

The Professor Tord Kjellström Indicator Development Award for Mental Health and Climate Change

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Deadline for Applications:	12/07/2026 at 5:00 PM BST
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Applications expected to be funded for this round:	One
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BACKGROUND

The 2015 Lancet Commission's conclusion – that 'tackling climate change could be the greatest global health opportunity of the 21st century' highlighted the need for a global monitoring system with the ability to engage policymakers and support health professionals. In 2016 the **Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change** (referred to in this guidance as "the *Lancet* Countdown") was formed to address this gap and is now an international research collaboration, established in partnership with the Wellcome Trust (referred to in this guidance as "Wellcome") which continues to provide core funding, and headquartered at University College London (UCL).

The *Lancet* Countdown brings together over 300 researchers from leading research institutions and UN agencies across the globe, working to ensure that health is at the centre of how decision makers understand and respond to climate change. Through high-quality scientific data published in *The Lancet*, the *Lancet* Countdown works to inform policies that can maximise the health benefits of climate action and enable a world in which all people can thrive. To ensure the report remains relevant and action-oriented, the *Lancet* Countdown continually refines existing indicators and develops new ones in line with the latest scientific evidence, including emerging work to capture the mental health impacts of climate change.

In memory of Professor Tord Envold Kjellström (1948–2025), a pioneering environmental and occupational health scientist and long-standing contributor to the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, the Lancet Countdown is launching a call for applications to develop an indicator monitoring the mental health impacts of climate change-related hazards.

The impacts of climate change on mental health are rapidly growing and becoming more recognised. Impacts range from anxiety and depression to PTSD and suicide [1], resulting in long-lasting impacts and a substantial burden of disease. Monitoring these evolving threats and impacts is important to more comprehensively capture the health impacts of climate change, and to inform action priorities.

A global indicator, comparable across countries, is essential to monitor the evolving global risks and impacts of climate change on mental health. The development of such indicator was identified as a top priority through a literature review and stakeholder consultation conducted by the *Lancet* Countdown, particularly among government representatives. However, despite growing research in this area and numerous international efforts focused on the topic [2] [3], developing such an indicator remains a substantial challenge.

To address these challenges, the *Lancet* Countdown held exploratory workshops, attended by over 160 technical experts from across the globe, to explore the development of an indicator on the mental health impacts of climate change. These workshops helped identify suitable approaches for developing a globally relevant indicator. This open funding scheme was designed to support their development.



I. OPEN FUNDING SCHEME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDICATOR TRACKING THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED HAZARDS

This document is a guide for anyone preparing an application for the “Call for Applications: Indicator to Monitor the Mental Health Impacts of Climate Change-Related Hazards”. It lays out the core principles for the development of all *Lancet* Countdown indicators¹, as well as the specific academic and operational funding criteria for this call.

Please note that the inclusion of any indicators developed through this funding scheme in the Lancet Countdown’s annual indicator reports is conditional to their approval through the Lancet Countdown’s independent indicator assessment process.

You should bear in mind that, in most cases, Lancet Countdown indicators are expected to have no more than two authors. Exceptions may be made where the production of an indicator is especially complex or resource intensive.

Applicants should ensure their application meets all the criteria laid out below. If any of the below principles are not fully met at application stage, the successful applicants will be requested to refine or update their application during the award preparation stage to ensure full alignment with the *Lancet* Countdown’s standards and core values.

II. CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

WHO CAN APPLY?

An applicant’s organisation will be considered eligible for this funding call if it:

- is a **not-for-profit organisation**;
- is able to agree to and comply with the relevant **Wellcome grant conditions**²;
- has a mission that aligns with and advances **Wellcome’s strategic priorities**³; and
- has the capacity, capability, facilities and resources required to **deliver the proposed activities**, including any facilities or resources that cannot be funded through the grant application.

In addition, the host organisation must be one of the following:

- a **higher education institution**;
- a **research institute**; or
- a **healthcare organisation**.

¹ As per the open, transparent, and rigorous process for the development and improvement of the *Lancet* Countdown indicators: <https://lancetcountdown.org/our-indicators/>

² <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/policies-grant-conditions/grant-conditions>

³ <https://wellcome.org/our-priorities#our-strategy-b188>



ACADEMIC CRITERIA

The primary output of the successful application should be the development of an indicator that can be potentially included in the *Lancet* Countdown's annual indicator reports. The proposed indicator must quantitatively track a climate change-related impact on mental health, based on one or several climate change-related variables.

