



EMORY GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

EGHI Rapid Response Grants

2021 - 2022

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Emory Global Health Institute ([EGHI](#)) is accepting proposals for Emory faculty to conduct urgent, short-term, and multidisciplinary global health research or programmatic work. The EGHI Rapid Response Grant program allows faculty to receive grant funding through an expedited process. Awards will be given to those responding to a critical global health need that will ultimately lead to external funding and improvement in individual or population health through sustainable and multidisciplinary partnerships. Proposals should focus on innovation and high impact, and align with EGHI's Guiding Principles listed below. Please note, these grants will be awarded on a rolling basis.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- All Emory faculty members may apply.
- Post-doctoral fellows may apply with an Emory faculty co-PI.
- Non-Emory faculty collaborators from the Carter Center & the Task Force for Global Health may apply with an Emory faculty co-PI.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- Proposals are encouraged to include an interdisciplinary team and approach, and include investigators from at least 2 schools at Emory.
- Proposals must include an in-country investigator, identified collaborator, or partner institution.

4. PROJECT SCOPE

PROPOSED PROJECT AREAS

- Research (outcomes, translational, epidemiologic, and behavioral)
- Health policy development and implementation
- Drug discovery
- Health promotion
- Program evaluation
- Disease prevention or treatment

PRIORITY LOCATIONS

- Low and middle-income countries.

PROJECT PERIOD

- 12 months

AWARD AMOUNT

- \$10,000



5. CONTINGENCY PLAN

We are aware that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic could affect how you are able to carry out this work.

If your proposal includes components that could be affected by travel or other restrictions, please provide a contingency plan with a modified budget.

You can submit a proposal that includes travel, a virtual option only, or a hybrid.

6. FUNDING

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Travel + communication for project development
- Data collection activities and supplies
- Data analysis software
- Planning and start-up activities and supplies
- Personnel: In-country or Emory staff, students, fellows, post-docs
- Publication fees (not covered by Emory Open Access Fund)

NOT ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Indirect costs
- Travel + fees to attend conferences
- Personnel: Faculty effort should be in-kind, noted within the budget, and approved by department chair or dean.

OTHER

- 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.
- IRB approval letter required before or at 6-month progress report.
- If funds are not spent by the project end date, or if project goals are not achieved, the Institute reserves the right to terminate the award and request funds be returned.

7. DELIVERABLES + TIMELINE

DELIVERABLES (templates provided)

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| - Progress Report | Submitted after 6 months of project. |
| - End of Grant Report | Submitted within 2 months after the project end date. |
| - Post-Grant Reports | Submitted each year for up to 2 years. |



8. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

HOW TO APPLY

- Download Proposal Template [HERE](#) (click “File” + “Download” to download file to computer).
- Application: Proposal, Budget, Department Chair Approval, NIH-Style Biosketches (see below).
- Merge all application components into one PDF.
- Submit your application via RocketJudge [HERE](#).

PROPOSAL + BUDGET TEMPLATE

- Project Summary (250 word limit)
- Objectives (250 word limit)
- Methods (500 word limit)
- Goals/Deliverables (250 word limit)
- Explanation of Urgency (250 word limit)
- Budget + Justification
- Contingency Plan + Modified Budget

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Include letters of support from 1) department chair, and 2) in-country collaborator.

NIH-STYLE BIOSKETCHES

- Include [NIH Biosketch](#) for all investigators.

*You do not need to send your proposal through OSP. IRB approvals will be required only for awarded applicants.

9. REVIEW PROCESS

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- Award selection will be determined on a rolling basis by a panel of Emory University faculty and administrators.
- Review will include the extent to which a proposal conforms to the [EGHI Guiding Principles](#) listed below, and will be rated using the following criteria:

CRITERIA (see descriptions below)

1. Significance
 2. Approach
 3. Innovation
 4. Investigator(s)
 5. Urgency
 6. Global Health Equity
- + Overall Impact Score



SIGNIFICANCE

Research or programmatic work addresses a priority global health issue. Current priority topics include, but are not limited to, multidisciplinary approaches to infectious diseases, nutrition, chronic diseases and risk factors, reproductive health, child health, medical anthropology, health economics, health workforce development, injuries, mental health, one health, immigrant and refugee health, and global health-related business and legal issues. 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.

APPROACH

Research has the potential to directly lead to or demonstrate a solution to a health problem with quantifiable health benefits. Includes appropriate, specific, measurable performance goals and targets.

INNOVATION

Innovation in this arena implies addressing new and emerging health challenges with innovative solutions that will have a measurable impact, improve health outcomes, and promise to be sustainable.

INVESTIGATOR(S)

Investigators who demonstrate proven productivity and excellence working in low-income populations globally and within the United States. Multidisciplinary makeup of team of investigators is important.

URGENCY

Proposal tackles a need or challenge that requires urgent or timely action.

GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY

Aims for the best standard of health for all despite socially determined circumstances. Provides particular attention to those who may have the greatest need and/or may not otherwise have the same opportunities

OVERALL IMPACT SCORE

The likelihood that a project will exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES (all may not apply)

1. Promote a strategic alliance within the university, and with one or more countries (or institutions within those countries) with a particular emphasis on low and moderate-resource areas of the world.
2. 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.
3. Address a priority topic and an unmet need (see *Priority Topic Areas*).
4. Have a significant academic component involving research and scholarly products, such as peer-reviewed publications or other dissemination of findings.
5. Reflect Emory's vision: Emory is a university internationally recognized as an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged, and diverse community, whose members embrace respect and employ creativity, critique, and collaboration in



providing courageous leadership for positive transformation in the world through teaching, research, scholarship, health care, and social action.

6. Build new, and expand upon existing, equitable partnerships.
7. Promote a respectful global partnership through mutuality in planning, implementation, and evaluation.
8. Contribute to improved access and distribution of quality health promotion, disease prevention, or treatment.
9. Be endorsed by all collaborating schools, departments, and partner institutions.
10. Include appropriate, specific, measurable performance goals and targets.

EXPECTATIONS

1. All publications and presentations derived from work supported by this funding must acknowledge the Emory Global Health Institute: “EGHI Rapid Response Grant funding provided by the Emory Global Health Institute. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the Emory Global Health Institute.”
2. Awardees will submit a report (template will be provided) at the end of the award period, as well as brief updates for up to 2 years following the conclusion of the award.
3. Extensions will be approved for a maximum of 6 months upon review of a written request which will include a revised budget + timeline. An extension request must be submitted 3 months prior to the project end date.
4. If funds are not spent by the project end date, or if project goals are not achieved, the Institute reserves the right to terminate the award and request funds be returned.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this RFP, please contact **Keriann Roy**, Associate Director of Faculty Programs and Evaluation, Emory Global Health Institute - keriann.roy@emory.edu.