AHC Global Health Seed Grants: Research in Thailand

PURPOSE

The Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility (CGHSR) and Global Medical Education and Research Program (GMER) of the University of Minnesota request proposals for new research projects based in Thailand, where the AHC is developing 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;
- Encourage interdisciplinary research across the health sciences;
- Support new partnerships between UMN faculty and institutions in Thailand;
- Create a mechanism to involve students in faculty-led international research studies.

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 Thailand
- Include a co-investigator with an appointment at a Thai institution

Preference is given to proposals that include:

- PI and co-investigator(s) with diverse expertise from a variety of health-related disciplines
- Investigators who are new to research or partnerships in Thailand
- A health issue of known relevance in Thailand
- Preliminary data gathering for larger, long-term studies
- UMN and Thai student(s) in research activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Proposal Due May 31, 2017 to globalhc@umn.edu
• Proposals will be selected through a competitive peer review process.
• Applicants will be notified of their funding status by end of June 2017.
• Funding will be available July 2017.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

• COVER PAGE: Include the application title, PI and co-investigator(s) information (name, highest degree, academic rank or position, school/college, and institution), 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, and research plan. If students are involved, applicants should address student roles and responsibilities, as well as their plan for mentoring the student(s) 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 2016 format – include for PI and co-investigator(s). 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 PI and co-investigator(s).
  o Support for University of Minnesota and/or Thai student involvement on the research may be included.
  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
More information available on the Thailand seed grants webpage.

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