Faculty Grants in Global Health Research
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I. Funding Opportunity Description
The Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health provides pilot grants to faculty at Johns Hopkins to enable and support global health research projects. Although faculty at the Schools of Public Health, Medicine, and Nursing are most likely to apply, faculty at all Schools are eligible to apply. **The prime purpose of these awards is to strengthen the individual's ability to secure subsequent research funding from currently available sources.** The details of these awards are described in this document.

II. Award Information
A. Funds Available
The budget for the faculty grants is $400,000 this year. We plan to award up to 8 grants this year, depending upon the number of fundable applications and availability of funds. Awards are for two-years of support; one year extensions (no-cost extensions) may be granted by written request with justification accompanied by a brief report of progress. The maximum funding allowed per award is $50,000 regardless of the length of time involved. One person can receive only one award in their career at Hopkins. CGH Faculty Grants will not be awarded for projects already funded through one of the other school initiatives, e.g. Faculty Innovation Fund.

III. Eligibility Information
A. Eligible Applicants
Applicants must be appointed full-time Instructors or Assistant Professors at the time of application. Assistant Scientists and Assistant Lecturers in the School of Public Health are also eligible. Those in other faculty titles/status are not eligible. Those in "visiting" or "adjunct" status or those pending appointment are not eligible. **Applications from ineligible people will not be considered. Eligible applicants may only submit one application per cycle.**

B. Project Information
Applications for collaborative research projects, particularly those involving faculty in different schools at Hopkins and overseas collaborators, are strongly encouraged. Funds must be used to support research projects in global health especially: 1) projects that are conducted in a low or middle-income country (LMIC) on a topic of importance to that country, and 2) projects which have direct relevance to emerging threats to the whole world.

Proposed projects in topics not related to health will not be considered. Projects proposed to be conducted in developed countries will not be considered unless they have a unique application to the health of the developing world (e.g. a laboratory test for malaria). Faculty should not submit proposals to study a health issue in a developing country that could be studied using a US population; reviewers will be asked to give such applications a lower score. If the proposal for the project is part of a larger grant, there should be an explanation of the larger grant, how the proposal fits into the larger grant, and why pilot funding is needed. Although the Center's process borrows heavily from NIH processes, future funding

targets need not be NIH alone.

IV. Indication of intent

Interested applicants are requested to send an indication of intent to apply. Although this indication is not required, applicants are urged to do so to assist in the process of identifying reviewers. Indications of intent to apply should be submitted by following the instructions on this webpage: http://www.hopkinsglobalhealth.org/funding-opportunities/faculty-grants/how-to-apply

V. Application and Submission Information
A. Content and Form of Application Submission

Applications are expected to be concise with the narrative of the application being no longer than six pages, single-spaced. The required components of the application are as follows:

Component	Format and Notes
Application Form [Cover letters must not be included]	Fillable Word form **only**.
Proposed budget (use Budget Form). Note: applicants proposing a two-year project should submit a budget form for each year of the project but the total for both years may not exceed $50,000)	Fillable Word form **only**. If the project is expected to go more than one year, two budget forms may be submitted, one for each year
Budget justification (narrative)	[Use narrative format page in Word; submit Word file only]

Project Narrative
  1. Abstract (250 words)
  2. Introduction (1 page)
  3. Specific Aims (½ page)
  4. Methods (3 ½ pages) *[Note: this section should include the names and affiliations of all collaborators including those at other institutions and must clearly indicate the location of the proposed work]*
  5. Significance (½ page) *The significance section must include how this work will lead to further grants.*
	[Use narrative format page in Word; submit Word file only]

Figures and references, including letters of collaboration *[This section should be used judiciously for the sake of reviewers.]*	Single Word file only **or** if mixed file types, one PDF file only.
Biosketches with Support (NIH prototype) of Principal Investigator and co-investigators	Word file **only**. All biosketches concatenated into one file.

