AHC Global Health Seed Grants: Research in Uganda

PURPOSE

The Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility (CGHSR) requests proposals for new research projects based in Uganda where the AHC maintains a 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. Faculty Travel Awards recipients are encouraged to apply.

Required elements of the proposal:

- Research activities that take place in Uganda
- Include UMN student(s) in global health research activities
- Include a co-investigator with an appointment at a Ugandan institution

Preference is given to proposals that include or address:

- Co-investigators with diverse expertise from a variety of health science disciplines
- Investigators who are new to research or partnerships in Uganda
- Include Makerere University students in research activities. If you require assistance recruiting students, please contact Martha Kandole with requests: kando005@umn.edu
- A health issue of known relevance in Uganda
APPLICATION PROCESS

• Proposal Due April 21, 2017 to globalhc@umn.edu
• Proposals will be selected through a competitive peer review process
• Applicants will be notified of their funding at the end of May 2017
• Funding will be available June 2017

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 and significance, 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 ROUTE PRF to SPONSORED PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION.
• Submit the application as a single PDF to globalhc@umn.edu

QUESTIONS

Faculty seeking collaborators are encouraged to reach out to Molly McCoy (mccoy019@umn.edu) or Dr. Joshua Rhein (rhein0005@umn.edu).

All other questions may be directed to Molly McCoy at mccoy019@umn.edu.