

Call for workshop proposals focusing on research skills development in Brazil

Who are we?

REDe is an international network focused on building research capacity and preparedness to tackle emerging infectious disease outbreaks in Latin America and the Caribbean. This network is supported by the three EU-funded consortia (ZIKAction, ZIKAlliance and ZikaPLAN), initially focusing on the Zika virus. Across 2019, we supported 5 groups from Brazil who organised arboviruses-related workshops, ranging from vector control to related neurological diseases. Please visit the member hub (<https://rede.tghn.org/>) for more information and let us know if you have any further questions.

Why are we funding a workshop?

To meet the objectives of the REDe network, we aim to support local responses to epidemic outbreaks and, therefore, we encourage activities to further strengthen regional research capacity. Given the social-economic burden of these outbreaks in developing countries, we would like to broaden our work alongside Brazilian researchers to build long-lasting health research capability in Brazil as part of our mission to promote research capacity development in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

This advert invites workshop proposals that can benefit hospital staff, healthcare professionals and students with experience in research studies, as well as those who have little or no research experience but would like to start developing it in a particular field. The latter is of particular relevance as it can improve disease management (detection, reporting, treatment, cohort enrolment, clinical trials, high quality data generation, etc.) at the point-of-care centres.

A successful workshop will help attendees to gain and develop a set of skills and interests in undertaking health research in Brazil. We also expect this event to be an opportunity for setting up new collaborations, networking, and information sharing.



What to consider when submitting a workshop proposal?

A competitive proposal would meet the following criteria:

- The main focus should be on research skills necessary to conduct health research in your region, which can be specific methodologies used in surveillance, diagnostic, laboratory techniques, clinical trials, etc., or broad topics involving skills necessary to support research, such as grant writing, how to source funding, scientific writing, public engagement, policy, etc.;
- A highly interactive format including discussions, practical 'hands-on' activities, information sharing and group tasks;
- Designed for clinical researchers, their teams, healthcare workers, laboratory staff and/or students who would like to develop skills and experience in undertaking health research;
- The target audience should be local, ensuring your workshop will bring an impact to your city and neighbouring areas;
- Joint proposals will be considered and are strongly encouraged. A joint proposal can be submitted from different research groups and/or public health organizations who wish to collaborate and complement their expertise in the organisation of this workshop. Collaboration between academic and clinical groups are encouraged;
- Albeit not mandatory, a strong proposal would also use this workshop as an opportunity to support public research centres (e.g., laboratories, hospitals, health centres, etc.) in developing research capacity in the long-term;
- Please note your proposed programme is not limited in duration, as long as it meets the expected outcomes, although we expect a minimum one-day event.

How to apply and what is the selection process?

To be considered, please complete the application form, which includes the following:

- Lead candidate(s) professional details, contact details and relevant experience;
- Your workshop proposal with a maximum limit of 1,500 words;
- CV: either a separate file with a short 2-3-page CV containing relevant information (preferred), a pdf version or the link of your Lattes CV;



Please submit your full application to the REDe team at the following address: redebrazil@tghn.org. The deadline for submission is **March 23rd at 11:59 pm** (Brasilia Time Zone, Brazil). Please kindly add “REDe workshop proposal 2020” in the email subject line.

Our team will score each proposal based on the criteria presented above. Candidates with shortlisted proposals may be contacted for further clarifications - this may involve a request for a Skype or a phone call.

We aim to inform teams of award status within two to three weeks after the submission deadline. Results will be final and cannot be contested.

Who should I contact for further information?

Please email us at redebrazil@tghn.org if you have any further questions, comments and/or suggestions.

We wish to thank you for your time in preparing and submitting your proposal. We are looking forward to receiving it and would like to wish you the best of luck!

