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## QUESTIONS ON WHO CAN APPLY:

Which types of organisations can apply to be Public Governors under this call?

According to the GEM Statute, which is governed by Italian law, Public Governors are defined as “states or other Italian or foreign public bodies”. Ultimately, the GEM Governing Board has the discretionary power to assess and approve sponsors that fall within this category.

What happens if more than one public organisation from a country applies to this call?

There are no limitations to the number of Public Governor sponsors from a given country that can sit on the GEM Governing Board. Nevertheless, we would encourage multiple organisations working on national seismic hazard and risk assessment within a country to form a consortium.

For example, when Canada was a Public Governor sponsor of the GEM Foundation, three Canadian organisations from both the public and private sectors formed a consortium for the partnership with GEM, whereas the agreement was formalised between the GEM Foundation and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). It is also possible for the GEM Foundation to formalise a Public Governor agreement with more than one organisation from a given country.

Can an Inter-Governmental Organisation (IGO) apply to this call?

Yes, an Inter-Governmental Organisation (IGO) representing a number of states can also be a Public Governor of the GEM Foundation, and can apply to this call.

Can a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) apply to this call?

NGOs may be eligible for this call, especially if they are part of a consortium with other public organisations. We recommend that you contact us for more information if your NGO is interested in collaborating with the GEM Foundation.

Can an individual apply?

No. The application should be made on behalf of an organisation (or consortia of organisations). Hence we would recommend that you provide a letter of support from your organisation as supplementary material. If this is not provided at the time of submission, we may request this at a later date in order to further consider your application in the evaluation process.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION FORM:

Is there a word limit or a page limit for the application form?

Whilst we have not specified a word limit or page limit for the application form, we would encourage you to keep your answers to each question concise, and to instead refer to webpages or reports for additional information (which can be submitted with your application as supporting material).

Do we need to have already worked with GEM or have experience with GEM's models or tools?

No, though we value a demonstrated knowledge of GEM's probabilistic approach to assessing seismic hazard and risk.

What types of in-kind contributions are considered?

We value contributions that support the mission of GEM within the country, and can include, for example, coordination of relevant projects, organisation of workshops and training, as well as open sharing of data or models.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Who reviews and selects the winning application(s)?

A Selection Committee (formed by members from both GEM's Governing Board and the GEM Secretariat) will score the applications based on the evaluation criteria provided in the table, leading to a total score for each application, and a ranking of applications.

The Governing Board will review the ranked applications at the June Governing Board meeting and will select a shortlist of applicants.

The Selection Committee will interview the shortlisted candidates, and a final selection of up to 3 winning applicants will be made and communicated by the end of September 2025.

The Governing Board will be asked to approve the selected Public Governors at the December 2025 Governing Board meeting.