

CGH Global Established Multidisciplinary Sites

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I. Opportunity Description:

The aim of the Global Established Multidisciplinary Sites (GEMS) is to bring faculty and students from across the Johns Hopkins University together to solve global health problems. Faculty mentors working on an international project that requires a multidisciplinary approach are encouraged to apply to develop a site. Sites will be expected to host and mentor at least 3-5 students from 3 or more different disciplines to collaborate and develop a solution to the proposed problem. We also encourage collaboration with in-country students and trainees. The Center for Global Health will provide financial support for coordination and for student travel.

II. Funding Information

Each site is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in coordination costs and up to \$20,000 to disperse to students as travel grants. We aim to fund 4 sites this year. Funding is for one year of support.

III. Program Requirements

A. Eligibility

Applicants must be a faculty member, or team of faculty, from any Hopkins School with a global health project in a low- or middle-income country. At least one of the applying faculty must have served as a mentor or participated in a CGH program in the past 7 years. Applicants should have an agreement with their in-country partners to develop this site and a supervisory plan must be in place. Sites funded in the past are eligible to re-compete for the award.

B. Project

Projects must require a multidisciplinary approach, drawing on the expertise of faculty and students in different fields.

1. Projects should require the assistance of 3-5 students from at least 3 different Hopkins **schools** (not programs or departments). Students are expected to work as a team in Baltimore and are encouraged to be in-country together.
 - a. Teams are now required to meet at least twice prior to any student departures. A member from the CGH team should be notified of these meetings and provided a brief report.
2. Projects should be outcome-oriented with aims of publishing, securing future funding, developing a product or good, etc.
3. To receive funding selected students **must** travel to the GEMS site during the project. Completing work in a country other than the GEMS country is insufficient for funding.
 - a. To be eligible for funding students must travel for at least 6 weeks. This can be 6 consecutive weeks or 6 total weeks over a series of trips.

Notices:

- Preference will be given to applicants with long-standing in-country relationships and to those which have a focus on capacity-building.

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- Preference will also be given to those sites involving more or a diverse mix of disciplines (both among faculty and student applicants), e.g. including disciplines not traditionally involved in global health.
- Selection of student awardees will be made primarily by the project mentors with assistance from CGH staff as needed.

C. Evaluation & Monitoring

Selected sites will need to work closely with the CGH to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan. Semi-annual reports will be due after 6 months and an annual report will be due at the end of the year. Students must complete reporting requirements within one month of return from their final trip.

IV. Process Details

1. Faculty submit applications to CGH	1/21/18
2. CGH reviews applications	1/22/18 – 1/26/18
3. CGH selects sites	01/26/18
4. Faculty and CGH work together on details	1/26/18 – 2/1/18
5. CGH opens student application cycle*	Approx. 02/01/17
6. Faculty and CGH review applicants*	Approx. 03/01/17
7. Applicants selected and grants awarded	Approx. 03/15/17

*Sites may rely on CGH for advertisement and fielding student applications. Faculty may also identify and select students through their own mechanisms.

How to Submit your Site/Project

Faculty interested in working with and mentoring a group of Hopkins students on their global health project should complete the “Application”. Applications and questions should be sent electronically to Anna Kalbarczyk (akalbarc@jhu.edu) by **January 21, 2018**

V. Application Review Information

A. Triage

Applications will be subjected to triage where applications will be reviewed for compliance with eligibility criteria.

B. Primary Review Criteria

Applications will be primarily evaluated on the following:

1. Unique/novel approach of project
2. Interdisciplinary nature of the project
3. Strength of in-country partnership and support
4. Likelihood of sustainability, capacity building, and securing future funding.

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C. Additional Review Considerations

Additional consideration will be afforded to applications with co-investigators from another Hopkins school of discipline.

D. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by CGH staff and a committee of its Associate Directors.

E. Anticipated Announcement

Announcement of selected GEMS sites is anticipated by January

Additional Information and Questions

Please direct questions to:

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