



EMORY GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Multidisciplinary Global Health Seed Grants

Request for Proposals

Purpose: *EGHI Global Health Seed Grants* will provide financial support for Emory faculty members to conduct preliminary research or programmatic work that will lead to improvement in individual or population health through long-term, sustainable multidisciplinary global health partnerships and programs, or to conduct a multidisciplinary pilot project that leads directly to the development of such a proposal.

Scope: Seed grant award priority will be given to:

- Investigators who demonstrate proven productivity and excellence working in low income populations globally, including, but not limited to, low income or immigrant/refugee populations within the United States.
- Research or programmatic work that addresses priority global health issues (see **Topics**) in priority locations, which include, but are not limited to, Ethiopia, Brazil, China, India, South Korea, countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and Mexico.
- Research that has the potential to directly lead to or demonstrate a solution to a health problem with quantifiable health benefits.
- Research or programmatic work that has the potential to be leveraged. A strong possibility that an initial investment in the selected project will lead to findings or experience that will lead to additional investment from other sources is highly desirable.
- Make a clear and measurable contribution to enhancing Emory's recognition and leadership in global health.

Topics: The Institute will provide seed funding for the following types of proposed global health work: research (outcomes, translational, epidemiologic, and behavioral), health policy development and implementation, drug discovery, health promotion, program evaluation, and disease prevention or treatment. The Institute is open to creative approaches to addressing global health problems and may build on existing work by the investigator and team submitting the proposal. Current priority topics include, but are not limited to, multidisciplinary approaches to infectious diseases (those contributing significantly to disease burden and mortality), vaccines, nutrition, chronic diseases and risk factors, reproductive health, child health, medical anthropology, health economics, health workforce development, injuries, mental health, One Health, and global health-related business and legal issues.

Emory Global Health Institute Program Principles: Funded projects will be expected to establish firm foundations on which long-term, sustainable multidisciplinary global health partnerships may be built. As such, the following Emory Global Health Institute program principles should be considered when developing proposals for Global Health Seed Grants, although not all principles will necessarily apply to all proposed efforts:



1. Promote a strategic alliance within the university and with one or more priority countries or institutions within those countries, with a particular emphasis on low and moderate-resource areas of the world, including priority locations listed above.
2. Have potential for both programmatic and financial sustainability. There should be reasonable assurance that follow-on funding will be available.
3. Have the potential to be leveraged. A strong possibility that an Emory investment in this partnership program will leverage existing resources or lead to an even greater investment from other sources is highly desirable.
4. Address a priority topic and an unmet need (see **Scope**).
5. Have a significant academic component involving research and scholarly products, such as peer-reviewed publications or other wide dissemination of findings.
6. Reflect Emory's vision by:
 - Having impact on science and health
 - Enhancing Emory's international prominence
 - Fostering interdisciplinary work and uses a multidisciplinary approach
 - Attracting top students and leading faculty
7. Expand Emory's role in global health training and leadership development.
8. Promote a respectful global partnership through mutuality in planning, implementation, and evaluation.
9. Contribute to improved access and distribution of quality health promotion, disease prevention, or treatment.
10. Be endorsed by all collaborating schools, departments, and partner institutions.
11. Include appropriate, specific, measurable performance goals and targets.

Eligibility:

- All Emory faculty members are eligible to apply for funding, regardless of rank. Post-doctoral fellows may apply with a faculty co-PI.
- Proposals must include collaborations from at least 2 schools or disciplines across Emory (i.e., Example: a collaboration with School of Medicine and Rollins School of Public Health PIs).
- Being the recipient of current or recent Emory Global Health Institute funding does not preclude eligibility for new funding. Collaborators who have worked and published together in the past are not excluded, but the project itself must be new, highly innovative, and as yet unfunded and unpublished.

Submission Date: Proposals are due April 1, 2018.

Range of Awards: Up to \$50,000 *in total* for budget periods lasting 12-18 months.

Facilities & Administrative Costs or Indirect Costs: Include 10% F&A costs with your total budget.

Use of Funds: Seed grants may be used to cover travel (following Emory's sponsored travel policies) and communication expenses for joint project development, the costs for primary data collection, field surveys, data analyses, pilot studies, or other planning and start-up activities. Budgeting for regular Emory staff time on the seed grants is discouraged unless absolutely necessary, and should be explained if included. Faculty



effort should be included in-kind within the budget, and approved by the relevant department chair or Dean. Effort/salary costs for students, Fellows, and Post-Docs are allowed. The Global Health Seed Grants cannot be used to cover travel and fees to attend conferences. Any partnerships or sub-awards planned with seed grant funds should follow Emory’s contracting policies and procedures, and time allowed within project plans for the set-up of such partnerships.

