



EMORY GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

2024 EGHI Faculty Seed Grants | Request for Proposals

Deadline: Monday, May 27, 2024

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Emory Global Health Institute (EGHI) Faculty Seed Grant program provides funding opportunities to Emory faculty members to conduct interdisciplinary global health research or programmatic work. Proposals should demonstrate how the proposed project, or research, will lead to improvements in individual or population health through sustainable and interdisciplinary partnership, exhibit principles of global health equity, and explain how the seed grant funding will leverage future, additional external funding. As we foster opportunities to support building and strengthening equitable partnerships in global health, each proposal should be a joint application with a Co-PI from a global university or institution.

Since 2007, the Institute has funded more than 70 Emory faculty projects. These awards have fostered global health work around the globe and have addressed a variety of health topics. A list of funded EGHI faculty seed grant projects is available on the [EGHI website](#).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- All Emory faculty members may apply.
- Post-doctoral fellows may apply with an Emory faculty co-PI.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- Proposals must include an interdisciplinary team and approach and include investigators from at least two schools at Emory.
- Proposals must include an in-country identified collaborator as co-PI
- Proposals based in the state of Georgia should include a co-PI from a local 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
- Translation of global research or global programmatic lessons learned to address maternal mortality in the state of Georgia

PRIORITY LOCATIONS

- Low and middle-income countries
- Low-income areas in the state of Georgia

PROJECT PERIOD

- 12-18 months

AWARD AMOUNT

- Up to \$20,000



5. CONTINGENCY PLAN

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

You are welcome to 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 analyses 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 time of 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 Reports | Submitted at 6-month intervals during the award period. |
| - End of Grant Report | Submitted 2 months after the project end date. |
| - Post-Grant Updates | Submitted each year for up to 2 years - brief updates. |

TIMELINE

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| - Submission Deadline | May 27, 2024 |
| - Notification of Award | June 27, 2024 |



8. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

HOW TO APPLY

- Download [Proposal Template](#) (click “File” + “Download” to download file).
- Application: 1) Proposal, 2) Budget, 3) Letters of Support, 4) NIH-Style Biosketches (see below).
- Merge all application components into one PDF.
- Submit your application to eghi@emory.edu.

PROPOSAL + BUDGET TEMPLATE

- 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 + Budget Justification
- Contingency Plan + Modified Budget

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Include letters of support from 1) department chair and 2) in-country or local 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 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. Global health equity
6. Potential to leverage future, additional external funding
7. Overall impact score



CRITERIA (cont.)

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 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. Multidisciplinary makeup of team of investigators is important.
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.
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.
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 and equitable 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.

10. EXPECTATIONS

1. All publications and presentations derived from work supported by this funding must acknowledge the Emory Global Health Institute: "EGHI Seed 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 progress reports (template will be provided) at 6-month intervals during the award period, and brief updates (survey-style) 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.
5. Awardees will adhere to EGHI's principles of equitable partnerships in global health research collaboration.
6. Awardees are encouraged to leverage the SEED grant to provide student field experiences through the EGHI Field Scholar Award or other Emory-wide programs.

11. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this RFP, please contact **Mischka Garel**, Director of Programs, Emory Global Health Institute – mgarel@emory.edu.