It is strongly encouraged that the proposed indicator and its findings are published as part of an independent peer-reviewed publication ahead of its inclusion in the *Lancet* Countdown annual indicator report. Depending on the novelty of the proposed methodology, this might be a necessary requirement.

The proposed indicator should meet all the criteria of *Lancet* Countdown indicators⁴. All indicators of the *Lancet* Countdown must be:

- Meaningful;
- Relevant;
- Scientifically sound and reproducible;
- Temporally representative;
- Geographically representative;
- Reliable, and use updatable sources.

Indicator proposals that do not meet these core criteria will not be considered for funding.

In addition to the core *Lancet* Countdown criteria for indicators, the proposed indicator must align to the **following principles**:

(1) The indicator should meaningfully track the links between climate change and mental health. The climate signal used should reflect changes which anthropogenic climate change has been demonstrated to affect. The health impact measured should also reflect a meaningful aspect of mental health, with good scientific grounding.

The *Lancet* Countdown acknowledges that data on clinical mental illness is scarce, and not globally standardised. Therefore, prospective applicants are encouraged to explore proxy measures that can reliably reflect changing impacts on mental health. If a proxy measure is proposed, validity of the use of such data as a proxy for mental health impacts must be supported by evidence and adequately justified.

(2) Once fully developed, the proposed indicator must be globally representative. In the first year, **at least 40 countries spanning most regions of the world** must be covered, with **a credible pathway to increase this to at least 150 countries** in subsequent years, to be presented in the proposal.

The *Lancet* Countdown acknowledges that this presents a substantial challenge in the case of mental health, not least due to the lack of standardised definitions of mental health and mental illness; the varying coverage and consistency of reporting of mental health impacts across the world; and the uneven coverage, availability and quality of mental health services between and within countries. As such, the indicator must account for inter and intra-country differences and be able to produce an annually updated global

⁴ Further details can be found on the *Lancet* Countdown website: <https://lancetcountdown.org/our-indicators/>



proxy estimate of the impacts of climate change on mental health. Ideally, the indicator would also produce country-level estimates for at least some countries, and these should be standardised and comparable with one another.

(3) The proposed indicator must be **of relevance to policy and decision makers**, by tracking an aspect of the link between climate change and mental health that can inform policy priorities, and ideally, be useful to monitor the impact of policy interventions addressing mental health impacts. Since changes in mental health can be due to changes other than climatic changes, and therefore not directly impacted by climate policy interventions, the proposed indicator must clearly describe how it deals with confounders, and how observed mental health impacts are related to, and ideally attributable to, the climate change-related variables.

(4) If the indicator is based on survey data, **details on how comparable data will be collected annually must be provided**, including how the survey responses will be linked to the climate-change related variable. If the data collection process requires funding, details on how this will be sustained after the project finishes must be provided to ensure continuation of the indicator. Note that this call does not include support for indicator production in subsequent years.

(5) The proposed indicator should either **use a well-established and peer-reviewed scientific method**, or **develop a new method based on established methods from other relevant fields**. In the latter case, the indicator methodology must be independently peer-reviewed in a primary research article prior to the indicator being introduced in the *Lancet* Countdown reports. The scientific rigour of the indicator should be adequately reflected in the proposal.

(6) In applying for this call, applicants commit to developing the proposed indicator within the duration of the proposed project, and to annually producing and updating the indicator for at least three consecutive years thereafter, for its prospective inclusion in the *Lancet* Countdown reports. To this end, they must provide **evidence that the indicator can be developed within the duration of this project's timeline and available resources**, and that it can be feasibly updated in subsequent years, including through any necessary data collection.

OPERATIONAL CRITERIA

In addition to the academic eligibility criteria established in the previous section, the successful application must demonstrate that it complies with all the operational eligibility criteria laid out below.

(7) Applications must demonstrate, through reasonable justification, that progress towards the development of this indicator would **not be possible without funding**.

(8) Applications must explicitly address **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)** throughout the proposal, including considerations in team composition and research design.



(9) Applications should demonstrate **meaningful engagement with Low- and Middle-Income Countries** (LMICs)⁵ through partnerships, co-leadership, and/or capacity-building initiatives.

(10) Applications should provide **clear opportunities for Early Career Researchers** (ECRs)⁶ to participate, enhance their research skills, and advance their career.

(11) Applications should incorporate **a capacity development component** (such as training, mentorship, or knowledge exchange), designed to help strengthen research ecosystems.

