



EMORY GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

EGHI Rapid Response Grants

2021 - 2022

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Emory Global Health Institute ([EGHI](#)) is offering **EGHI Rapid Response Grants** to faculty to conduct urgent, short-term, and multidisciplinary global health research or programmatic work. This 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- All Emory faculty members are eligible to apply. Post-doctoral fellows may apply with a faculty co-PI.
- It is preferred that proposals have a multidisciplinary approach and include investigators from at least 2 schools at Emory; exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- We strongly encourage those who have not previously received EGHI funding to apply.
- Collaborators who have worked and published together in the past are not excluded, but the project itself must be new, innovative, and yet unfunded and unpublished.

PROJECT SCOPE

TYPES OF PROPOSED WORK

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

PRIORITY TOPIC AREAS (not limited to)

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| - Preparedness and response | - Reproductive health | - Mental health |
| - Health equity | - Child health | - One Health |
| - Infectious diseases | - Medical anthropology | - Immigrant and refugee health |
| - Nutrition | - Health economics | - Global health-related business and legal issues |
| - Chronic diseases + risk factors | - Health workforce development | |
| | - Injuries | |

PRIORITY LOCATIONS

- Low-resource settings, including one of Emory's priority countries, other low and middle-income countries, or the United States.



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.

FUNDING

AWARD AMOUNT

- Award is up to **\$10,000 in total** for a budget period lasting **up to 12 months**.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Travel + communication for project development
- Data collection
- Planning and start-up activities
- Personnel: Students, fellows, post-docs
- Data analyses
- Pilot studies
- Publication fees
(not covered by Emory Open Access Fund)

NOT ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Indirect costs
- Travel + fees to attend conferences
- Personnel: Emory staff time covered is discouraged unless necessary (please explain in proposal).
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.
- 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.

DELIVERABLES

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



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

- Project Summary (250 word limit)
- Objectives (250 word limit)
- Methods (500 word limit)
- Significance of Project (250 word limit)
- Goals/Deliverables (250 word limit)
- Plans for External Funding (250 word limit)
- Budget + Justification
- Contingency Plan + Modified Budget

DEPARTMENT CHAIR APPROVAL

- Include written approval from the department chair to conduct this work and any in-kind faculty effort.

NIH-STYLE BIOSKETCHES

- Include biosketches for all investigators.

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

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. Potential to leverage additional external funding



+ 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.
POTENTIAL TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL FUNDING
Partnership sustainability, including financial sustainability, is particularly important. There should be reasonable assurance that follow-on funding will be available. 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.

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.