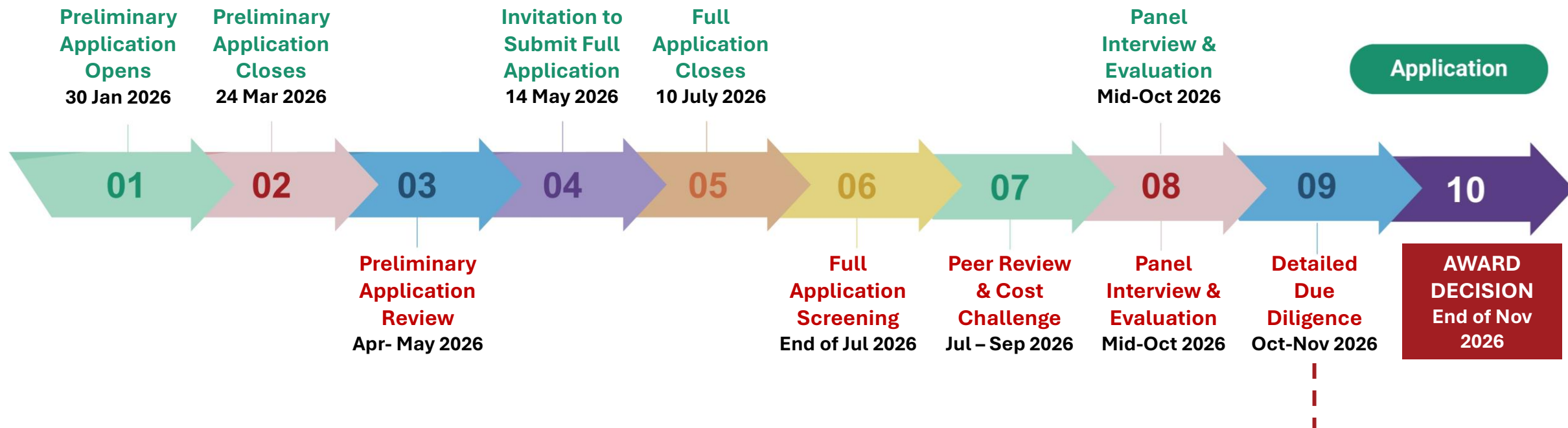
Applications will be **peer reviewed by independent experts** in the relevant fields, who will provide comments on the scientific quality and merit of the proposed research and activities.

Simultaneously, an internal team will conduct a **Cost Challenge** on the submitted Budget.



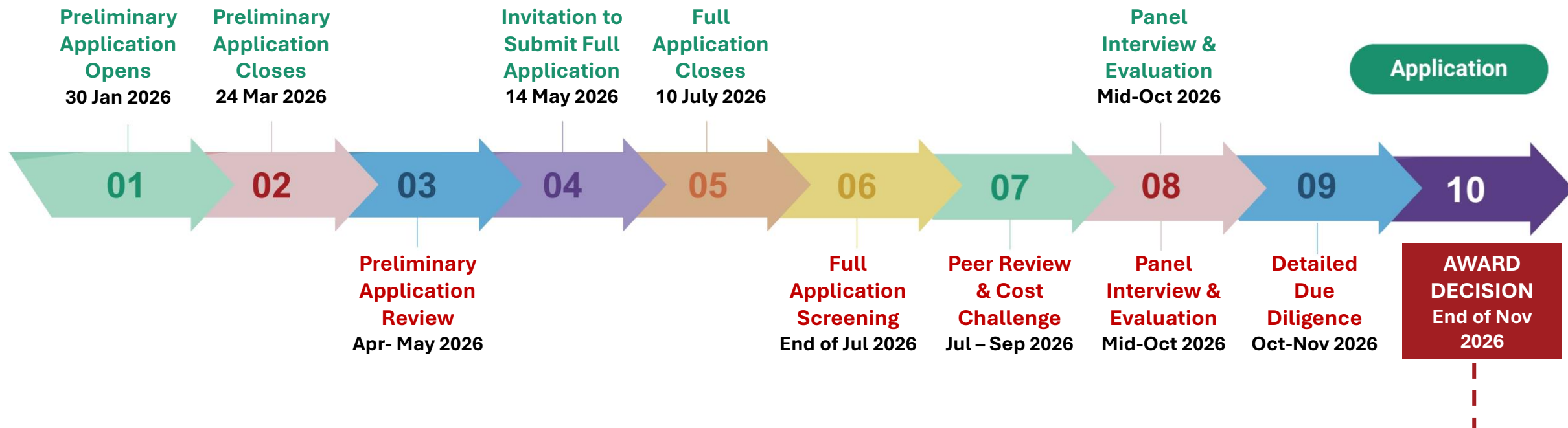
SEA DREAM will host **in-person panel interviews** in Bangkok, Thailand, conducted by an independent Evaluation Committee consisting of regional and global experts.