(12) Applicants should provide a **detailed schedule of work, with timelines and milestones** that explain how they will deliver the indicator within the stated timeline, and describe their approach for **monitoring and evaluating progress**, and adjusting the approach when needed to successfully deliver the indicator.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

In addition to the eligibility criteria established in the previous sections, the successful applicant/team will be required to confirm the following:

(13) **All outcomes of the proposed project will be made available openly and free of charge**, following principles of **Open Science** as upheld by Wellcome⁷ and the *Lancet* Countdown. This includes making both the methodology and data available, as allowed by underlying IP and data restrictions.

(14) This call for applications follows a collaborative model. As such, the successful applicant will be **expected to work collaboratively with the *Lancet* Countdown to jointly produce the proposed indicator**, including participation in regular meetings and joint development activities.

(15) Applicants must confirm **compliance with all relevant *Lancet* Countdown policies**, such as, but not limited to, conflict of interest

(16) Applicants must **abide by their organisation's research code of conduct and ethical guidelines**.

⁵ For the avoidance of doubt, this includes any country referred to on the list compiled and revised every three years by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), available on the Wellcome website: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/prepare-to-apply/low-and-middle-income-countries>

⁶ For the avoidance of doubt, this refers to the Wellcome's definition of an Early-Career Researcher as laid out on their website: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/prepare-to-apply/early-career-research>

⁷ <https://wellcome.org/our-priorities/equity/open-research>



III. HOW TO APPLY

START HERE

1. Download the “Application Pack” from the *Lancet* Countdown website; it includes:
 - ✓ This “Guidance for Applicants” document;
 - ✓ The template for your host institution support letter;
 - ✓ The budget spreadsheet you will be required to complete and upload as part of your application;
 - ✓ The template of the Sub-Award Letter that successful applicants will be required to sign, including all non-negotiable terms and conditions;
 - ✓ All *Lancet* Countdown internal policies you will be required to read and agree to comply with as part of your application.
2. Read this guidance in full.
3. [Recommended] Attend our launch webinar for a comprehensive introduction to the call: Thursday 28th of May at 9:00 AM BST. The recording will be made available via the *Lancet* Countdown website afterwards and as long as the call will remain open.
4. Start your application via our [Application Form](#).
5. Submit by 12/07/2026 (5:00 PM British Summer Time)

Please note that the assessment panel’s decision is final and, due to the volume of applications, we are unable to provide individual feedback to applicants.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

PART A – PROJECT TEAM DETAILS

Applications must be led by a researcher based in an institution eligible to receive Wellcome funding⁸. Academic researchers are preferable.

Applications must list all team members or, if not known at the time of applying to this call, roles expected to be involved in the project, as well as their organisation. Project leads will be able to include up to 5 additional team members per applications. If team members are expected to be based at another organisation than the lead organisation, then those organisations must also be eligible to receive Wellcome funding.

Any sub-award agreement drawn to distribute funding to collaborating institutions on the proposed project must be fully executed within the project period and must not affect the agreed delivery timeline. Applicants should ensure that all contractual arrangements, financial transfers, and related administrative steps are completed in a way that does not delay or compromise the delivery of the project’s outputs.

⁸ See Wellcome guidance on organisational eligibility: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/prepare-to-apply/eligibility-information-grant-applicants#organisational-eligibility-2eff>



PART B – PROJECT DETAILS

Proposed Indicator Name & Project Duration

Please provide a title for your indicator.

Please indicate your project duration. Please note that all projects must run for at least 6 months and for a maximum duration of 18 months. Please note that successful projects may commence upon contract finalisation, and no earlier than 01/01/2027.

Please note that no-cost extensions will not be considered.

Indicator Overview (1,000 characters)

Applicants must provide a non-technical summary of the proposal. This should include a brief description of the proposed indicator, what aspect of mental health impacts from climate change it will track, and a brief description of the methodology the indicator will use to monitor this link. It should also include an overview of the project proposal to develop this indicator, as well as any necessary model development, validation, or data collection process.

Applicants should note that, in the event that their proposal is successful, this summary may be made publicly available on external-facing websites. Therefore, applicants are required to make it suitable for a variety of readers (e.g., opinion-formers, policymakers, the general public, the wider research community, etc.).