Note: Application forms may be found on the CGH website

B Submission Dates and Times
Application Receipt Date: 11:59 PM on the third Monday in October (10/19/2015)
Earliest Anticipated Start Date: January 1st of year following review
C. Sending an Application
Applications, with the components listed in **V.A.** above are to be submitted to JHSPH.ghgrants@jhu.edu

A note regarding Offices of Research Administration: This funding mechanism uses internal funding and does not require review or approval by any Office of Research Administration. Similarly, applications are submitted directly by investigators to the CGH and not through ORAs.

D. Application Processing

Applications must be received no later than 11:59 PM on the application receipt date(s) described above. If an application is received after that date, it will not be reviewed. Upon receipt, applications will be evaluated for completeness and responsiveness. Incomplete and non-responsive applications will not be reviewed.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of human subjects is not required prior to review of an application. However, initiation of IRB review, if necessary or applicable, will be required prior to commencement of research.

E. Funding Use and Restrictions

Funds may be requested to support the research endeavors of the faculty member, i.e., international travel, technical support, lab supplies, assays, computer time, and limited research equipment. Salary to support the principal investigator or co-investigators, including those overseas, may not be requested. Additionally, although post-doctoral researchers may be involved in these pilot grants, it is not the purpose of these grants to provide substantial support for post-doctoral researchers. Application budgets will be monitored and the Center may elect, on a case-by-case basis, to deny funding if the support appears excessive.

Awards are capped at a total of $50,000 for an automatic two years of support; one year extensions (no-cost extensions) may be granted by written request with justification accompanied by a brief report of progress. One person can receive only one award in their career at Hopkins.

VI. Application Review Information

A. Triage

Applications will be subjected to triage where applications will be reviewed for compliance with faculty status eligibility criteria. Further, applications will be reviewed to determine if they propose research projects. Applications not fitting eligibility criteria will not be submitted for scientific review.

B. Primary Review Criteria

The primary criterion for evaluation of applications is scientific merit and the concomitant likelihood of future funding.

C. Additional Review Considerations

Although scientific merit is the primary criterion, additional consideration will be afforded to applications involving a collaboration of more than one Hopkins school. Specifically, this means that the proposal includes a co-investigator whose primary appointment is in a Johns Hopkins school other than that of the applicant.

D. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a team of faculty peers. Each application will be reviewed by two faculty members.. Critique information will be compiled and distributed, but applicants should not expect the same extensive commentary as contained in an NIH-type review.

Review criteria:
- Does the introduction provide a clear background regarding the problem to be studied, what has been done so far, and what questions need to be answered?
- Are the aims clear, concise and measureable? Are they feasible given the small award?
- Are the conceptual or clinical framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, well-reasoned, and appropriate to the aims of the project?
- Does this study address an important global health problem? Alternatively, could this work be just as easily be accomplished working here with a US population and alternative sources of funding; this would be justification for a lower score.
- Does the investigator provide a sound and convincing plan for use of the data/outcomes from this study to seek additional research funding?
- If the aims of the application are achieved, what is the likelihood that the data will contribute to a high quality application for subsequent funding?

E. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Announcement of awardees is anticipated by the third week in December with award notices to follow shortly.

VII. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Award notices will be issued from the Administrative Offices of the Bloomberg School of Public Health and will provide additional information about the award including information and instructions about making funds available for use.

B. Reporting

Faculty awarded funding will be required to provide a final report of the outcome of their project. Additionally, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, faculty will also be required to file brief, non-narrative annual reports for two years following the completion of their project to the Center for Global Health indicating: the number of subsequent grant applications, the funding outcome of these applications, and any publications or presentations that may have been based on the pilot grant.
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C. Publicity

Information about grants awarded under this program, subsequent awards, and publications will be posted on the Center for Global Health website. Applicants must agree to credit the Center for Global Health in any publications or applications that result from awards. For; for example: "This research was funded by the Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health."

VIII. Additional Information and Questions

Requests for additional information and questions may be directed to:

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