SEA DREAM internal staff will conduct **detailed due diligence checks** on the Consortia recommended by the Selection and Evaluation Interview Panel.

This will include checking the relevant organisational, operational, and financial policies and practices related to grant management and conduct of research of the Lead Organisations.



**The final award decision will be made by the SEA DREAM Steering Committee.**

Funding decisions will be made based on the recommendations by the Evaluation Panel, findings from Due Diligence, and will include equity considerations as well as thematic and geographical balance.

<b>25%</b>	<b>Generating Impactful Research</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>Nurturing Leadership and Research Talent</b>
<b>25%</b>	<b>Fostering Regional Collaboration &amp; Programme Governance</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>Strengthening Research Ecosystems</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>Qualifications and Operational Feasibility</b>



## Generating Impactful Research

25%



**Relevance:** The proposed activities are informed by and address national and regional health challenges fulfilling a significant gap in the existing science and literature.

**Scientific Merit:** The proposed activities develop and test concepts, methods and technologies that hold potential to contribute to scientific advancement by leveraging transformative, innovative, ethical, novel, and/or inter-disciplinary approaches informed by the relevant communities and the current evidence base, including consideration of their applicability, replicability and adaptability in LMIC settings.

**Impact:** The proposed activities include a clear and implementable impact strategy that demonstrates the potential for the research to inform further research, improve practices, inform policy and achieve real-world impact, with attention to sustainability and equitable uptake in diverse settings and resource-constrained contexts.



# 20%

## Nurturing Leadership and Research Talent

**Leadership:** The proposed activities focus on leveraging the consortia in developing leaders through expansion of networks, engagement with reputable scientific communities, and attractive and long-term research career opportunities and progression.

**Skills Development:** The proposed activities demonstrate a comprehensive approach across the consortia to training and mentorship to strengthen holistic research skills and capacity at individual, institutional and ecosystem level that includes research management, grantsmanship, organisational leadership, and engagement with policy making.

## Fostering Regional Collaboration and Programme Governance

25%



**Equitability:** Exemplary plan for equitable and meaningful partnership within consortia, especially Lower Middle-Income countries - in decision making, participation, governance and outputs. Partnerships should be transparent, grounded in mutual respect, and considerate of cultural norms and values. There should be clear evidence of resource sharing, especially for the Lower-Middle Income countries.

**Practicality:** The applicant has a clear, comprehensive strategy for regional collaboration, with well-defined roles and equitable distribution of resources among partners. There is also evidence **of a sustainable partnership plan for continued collaboration post-SEA DREAM Grant period.**

**Good Governance:** The application demonstrates high-level institutional commitment with strong letters of support from partner organisations. It includes a detailed multi-country stakeholder engagement plan and a tech transfer plan with institutional support.





# 20%

## Strengthening Research Ecosystems

**Sustainability and Contribution to Systemic Change:** The application demonstrates how the proposed consortium will strengthen the research ecosystem within the partnership itself, including institutional capabilities, research culture, infrastructure and environment, and enhances researchers' ownership, agency and capability to define and address their development priorities. The application shows credible pathways for sustaining these gains beyond the grant period and outlines potential to contribute positively to national and regional research ecosystems beyond the consortium.