Aspects of the Mental Health Impact from Climate Change to be Monitored (4,000 characters)

Applicants must provide a statement that clearly and concisely outlines which relationship between climate change and health the indicator will track, including:

- Which mental health impact will be monitored and how;
- Which climate change-related variables impacts will be attributed to, and the scientific evidence that climate change is altering these variables;
- A summary of the evidence available on the relationship between those climate-change related variables and the mental health impact monitored (as published in the scientific literature), including links between proxy data and mental health outcomes if applicable;
- If a proxy metric will be used, evidence of its relevance to monitoring mental health must be provided.

Data Sources (3,000 characters)

Applications must detail the datasets to be used in the development of the proposed indicator, including how they will be accessed or collected, any limitations or biases. If applicable, it should describe how data privacy and security will be addressed.



Geographical Coverage (1,000 characters)

Applications must specify how many countries the proposed indicator will cover and what will be the expected maximum geographical resolution. If the mental health impact is defined or measured differently across the world, a method must be proposed to address this.

Applicants should keep in mind that the proposed indicator must cover at least 40 countries from at least 4 WHO regions⁹ in the first year of reporting, with a clear and credible plan to increase coverage in subsequent years to at least 150 countries. Better coverage in terms of regions and countries will be favoured.

Temporal Coverage (1,000 characters)

Applications must clearly specify the time period for which results can be generated, including both the earliest and most recent years covered. The temporal coverage must be sufficient for the influence of climate change on mental health to be evidenced.

Annual Indicator Update (1,500 characters)

Applicants must describe how the indicator will be annually updated, and how the project team will be contributing to annual updates of the indicator. If accessing data requires funding, applicants must explain how this will be sustained after the funding ends.

Indicator Methodology (6,000 characters)

Applicants must provide details of the methodology the proposed indicator will use, including the proposed analysis processes and any statistical tests used to derive conclusions from the data. If the proposed methodology has been published in a peer reviewed journal article, then this must be made clear and a link to the article must be provided.

Relevance of the Proposed Indicator to Guide Action (2,000 characters)

Applications must demonstrate whether and how the proposed indicator could support policy and other decision-makers by tracking an aspect of the link between climate change and mental health that can inform policy priorities, and ideally, be useful to monitor the impact of policy interventions addressing mental health impacts.

Optional Indicator Sample

Applications can, but do not have to include a Word document, of no more than 2 pages, which presents a sample of what the indicator would look like and how it can be presented. This could include findings for a few key countries or a mock graphic.

⁹ <https://apps.who.int/violence-info/Countries%20and%20areas%20by%20WHO%20region%20-%202012bfe12.pdf>



Research Vision & Delivery Approach (6,000 characters)

Applicants must describe their research vision and strategy, which must include:

- The background and work which has led up to this project proposal;
- The overall approach, methods and tools that will be used to develop the proposed indicator within the proposed timeframe;
- Potential barriers to overcome and how these will be addressed;
- Key stages in the research plan, including key activities, milestones and timelines.

In addition, if more than one organisation will be involved in the project, applicants must indicate what work will be undertaken at each organisation.

Please note that this section is distinct from the preceding question regarding the indicator methodology itself. We are not seeking information on the methodology of the indicator, but rather are asking here for the proposed approach and work plan you will use to develop that methodology.

PART C – LANCET COUNTDOWN FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Funding Justification (2,000 characters)

Applications must clearly explain why their development project cannot proceed without the requested funding, outlining what specific activities, outputs, or outcomes will be enabled by this funding.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) (2,000 characters)

Applications must clearly address EDI considerations within the development project, including considerations in team composition and research design.

Engagement With Low- And Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) (2,000 characters)

Applications should clearly explain how their development project shows meaningful engagement with LMICs (e.g. named team member(s), partnerships, co-leadership, capacity building initiatives, etc.).

Opportunities For Early Career Researchers (ECRs) (2,000 characters)

Applications should clearly explain how their development project will provide clear opportunities for ECR involvement.

Capacity Development (2,000 characters)

Applications should incorporate a capacity development component (such as training, mentorship, or knowledge exchange), designed to help strengthen research ecosystems.

Open Access

Applicants must confirm that all research outputs (including methodology, data outputs and code) delivered through their proposed indicator development project will be made openly accessible through the *Lancet* Countdown website, Data Platform and, wherever



relevant, via Github to ensure transparency and broad dissemination. Indicators based on proprietary data which includes restrictions on how processed indicator data can be shared will only be considered if no suitable open access data is identified.

Commitment to Collaboration

Applicants must confirm that they will work collaboratively with the *Lancet* Countdown to jointly produce the proposed indicator, including participation in regular meetings and joint development activities.

