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How to ask questions

- Q&A panel during webinar
- FAQs on GACD website: [http://www.gacd.org/funding/calls-for-proposals/mental-health](http://www.gacd.org/funding/calls-for-proposals/mental-health)
- gacd@ucl.ac.uk
Today’s webinar will cover

1. What’s the GACD?
2. Current Research
3. GACD Research Network
4. GACD Mental Health Call
What is the GACD?

• Created in 2009

• Association of National Research Funding Organisations

• Headquartered at the University College London Institute for Global Health

• $100M investment to date

• Focus on implementation research in low- and middle-income countries

A major international partnership in global health research aimed at reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases
Membership
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Why NCDs?

Transition from Infectious to Chronic Diseases
Why NCDs?

Level of NCD Burden vs GDP per Capita

Why NCDs?
Why NCDs?

Cumulative NCD Loss

Lost output, trillions (2008 US$)

- Total, low and middle income
- Low income
- Lower middle income
- Upper middle income

World Economic Forum and Harvard School of Public Health (2011)
To tackle the burden of chronic non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries, by systematically building the evidence base for sound policymaking, as guided by global experts on NCDs.
The GACD Method

Facilitate joint research on NCDs in LMICs and vulnerable communities in HICs

Disseminate research findings to be used as an evidence base for policymakers

Focus on innovative collaborations and partnerships across all stakeholders
## GACD Funding Calls

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580 researchers funded in 35 countries
Current Research

- 3 Research Programmes
- Over 580 researchers
- Over 210 institutions
- Over 40 countries

Hypertension  Diabetes  Lung Diseases
Current Research

http://www.gacd.org/gacd/research/current-research-programmes

- Learning from HIV/AIDS care in Africa
  - Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda

- Developing a strategy for hypertension control
  - Colombia, Malaysia

- Diagnosing hypertension in aboriginal & LMICs
  - Canada, Tanzania

- A primary school based salt education project

- Treating hypertension in rural South Africa

- Improving hypertension control in rural India
GACD Research Network

• Annual Meeting
• Implementation Science Workshop
• GACD Teleconference Calls
• Network Representatives
• Working Groups
GACD Working Groups

• Data Standardisation
• Process Evaluation
• COUNCIL
• Concepts & Context
• ‘How-to’ Series
# GACD Researcher Journey

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<td>3. Initiate &amp; drive collaborative research outputs</td>
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GACD Research Network Benefits

- Access to growing network of research peers across diseases
- Frequent opportunities to discuss & troubleshoot research
- Shared learning & experiences from projects working in similar contexts
- View alternative approaches
- Establish collaborations
- Participate in various working groups
Research Network Participation

- Budget costs of at least two team members attending one annual face-to-face meeting of the GACD Research Network (location varies annually)
- Projects with a large number of sites may want to send more representatives to the meeting, or rotate attendees
- At least one attendee should be from the LMIC team where relevant
- Teams are strongly encouraged to include junior team members
GACD Mental Health Call

- All information about the call can be found on http://www.gacd.org/funding/calls-for-proposals/mental-health
- More than US$60M of funding will be available across all GACD members
- Majority of funders will accept applications through common GACD submission portal
- Call deadline: 11 April 2017
Call Focus

- Call focus is on implementation research proposals on child, adolescent and adult age onset mental disorders including, but not limited to, dementia, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorders, alcohol- and drug-use disorders, etc., in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) and/or in vulnerable populations in high-income countries (HIC).

- See: Mental and behavioural disorders (FOO-F99) of WHO's International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10):
  [http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2016/en#V](http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2016/en#V)
Implementation Research Focus

• GACD's calls for applications have a specific focus on implementation research

• Implementation is commonly defined as the study of methods and strategies to promote the uptake of interventions that have proven effective into routine practice, with the aim of improving population health

• You can find a small selection of resources for guidance on the GACD website: http://www.gacd.org/research/implementation-science
Common Indicators

GACD funding agencies aim to harmonise the research and outcomes assessment of GACD funded projects in order to maximise the potential for learning across the network and the impact of the initiative as a whole:

• Use explicit indicators and measures of project context, reach, outcomes evaluation and scale-up potential in plans and protocols

• include implementation research outcomes and, where relevant, include service outcomes

• Once funded, grantees will work together to agree common set of indicators
Evaluation Criteria

- Relevance and Quality of Project
- Quality of Team
- Feasibility of Project
- Potential Impact

➤ See call text for full list
Can I apply for funding?

- Is your proposed research project in the area of implementation research?
- Does your research project aim to generate new knowledge on interventions and their implementation to prevent and/or manage mental illnesses?
- Does the research involve low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) or targeted populations in high-income countries?
- If working with LMICs, does the project include research partners in the relevant country/countries?
- Are you based in one of the GACD member countries that will award funding under this call?
- If you are not based in one of the GACD member countries awarding funding, do you have research partners based in one of these countries?

⇒ Check GACD website
⇒ Apply through common portal or agency specific portal
Participating Funding Agencies

GACD Common Submission Portal

- Medical Research Council, UK
- South African Medical Research Council
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research and National Natural Science Foundation of China
- Mexico's National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)
- Indian Council of Medical Research
- São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*
- Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development*
- Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences*

Agencies’ usual submission systems

- European Commission
- National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia*
- National Institutes of Health, United States*

*Participation and launch dates to be confirmed
Where can I find out more?

GACD website
(http://www.gacd.org/funding/calls-for-proposals/mental-health)
has information on:

- Which funding agency can you apply to?
- Frequently asked questions (FAQ)
- Funding agency specific information
- Contact information
- Link to common submission portal and agency submission systems
Thank you and questions

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