Call for applications for
The Lancet-Elsevier Foundation Evidence to Impact Awards

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The call for applications for the 2027 Lancet-Elsevier Foundation Evidence to Impact Awards is **now open**. Deadline for submissions is the 4th of January, 2027.

All applications must be submitted online via the Oxford Abstract platform. To help you prepare, please review our application guidelines below.

Eligibility

The Lancet-Elsevier Foundation Evidence to Impact Award is dedicated to supporting research projects that address pressing health challenges worldwide. Emphasizing implementation science, the award seeks to bridge the gap between scientific evidence and practical application, with the goal of fostering health improvements that are sustainable and adaptable, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

The award welcomes applications for projects that:

- **Study the implementation of existing or planned interventions**, including examining barriers, facilitators, and strategies to improve adoption, fidelity, and sustainability—**without necessarily requiring the research team to deliver the intervention themselves**.
- **Support or facilitate the active implementation of interventions**, where the research team participates in delivering or supporting the intervention, with a focus on evaluating implementation processes and outcomes.

Projects that already have funding, ongoing with initial results, near-end, or recently completed (less than a year before the application submission). Both approaches should be grounded in rigorous implementation science methodologies and frameworks, aiming to generate evidence that can inform scalable, sustainable health improvements in diverse settings.

Before submitting your application, please ensure your project meets the following eligibility requirements:

- **Language:** Application submitted in English.
- **Project Stage:** Ongoing, near completion, or recently completed ((less than one year before submission date).

Please submit information about an existing, ongoing, or recently completed project. The award aims to recognize projects that have demonstrated real-world impact, rather than

proposals for new or conceptual initiatives. Describe your current work, including any preliminary results or evidence of impact achieved to date.

- **Intersectoral Collaboration:** Involves diverse partners (researchers, healthcare providers, policymakers, community members).

* For this award, we define a "researcher" as an individual actively involved in health project implementation or operational research, with at least a master's degree or equivalent, or currently completing such a qualification. This includes early-career professionals, practitioners, program staff, and community workers with relevant experience and contributions to health initiatives.

- **Location:** The applicant team is based in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) or has significant partnerships with organizations based in LMICs (as per World Bank 2025 definitions). While not mandatory, projects based in or strongly linked to LMICs are prioritized.
- **Evidence of viability:** Clear project plans, preliminary data (if ongoing or near-end), or proof of funding/resources.
- **Alignment with SDGs:** Addresses health or health system challenges relevant to local, regional, or global priorities, especially SDG 3 and SDG 17.
- **Implementation Science:** Incorporates evidence-based practices, frameworks (e.g., The Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research and RE-AIM), and rigorous methodologies. More information available at A scoping review of implementation science theories, models, and frameworks — an appraisal of purpose, characteristics, usability, applicability, and testability
- **Community Engagement:** Involves local communities meaningfully in design, implementation, and evaluation.
- **Ethical Standards:** Applications must adhere to ethical standards and regulations, including obtaining necessary approvals. Authors should disclose AI-assisted technologies used, as per Elsevier policies.
- **Originality & IP:** The project is original, does not infringe on third-party rights, and respects privacy and intellectual property.
- **Additional Considerations:** Addresses gender, socio-economic, and climate-related factors.

Evaluation

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- **Implementation Science:** Use of evidence-based frameworks and methodologies.
- **Community Engagement:** Depth and effectiveness of local involvement.
- **Impact Potential:** Likelihood of achieving scalable, sustainable health impact.
- **Equitable partnership:** Fair, mutually beneficial partnerships with local, regional, or national stakeholders.
- **Scalability:** Potential for replication and adaptation in other settings.

- **Policy Influence:** Capacity to inform or shape health policies.
- **Gender, Socio-economic, & environmental considerations:** Integration of these dimensions into project design.

We look forward to your innovative applications and to supporting impactful health solutions globally.

For further questions, please contact us at evidencetoimpact@elsevier.com