Policy Compliance

Applicants must confirm compliance with all *Lancet* Countdown policies linked in the application form:

- Behavioural Standards Policy
- Academic Behavioural Policy
- Conflicts of Interest Policy

Authorship Commitment

Applicants must confirm that if they are selected for inclusion in *Lancet* Countdown reports, that they will commit to delivering the indicator and participating as an author annually, for at least three years. After this term, they must commit to supporting other researchers in the sustainable production of the indicator in subsequent years.

AI Usage

Applicants must declare whether AI tools were used in writing the application and, if yes, describe their use.

PART D – JUSTIFICATION OF RESOURCES

Applicants should bear in mind that the “*Lancet* Countdown: Tracking Progress on Climate Change and Health” is hosted at University College London (UCL), and all funds are administered through UCL; accordingly, the formal funding relationship and award agreement will be issued by UCL.

Applications for up to £100,000 will be considered under this call.

Existing Funding Relationship with University College London

Applicants must indicate whether their organisation has previously received funding from UCL. For organisations that have not previously received UCL funding, due diligence procedures may be required for successful organisations before the project can officially start and payments be made.

Currency Management

All funding will be issued in GBP, reflecting the fact that the *Lancet* Countdown’s originating grant and associated Wellcome award mechanism is denominated in GBP. The applicant’s organisation is responsible for managing any local currency conversions.

Applicants should ensure that all project expenditure remains within the GBP award amount of up to £100,000.00 and should briefly outline below the approach they will use to manage currency fluctuations and conversions.

Full Breakdown of Costs

Applicants should provide a breakdown of the costs associated with their project, in British Pound Sterling (GBP), using the Excel spreadsheet template provided as part of the Application Pack.

Applicants can request budget items based on the Wellcome's eligible categories of expenditure. Eligible and ineligible costs for this call are detailed in the guidance tables below.

Consultant costs are permitted and successful applicants should follow their organisation's procurement and subcontracting processes accordingly.

Applicants should follow their own organisation's policies and procedures regarding staffing, travel and expense budgeting.

Please contact Sam Julier (sam.julier@ucl.ac.uk) if you have any queries regarding finances for this call.

Eligible Costs

Staff Costs	<i>Salary costs can be requested for the following individuals:</i> ▪ <i>Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators¹⁰</i> ▪ <i>Research Assistants or Research Fellows</i> ▪ <i>Technician or Other Technical staff</i> ▪ <i>Project Specific Administrators or Support Staff</i>
Adjustment Support	<i>If you or a member of staff working on your grant is disabled or has a long-term health condition, you can ask for adjustment support to help you carry out your project. Costs can include but are not limited to:</i> ▪ <i>additional costs for staff to help with day-to-day activities related to your project</i> ▪ <i>assistive technology to help use computers, research equipment or materials – for example, text to audio software</i> ▪ <i>care costs for assistance animals if you need to travel.</i>
Materials & Consumables	<i>Costs can include but are not limited to:</i> ▪ <i>data purchases</i> ▪ <i>software</i> ▪ <i>access to computing services, etc.</i>

¹⁰ Principal or Co-Investigator salaries are only eligible on this call if the individual in receipt of the funding is dependent on external sources of income to sustain their contract of employment at their host organisation

Equipment Costs	Costs can include: ▪ software, software licenses and other recurring computing costs linked to the project ▪ one personal computer or laptop per person working on the grant. The cost should be reasonable, in line with market rates, and justified in the context of the research.
Travel & Subsistence Costs	Costs can include but are not limited to: ▪ Travel and Subsistence costs for Conference attendance ▪ Travel and Subsistence costs for Collaborative visits ▪ Travel and Subsistence costs for Other travel related to this grant
Fieldwork Expenses	Costs can include but are not limited to: ▪ survey and data collection, including communication and data collection services and any associated costs such as essential field materials, travel costs and language translation services ▪ the purchase, hire and running costs of vehicles dedicated to your project ▪ expenses for subjects and volunteers, including the recruitment of participants, their participatory fees and travel costs ▪ statistical analysis
Other Costs	Costs can include but are not limited to: ▪ Consultancy fees ▪ Subject/volunteer expenses ▪ Recruitment, advertising and interviewee costs

