

What applicants should know about STEMPA

A quick awareness guide for grant applicants

STEMPA

Does STEMPA apply to my project?

What happens if I receive the IPA?

What resources are available?

Be ready to activate STEMPA

Learn more



Quick scope check

Use the criteria below to check if your Project Agreement falls under STEMPA.

In scope: Project Agreements funded under OF-LCG or HHP MISSION Stream 1 (FY2026 RIE2030 calls onward) that involve only Singapore public sector institutions.

Out of scope: Project Agreements involving industry/private sector partners, foreign institutions/entities, and Clinical Trial Agreements (CTA).

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HHP MISSION Stream 1



Read the STEMPA Guidebook

The Guidebook is the primary reference for understanding STEMPA requirements, including the ecosystem-aligned positions, and how to apply STEMPA throughout the PA process. Project teams are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Guidebook early, identify any areas requiring clarification, and reach out to their institutional STEMPA representatives (see Chapter 4: Support & Contacts) or the STEMPA Secretariat (BMSIPO) where necessary.

Full details: [STEMPA Guidebook: www.stempa.sg/resources](http://www.stempa.sg/resources)



What happens if your project receives IPA? The clock starts at IPA issuance

Once IPA is issued, the STEMPA timeline begins. In-scope PAs are expected to be submitted within four months for the Letter of Award (LoA) to be issued and funding to flow.

To help participating institutions achieve this timeline, STEMPA provides a structured approach for working through project agreements, alongside ecosystem-aligned positions on common negotiation issues, and an established escalation pathway for unresolved matters.



IPA → STEMPA tools → Submit In-Scope PA (within 4 months) → LoA

Use the right supports to move from IPA to PA submission.



IPA received

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Working approach

- Roles & responsibilities
- Meeting cadence
- Parallel discussions
- Escalation triggers

2

Aligned positions

- Foreground IP ownership
- Revenue sharing
- Data ownership & access
- Data liabilities

3

Escalation support

- Standing Escalation Committee (SEC)
- Email/ issue templates
- Senior escalation pathway

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Submit In-Scope PAs in 4 months

Applicant-stage takeaway

Understand STEMPA and its requirements early, so your project team knows what to expect and where to find the right guidance should the project receive the In-Principle Approval Letter (IPA).

Which STEMPA resources should I use?

A practical navigation guide for grant applicants and project teams

STEMPA

Start with the task you are trying to complete — then use the right STEMPA resource at the right point in the PA journey.

1 Understand STEMPA

2 PA set-up

3 PA terms

4 Data issues

5 If stuck

6 Learn more

1 Understand STEMPA requirements



When to use: During grant application preparation, or when first learning about STEMPA

Use for: Understanding whether STEMPA applies to your project, the four-month PA timeline, key requirements, and the support available to project teams

Find it: STEMPA Guidebook (Introduction & FAQs) and STEMPA Website

2 Set up PA discussions



When to use: At PA kick-off, when collaborators are ready to confirm collaboration details and organize PA discussions

Use for: Confirming Host Institute, Lead Negotiators, roles and responsibilities, discussion planning, and meeting cadence

Find it: STEMPA Guidebook Chapter 2 + Annex A checklist for early issue scan

3 Draft / align PA terms



When to use: When drafting the PA and working through project-specific contractual terms

Use for: Aligning STEMPA pre-aligned positions. Leveraging standard/ baseline clauses where available, and working towards alignment on project-specific terms

Find it: IPA package resources, STEMPA Guidebook Chapter 3, STEMPA-related PA clauses, and institutional contracts offices

4 Work through data issues



When to use: When discussing data ownership, access rights, data sharing arrangements, or data governance requirements for the project

Use for: Understanding STEMPA data ownership and access positions, selecting appropriate access governance arrangements, documenting data-related roles and responsibilities in the PA

Find it: STEMPA Guidebook Chapter 3 + Annex D Data Collaboration Dictionary + Annex E Data Responsibilities Framework, STEMPA Data Sharing Guidebook Chapter 4.4

5 Resolve unresolved issues



When to use: If significant issues remain unresolved despite structured discussions and internal escalation efforts

Use for: Understanding when escalation is appropriate, preparing escalation materials, and seeking senior-level support for issue resolution

Find it: Guidebook Chapter 2 + Annex B escalation resources (email and issue summary templates)

6 Build understanding of healthcare data sharing



When to use: When project teams require additional context on healthcare data sharing, anonymization, or data governance concepts

Use for: Understanding healthcare data sharing considerations, anonymization concepts, data lifecycle controls, and good governance practices

Find it: Data Sharing Guidebook

Tip: Use this navigator to identify the most relevant resource for your current needs. Most resources listed here can be accessed through the STEMPA website. The exception is STEMPA-related PA clauses, which can be obtained through institutional contracts offices.

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