

"GLADEL - Projects y Publications"

GLADEL - Pro&Pub

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- **Objectives**

- To encourage the development of research projects within the GLADEL network, using data from both its Scientific and Educational areas.
- To provide guidance for project development.
- To facilitate the publication of project results in indexed journals, preferably in English.

- **Justification of the Project**

- There are multiple reasons that discourage research and publications in english-language indexed journals in Latin America. These include issues related to governments (lack of investment in science, technology, and innovation); universities (lack of training programs in rheumatology, epidemiology, and research methodology); postgraduate studies (deficiencies in the number and geographic distribution of specialization programs in rheumatology, as well as master's and doctoral programs); researchers (lack of formally accredited researchers, compounded by brain drain to countries with better opportunities); lack of protected time for research (in Latin America, the majority of time is dedicated to patient care, both in the public and private sectors); publications (deficiency in scientific work production and publications in English-language indexed journals, open publication costs); citations (deficiency in citations due to the low percentage of innovative research, mostly published in local media and languages); patents and intellectual property (deficiency in patent registration and therefore intellectual property, which is the antithesis of economic power).
- To address these issues, GLADEL is launching the "GLADEL- Pro&Pub" program.

- **Data Source**

- **Scientific Area:** "Additional Projects" are those that use data from the original GLADEL cohort (1997) and/or GLADEL 2.0 (2019). "De Novo Projects" refer to new cohorts, specific registries, surveys, and other data collection methodologies proposed by researchers for future development.
Collaborative studies comparing the GLADEL cohorts with other worldwide cohorts are anticipated.
- **Educational Area:** "Additional Projects" use data from the programs Let's Talk about Lupus, Falando do Lupus, and Is it Lupus?. "De Novo Projects" refer to educational projects proposed by researchers for future development.

- **Recipients**

- o GLADEL network researchers: physicians, epidemiologists, biologists, specialized nurses, postgraduate students, professionals from other health fields, among others.
 - o Researchers not part of GLADEL but sponsored by GLADEL researchers or centers (when applying for a Pro&Pub grant, they must submit an application for admission to GLADEL according to current regulations).
 - o Priority will be given to researchers who are part of the GLADEL network.
 - o Priority will be given to researchers who have been previously involved in specific projects or topics.
- **Scientific Committee**
 - o Projects must be submitted to the GLADEL Scientific Committee for evaluation and potential approval.
- **Presentation Proposal Format**
 - o Both "Additional Projects" and "De Novo Projects" must be submitted in the format established by GLADEL (see: Standard Operating Procedures -SOP. V5.0, May 10, 2024).
- **Letter of Recommendation and Essential Aspects of the Proposal**
 - o A letter of recommendation from the Head of Service or Institution of the GLADEL center is mandatory. This letter should clearly describe the candidate's academic background, demonstrate the viability and interest of the proposed project for the working group, and guarantee the time available for its completion.
 - o The proposal must expressly indicate both the impact and innovation of the project, and specify the candidate/s journal/s for publication of the results.
 - o Only projects evaluated as competitive for publication in English-language PubMed-indexed journals will be accepted, unless the advantages of publication in Spanish or Portuguese indexed journals are properly justified.
- **Responsibilities of the Lead Author**

The lead author of an "Additional Project" or a "De Novo Project" is responsible for fulfilling and ensuring that their collaborators fulfill all stages of the research/publication process, which includes:

 - o Respecting the established work schedule.
 - o Submitting a progress report every 3 months to the GLADEL Scientific Committee.
 - o Maintaining open communication with their GLADEL-assigned mentor.
 - o Presenting the results in abstract format at national/international congresses.
 - o Publishing the results in a timely manner, including sending the manuscript to all co-authors for review until approval, selecting the PubMed-indexed journal (mandatory), uploading the manuscript to the selected journal platform, addressing reviewer comments until final approval and publication of the manuscript.

- **Statistics**
 - If the project investigator does not have a statistics team at their institution, they may request statistical support from the GLADEL statistics team.

- **Mentoring and Language Review**
 - The researcher may request mentoring from GLADEL for project methodological development and manuscript preparation and review for publication in a PubMed-indexed journal. While this service can be requested at any time during project execution, it is highly recommended to do so at the beginning as part of the proposal.
 - Although the candidate may propose a specific mentor, the mentor selection will be made by the Scientific Committee, depending on the proposal's characteristics and needs, as well as the availability of GLADEL mentors.
 - The mentor's role includes: methodological guidance throughout project execution, review of quarterly progress reports, review of the manuscript in English before submission for publication, and advising on responses to journal reviewers/editors.

- **Project Duration**
 - For an "Additional Project" (see GLADEL – Authorship and Participations. V5.0, May 10, 2024) that specifically queries the original GLADEL, GLADEL 2.0, Let's Talk about Lupus, Falando do Lupus, or Is it Lupus? databases, the maximum time for project execution, from project approval by the Scientific Committee to presentation at a National/International Congress, is 12 months, and for submission to an indexed journal, the maximum time is 18 months.
 - For a "De Novo Project," without prior history or databases, both the project duration, its presentation at national/international congress, and the time for publication will be governed by the project's specified schedule.
 - A delay in project/publication completion should be considered exceptional and can only be authorized by the GLADEL Scientific Committee.

- **Presentation of Results at National/International Congresses**
 - The presentation of study results in abstract format (poster/oral) must be mandatory at a PANLAR congress, and secondary recommendations include presenting at other scientific congresses (National, ACR, EULAR, others).
 - The chronological order of the presentation is irrelevant, subject to the deadline imposed by each event. It is not mandatory for the first presentation to be made at a PANLAR congress.

- **Publication in Indexed Journals**
 - The lead author of the project, subject to the mentor's recommendation, is authorized to select the PubMed-indexed journal where they want the project results to be published.

- **Authorship**
 - The authorship of manuscripts to be published must adhere to GLADEL regulations (see GLADEL – Authorship and Participations. V5.0, May 10, 2024).

- **Project Fees**
 - A fee of up to 2,500 US dollars is established for each research project, depending on its characteristics.
 - This money will be received by the project's lead investigator. The investigator may decide to share this money with their team members.
 - If the project simultaneously receives funding from the pharmaceutical industry, GLADEL may provide methodological and analytical support, but not financial support.
 - 50% of the fee will be paid once the project is approved by the GLADEL Scientific Committee, and the remaining 50% will be paid upon completion, along with the acceptance of its publication in English in a PubMed-indexed journal.
 - Each transfer made by GLADEL must be supported by an official receipt from the lead investigator or their designee.

- **Mentoring Fees**
 - GLADEL mentors will receive a fee of 2,000 US dollars per project.
 - 50% will be paid once the project is approved by the GLADEL Scientific Committee, and the remaining 50% will be paid upon completion, along with the acceptance of its publication in English in a PubMed-indexed journal.
 - Each transfer made by GLADEL must be supported by an official receipt from the mentor.