Ineligible Costs

• Any salaries where the individual is not reliant on external sources of funding to support their contract of employment • Salary costs for human resources, estates, finance or other central services • Overheads or Indirect Costs • Non-research related activity costs • Equipment insurance and disposal costs. • Open access publishing costs ○ If your organisation receives open access block grant funding, you can ask it to cover these costs. If not, we'll supplement your grant when your paper has been accepted for publication. • Publications and journals available in organisational libraries. • Indemnity insurance • Other costs ○ furniture such as chairs, desks, filing cabinets, footrests, coat hooks and miscellaneous laboratory furniture ○ utilities such as electricity, gas and water costs ○ standard IT charge - per unit IT costs ○ studentship-related costs, for example thesis binding and viva-related costs ○ central Human Resources staff costs, for example redundancy ○ health and safety, for example, radiation protection costs, first aid kits and signage ○ clothing such as laboratory coats, shoes and protective clothing



Staff Costs Guidance

Applicants should provide a brief description of how the staff costs associated with their project have been calculated. They should indicate the name (if applicable), role, Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and number of months of employment for each staff member who will be funded by the grant.

Applicants should indicate the number of months' employment for each individual role and should consider the timeframes for recruitment if new staff are required.

ORGANISATION APPROVAL & LETTER OF SUPPORT

Administrative Contact Details

Applicants must provide the necessary contact details for the individual or team based at their organisation responsible for grant finance and grant contracting matters, as requested in the application form.

Organisational Approval

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they adhere to their own organisation's approval processes regarding funding applications, and to ensure their organisation is able to accept the funding with the relevant approvals in place.

Letter of Support

Please note that applicants are required to upload a Letter of Support from their Head of Department or equivalent authority as part of their application. The letter should provide written confirmation that their host organisation has approved the application, can host the project, and is aware of this award's non-negotiable terms in conditions in full, along with verification of the applicant's current contractual status. Applicants should make sure to use the template provided as part of the application pack.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Applicants must read, acknowledge and consent to the *Lancet* Countdown's Privacy Policy¹¹ as detailed on the *Lancet* Countdown website. By applying for this funding call, applicants acknowledge and consent to the use of their Personal Data in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

DISCLAIMER ON SIMILAR APPLICATIONS & PEER-REVIEW ASSESSMENT

Applicants should be aware that proposals submitted through this process may occasionally be similar to those submitted by other applicants.

By applying, applicants acknowledge that:

- Their application may be shared with external experts as part of a double-blind peer review assessment process;

¹¹ Available here: <https://lancetcountdown.org/privacy-policy/>

- The review panel may receive multiple proposals with comparable themes or ideas;
- Funding decisions will be based on the strength of each proposal, alignment with programme priorities, and available resources.

Applicants are encouraged to clearly articulate the novelty, distinct contribution and added value of their proposal when prompted to support the review process.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If successful, Awardees will adhere to the Terms and Conditions as set out in the Indicator Development Sub-Award Letter, including the policies outlined in *SCHEDULE 3: AWARD LETTER AND POLICIES*. The template Sub-Award Letter can be accessed by all applicants and their host organisations as part of the Application Pack or via the *Lancet* Countdown website at the following link: INCLUDE LINK

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The successful applicant will be expected to work in close collaboration with the *Lancet* Countdown team to jointly develop the proposed indicator. To that effect, they will be required to attend **regular meetings throughout the lifetime of the project** with relevant members of the *Lancet* Countdown's Global Secretariat and/or Working Groups, the cadence of which will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, they will be expected to engage proactively with the *Lancet* Countdown's methodological and analytical frameworks, and contribute to the shared development, refinement, and delivery of the indicator throughout the project period.

Awardees will be required to provide **a Mid-Grant Report** halfway through the project (as specified in the Indicator Development Sub-Award Letter) using the templates provided. On completion of the project, Awardees will be required to submit **a Final Financial and Narrative Report** to the Global Secretariat of the *Lancet* Countdown using the templates provided.

DISBURSMENT OF FUNDS & RECOVERIES

Awardees will be entitled to invoice UCL for the following amounts and in accordance with the following milestones:

- 50% of the award value on signature of the Indicator Development Sub-Award Letter;
- 25% of the award value on satisfactory completion of a Mid-Grant Report;
- 25% of the award value on completion of the project, subject to satisfactory completion of a Final Financial and Narrative Report.

The Final Financial and Narrative Report will be due 60 days after the project's completion date.



Applicants should note that recoveries will be made if, on completion of project, it turns out that UCL has paid too much and needs to recover the amounts undue.

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