**Ethical Practices:** The application promotes ethical research practices and upholds integrity, transparency and credibility.

**Inclusivity and Equity:** The application incorporates a practical and robust approach to Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDi).

**Output management:** The application includes a fair output management plan that demonstrates and ensures quality, transferability, openness, and sovereignty for research data access for all outputs.

# Qualifications and Operational Feasibility

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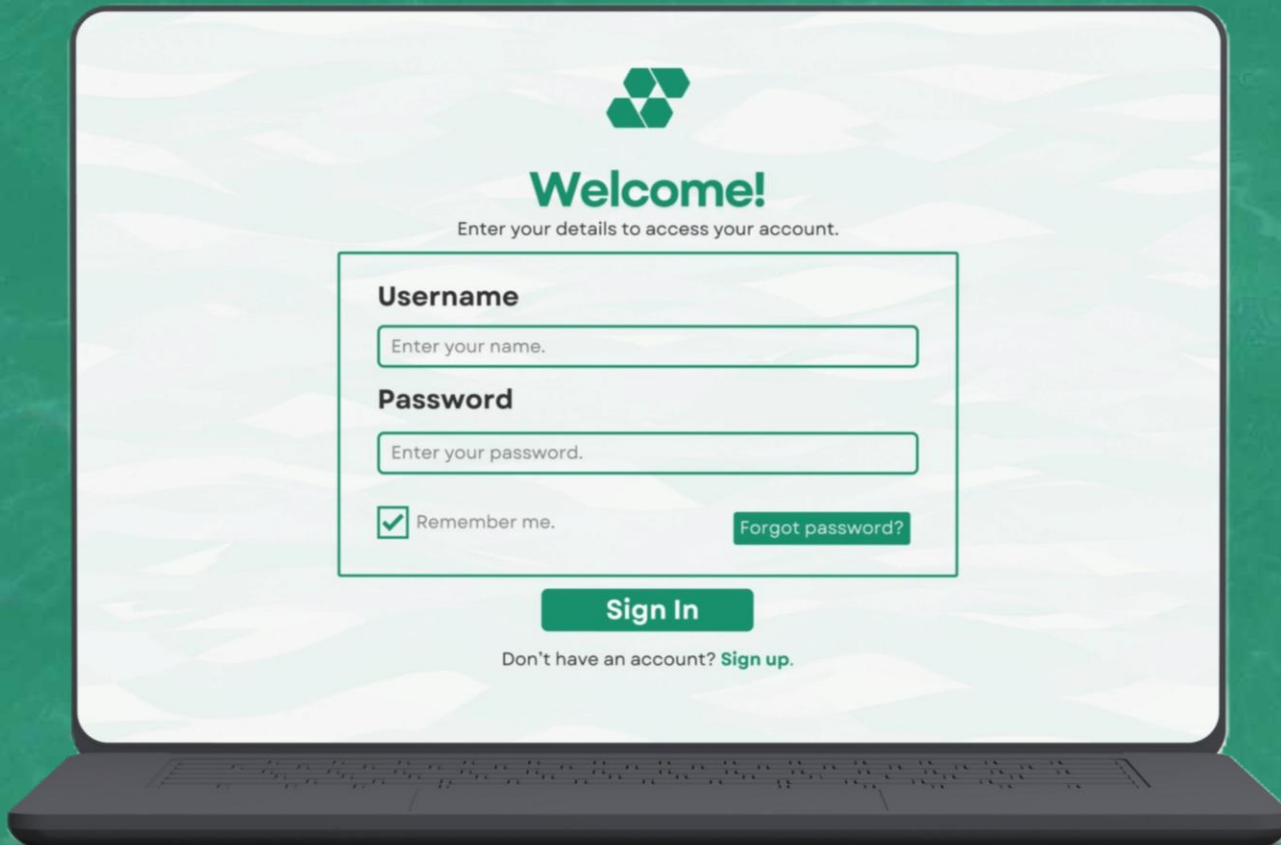
**Qualifications and Expertise:** The qualifications, skills, and previous research contributions of the applicants will be reviewed to evaluate the experience and expertise of the grantees in: (1.1) Relevant research areas and; (1.2) Specifically within the Southeast Asian (SEA) and national context. And (1.3) The team members are suitably chosen in terms of both number and diversity of expertise, and they have experience with mentorship arrangements. The overall team configuration is designed to support the successful delivery of the project, and (1.4) Responsibilities are allocated reasonably.

