

MAH Exchange Visits – Application Criteria

The Measles Analytics Hub (MAH) is pleased to offer Exchange Visit opportunities for modellers based in high measles burden countries. These visits are designed to foster collaboration, mentorship, and skill development through short-term placements at host organisations or institutions within the MAH network. All applicants are expected to be actively engaged members of the MAH.

Purpose and Objectives

Exchange Visits aim to:

- Promote **knowledge exchange** between modellers
- Support the **learning of new modelling skills and methods**
- Facilitate **collaborative work** on projects relevant to measles control
- Strengthen **mentoring relationships** within the MAH community

The modelling project undertaken during the visit should be clearly aligned with **programmatic needs for measles control and** contribute to evidence generation that supports decision-making in high-burden settings.

Funding and Eligible Costs

All applications will be assessed on **value for money**.

Funding may be used to cover:

- Travel (international and local)
- Visa fees
- Accommodation
- Daily subsistence
- Course or training fees
- Technical/audio-visual costs
- Interpretation/translation
- Administrative costs for organising the exchange visit
- Institutional overheads, where relevant

In cases where the visiting modeller is required to take unpaid leave from their home institution or has full-time student status, special arrangements regarding compensation for time may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no fixed duration for the visit; applicants are encouraged to propose a timeline that fits within the available budget and complies with visa regulations and maximum stay limits in the host country.

Application Requirements

An application form can be found [here](#). Applicants must submit a proposal that includes:

1. **Project Description**

- Stating who is involved, what the exchange visit will entail and where it will take place
- A clear outline of the modelling project or learning objectives and the relevance to measles control and programmatic priorities
- Expected outcomes and benefits of the exchange
- Dissemination plan for work produced during/as a result of the exchange visit

2. **Timeline**

- A Gantt chart or equivalent showing key activities and milestones

3. **Budget Proposal**

- A high-level breakdown of anticipated costs

4. **Letters of Support**

- From a representative at the **host** organisation or institution, confirming their willingness to host and collaborate
- From a representative of the applicant's **home** institution or organisation confirming their support, and outlining how the exchange visit will benefit the institution

5. **CV or Resume**

- An updated CV for both the applicant and collaborators outlining qualifications and/or experiences relevant to measles modelling

Submission Instructions

Please submit your application form – plus any attachments – to vimc-mah@imperial.ac.uk. Please include 'Exchange visit application' in the subject line.