Expectations:

1. All funded programs must include concrete, specific, measurable periodic goals and products. If periodic goals are not achieved, the Institute may elect to request funding be returned.
2. Awardees will be expected to submit periodic one-page progress reports (at six month intervals) to the Emory Global Health Institute during the period of the award and for two years after the conclusion of the award or until all related products and activities have been completed.
3. All publications and presentations derived from work supported by this funding must acknowledge the Emory Global Health Institute.

Application Process:

1. Prepare application (attached), also located on EGHl’s homepage: www.globalhealth.emory.edu
2. Submit 1 copy electronically to Shelly.Terrazas@emory.edu at the Emory Global Health Institute, 1599 Clifton Road NE, #6.409 (phone: 404-727-4632).
3. You do not need to send your proposal through OSP. IRB approvals will be required only from successful applicants.

Review Process: Award selection will be determined by a panel of Emory University faculty and administrators, chosen by and including Drs. Parmi Suchdev and Jeffrey Koplan. The scoring matrix utilized will be:

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses
Minor Weakness: An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact Moderate Weakness: A weakness that lessens impact Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits impact		



Review Criteria: Review criteria will include the extent to which a proposal conforms to the Global Health Institute Program Principles listed above, as well as the following: 1) significance, 2) approach, 3) innovation, 4) investigator, 5) strength of linkage to the strategic plan of the university and the relevant school or unit, and 6) potential to leverage additional external funding. Partnership sustainability, including financial sustainability, is particularly important. It is the Institute's desire to invest in programs that hold great promise for future growth.

Timeframe and Deliverables: Awardees will be notified of their award by May 1, 2018, and funds distributed by June 15, 2018. Projects must be completed and all funds expended by December 31, 2019. A one-page progress report must be submitted to the Global Health Institute at six month intervals from receipt of award, and every six months of the project period thereafter.



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Application Cover Page

Principal Investigator _____

School/Dept _____

Campus Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Project Title _____

Project Partner/s (Dept/School) _____

Country/ies of Work _____

Project Period _____

Total funding requested from GHI (entire project period) _____

Please check where appropriate:

	Y	N
Human subjects		
Animals		



Biohazardous materials		
Radioactive materials		
Potentially proprietary results, invention or copyright		

Note: IRB approvals required only from successful applicants.

Abstract: (Please limit to 500 words.)

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dept/Div Chair's Signature _____ Date _____

Dean's/Director's Signature _____ Date _____



Project/Research Plan Format

Limit to a total of 6 pages, double spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. Include the following sections:

- Background and significance (1 page). Include a response to this question: How will this project address health issues in priority locations and what is its leverage potential?
- Program/research plan (2 pages)
- Objectives (1/2 page)
- Summary (1/2 page)
- Specific goals for project period in table form (1 page – see Table 1 Example)
- Budget (1 page)

Budget and justification

Travel

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Travel Total	\$ _____

Supplies

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Supplies Total	\$ _____

Personnel (excluding Emory faculty salaries)

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Personnel Total	\$ _____

Other

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Other Total	\$ _____

In-Kind Effort (list staff & percentages)

Grand Total	\$ _____
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Please also provide this additional information as an appendix to the proposal:

- NIH-style biosketch of PI(s) (maximum length 4 pages each)
- Bibliography for works cited in proposal
- Applicants may attach additional figures and tables as appendices, if needed

Please assemble your application in the following order:

- Cover page
- 6-page program/research plan proposal, including measurable goals table* & proposed budget
- Appendix to include:
 - NIH-style biosketches for key personnel (2-page maximum per individual)
 - Bibliography
 - Additional figures and tables, as necessary

PROJECT GOALS TABLE EXAMPLE*

Table 1. Emory Global Health Institute Proposal: Measurable Annual Goals

DELIVERABLES		
Activity*	1-6 months	6-18 months
Develop program & partnership	Define collaborative projects Analyze existing data Develop collaborative protocol & instruments for grant proposals	Implement program for grant received
Publish in top journals	Prepare 1 collaborative manuscript	Submit 1 manuscript for publication Prepare 1 more collaborative manuscript
Leverage funding	Potential funders identified & 2 grant applications submitted	1 new grant received 3 new grant applications submitted
STRATEGIC OUTCOMES*		
Enhance Emory's international prominence	Establish strategic linkage Raise Emory's visibility	Cultivate mutually respectful partnership
Expand Emory's role in global health training		Foster inter-disciplinary collaborations
Address a priority topic & an unmet need	Nutrition in Mexico	Nutrition in Mexico

* These are examples. Please list activities and strategic outcomes (selected from *EGHI Program Principles*) that are appropriate for your proposal.