**Management Experience:** The applicant has successfully managed large-scale collaborative projects and grants at a national and/or regional level.

**Budget and Resource Allocation:** The project's achievability with the given budget is assessed through a detailed plan for resource allocation and management, including fair distribution between partners. There is a clear and feasible connection between the budget and the proposed activities, outputs, and objectives.

**Risk Management:** A comprehensive risk management strategy is in place, addressing potential challenges with proactive and innovative solutions. The plan demonstrates an ability to adapt to emerging priorities, including built-in steps to revise the approach throughout the project duration.

Submit your application via the  
**SEA DREAM application portal.**



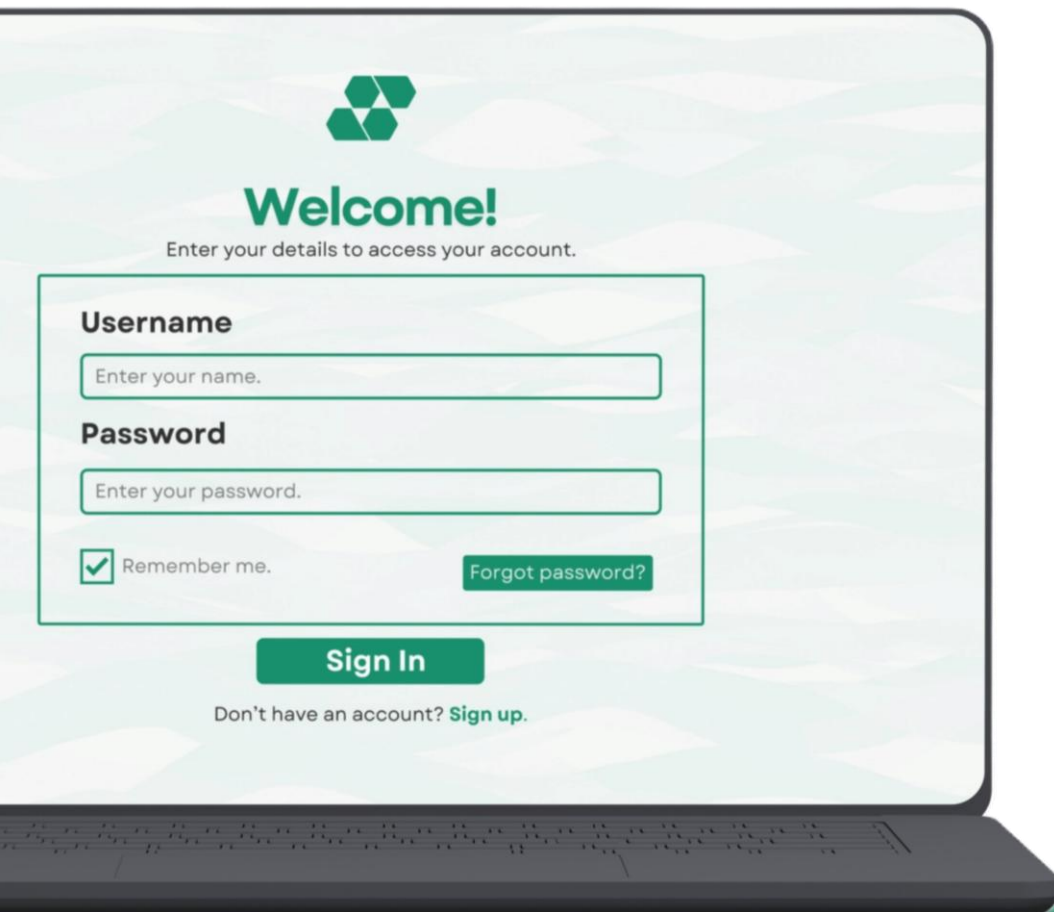
1. Sign In / Register
2. Complete the Application Form
3. View and track your application status

The application portal will be released in January 2026  
and will be available at **[www.sea-dream.org](http://www.sea-dream.org)**.



