AHC Global Health Seed Grants: Research in Uganda

PURPOSE

The Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility (CGHSR) and the Global Medical Education and Research Program (GMER) request proposals for new research projects based in Uganda where the AHC has launched a new hub of innovation to advance new research and educational opportunities.

The goals of these seed grants are to:

- Seed new research studies by UMN faculty from the health sciences that have potential to attract future funding from external sources;
- Create a mechanism to involve students in faculty-led international research studies;
- Encourage interdisciplinary research across the health sciences;
- Support new partnerships between UMN faculty and institutions in Uganda, including but not limited to Makerere University.

ELIGIBILITY

Grants are available to Assistant, Associate or Full Professors in the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center. Prior global health research experience is not required. Each application must have a single PI. Each faculty member may submit only one application as a PI. However, there is no limit to the number of applications on which a faculty member could participate as a co-investigator.

Required elements of the proposal:

- Research activities that take place in Uganda
- Include UMN student(s) in global health research activities

Preference is given to proposals that include:

- Co-investigators with diverse expertise from a variety of health science disciplines.
- Investigators who are new to research or partnerships in Uganda;
- A co-investigator who is an alumnus of the Karolinska Institutet-Makerere University Joint PhD Program. For a list of these alumni, contact Molly McCoy at mccoyp19@umn.edu.
- Co-investigators from the Karolinska Institute
- Include Makerere University students in research activities
APPLICATION PROCESS

- Proposal Due April 15, 2016 to globalhc@umn.edu
- Proposals will be selected through a competitive peer review process.
- Applicants will be notified of their funding in May 2016.
- Funding will be available June 2016.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

- COVER PAGE: Include the application title, name, highest degree, academic rank, college of PI and co-investigators, and total amount of support requested.
- PROPOSAL: Body of the proposal is limited to three pages and should include: background, hypothesis/specific aims, research plan, and student roles and responsibilities. Applicants should briefly address their plan for mentoring the student and how this experience would develop their research skills. The application should be written for an audience that extends beyond the applicant’s own discipline. References can be included on a separate page.
- NIH Biosketch in the most recent 2015 format – include for PI and all co-investigators. List current and pending internal and external applications.
- BUDGET:
  o Maximum award amount is $25,000 for 1 year.
  o Effort may be included for faculty.
  o Support for University of Minnesota student involvement on the research must be included; travel support to research site and stipend are recommended to be approximately $3,500.
  o Contracts to international partners are allowable, including mandatory administrative fees.
  o Use NIH budget pages for submission (form page 4 required, 5 if extending beyond 1 year).
  o Include budget justification.
- Proposal Routing Form (PRF) should be completed and signed by the department head and dean. Include the PRF in your submission file at the very end of the document. DO NOT SEND PRF to SPONSORED PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION.
- Submit the application as a single PDF to globalhc@umn.edu.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to Molly McCoy at mccoy019@umn.edu.