# How do we assess your prelim applications?

## Preliminary Application Review and Shortlisting



An internal committee **will review eligible preliminary applications**, assessment for

1. Alignment with thematic areas
2. Alignment with SEA DREAM objectives
3. Indicative budget and milestones
4. Principal Investigators and team's high-level skill set and capabilities.

Preliminary applications will be reviewed by experts from SEA DREAM, Wellcome Trust, and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

**Note:** *Applicants who meet these requirements will be invited to submit a full application. We aim to provide feedback for all Applications that do not pass this stage.*

# What Information is asked for in the Preliminary Application?

## 1. Summary Information:

- Title of Proposal
- Proposed Duration (up to 60 months)
- Proposed Start Date
- Amount Requested (up to 6.5m USD)
- Lead Organisation
- Personnel Information
- Thematic Focus

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## 2. Research Proposal:

- Provide an **overview** of the research proposal, including the research activities and the consortium members involved (max **250 words**).
- **Describe your research** area(s) (max **1000 words**). These should include:
  - Background: Key theories, concepts, and historical developments.
  - Problem Statement: Specific problems or knowledge gaps that the research activities intend to address
  - Aims and Objectives: Key objectives or questions the research activities seek to accomplish or answer.
  - Proposed thematic focus, approaches (methodology, innovative aspects) and research outputs.

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## 3. Consortium Activities:

- Describe the **proposed activities** within your Consortium and how they will **contribute to SEA DREAM Objectives** (max **1000 words**):
  - Generating impactful research
  - Nurturing research leadership and talent
  - Fostering regional collaboration
  - Strengthening research ecosystems
- If you are requesting support for **training modules or programmes** such as PhDs, Masters, Fellowships, or Professional Development Schemes, please provide a summary, including the roles of any Co-Principal Investigators and their organisations (max **300 words**).

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## 4. Key Milestones

- Provide a **breakdown of expected key research and consortia activities milestones** over the timeline of your grant (limited to a **maximum of one A4 page**).
  - Milestone Description (e.g., establishment of essential collaboration agreements; completion of specific research phases; publication and dissemination of research findings; research ecosystem contributions; start/completion of training modules and programmes, etc.)
  - Expected Delivery (Quarter and/or Year)

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## 5. Team Composition

- For PI's, Deputy-PIs, and Co-PIs:
  - Education/Training
  - Career History
  - Research Focus Areas and Activities (max. 200 words)
  - Leadership and Management Experience (max. 200 words)
  - Letter of Support from the Lead Organisation (for PI and Deputy-Pis)
- Other Team Members and Collaborators (Name, Institution, Position, Role in Activities (50 words max))

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## 6. Budget

- Total Budget for full duration per Cost Category and per Consortium Member:

Budget Category	Lead Organisation	Co-Applying Organisation	Co-Applying Organisation	...	Total
1. Staff					
2. Travel & Subsistence					
3. Materials & Consumables					
4. Equipment					
5. Training & Development					
6. Outreach & Dissemination					
7. Direct Research costs					
8. Other costs					
9. Overhead					
Total					

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## 7. Eligibility Information

- Organisational Details
- Type of Organisation and confirmation of legal entity
- Ability to receive and disburse funds from/to a foreign source
- Sanctions check

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- ✓ Familiarise yourself with SEA DREAM Objectives and Evaluation Criteria.
- ✓ Plan research that addresses existing and emerging health challenges in Southeast Asia.
- ✓ Identify and form partnerships that make sense and benefit everyone involved.
- ✓ Think about mentorship and support structures within your research partnerships.
- ✓ Explore what support systems you need in your institution to generate impactful research.
- ✓ Sign up to the SEA DREAM Newsletter and check [www.sea-dream.org](http://www.sea-dream.org) for updates



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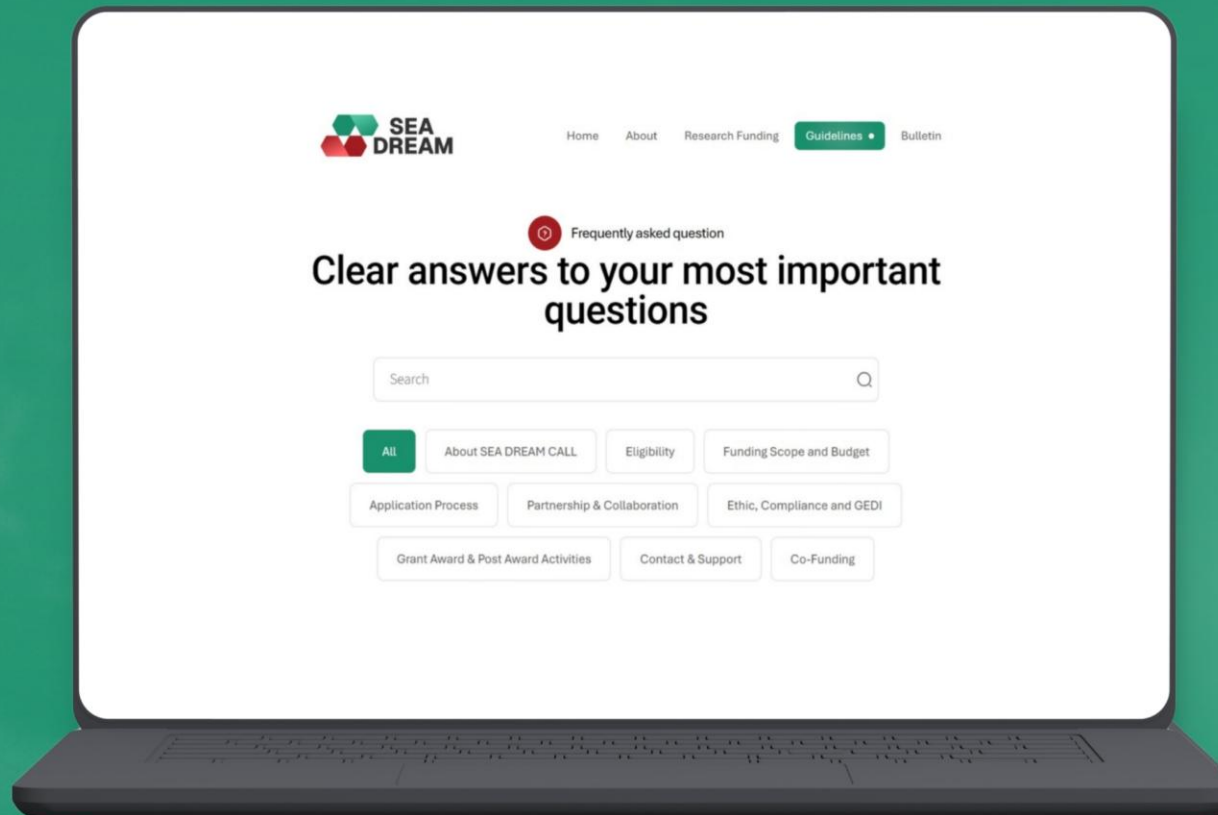


1. Please fill out the very brief demographic survey that will be pinned to the chat.
2. Throughout the webinar, please use the Q&A panel to submit your questions or comments.
3. Participants may send questions at any time, including during the interview session.
4. Questions submitted will be reviewed by the SEA DREAM team before being published.
5. Questions submitted will be anonymous.
6. Please use the upvote function (clicking the upward arrow) for questions that are posted which you agree with or would like to echo.
7. A representative from SEA DREAM will address the questions in the Q&A panel as well as during the Q&A session.
8. Any questions not answered in the chat will be raised by the moderator during the live Q&A portion for response from SEA DREAM's Head of Programme.

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