



**Request for Proposals**  
**Duke Global Health Institute and Kenan Institute for Ethics**  
**Pilot Research**  
**Topics in Global Health Humanities**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: ~~April 1, 2024~~**  
**EXTENSION: New deadline: April 15, 2024**

In support of our Vision to “seek to achieve health equity for vulnerable groups and individuals around the world”, the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) and the Kenan Institute for Ethics (KIE) invite interdisciplinary teams led by faculty with a DGHI or KIE affiliation to submit research proposals that explore global health from a humanities/humanistic social sciences perspective. Applications should address how the pilot project will focus on health humanities and obtain critical data to support a broad range of scholarly outcomes in this field. This pilot funding announcement aligns with our mutual mission to combat health inequities, which are an affront to a just society and stand as one of the greatest moral challenges of our time.

Successful applications will address the intersection of health, illness, and/or healing through the lens of the humanities and its methodologies<sup>1</sup> by (1) valuing and making central the knowledge and perspectives of communities; (2) focusing on expanding the opportunities and resources that communities own to create the future they envision and (3) examining the research through the lens of ethics.

Through this RFP, we seek to provide pilot funds to stimulate interdisciplinary research collaborations, with the goal of enabling investigators to leverage preliminary findings and data to obtain larger awards of external funding or other scholarly output. Interested faculty are encouraged to collaborate with country-based collaborators on research projects if research involves an international location.

- Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals are required. We encourage teams to include early-stage investigators, investigators new to global health, and/or investigators from low and middle-income countries.
- DGHI is seeking to support global health research ideas that will improve health equity and benefit hard-to-reach populations, low-resourced areas and partnership locations.
- KIE is dedicated to confronting the moral challenges that accompany the pursuit of a good society. Following a recent survey of its constituencies, KIE is seeking to support projects that illuminate the connections between wealth, health, and the well-being of individuals, communities, and societies.
- Applicants should address data governance and data ethics considerations impacting both external collaborators and individuals or populations represented in data. Examples include but

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<sup>1</sup> <https://healthhumanitiesconsortium.com/hhc-toolkit/definitions/>

are not limited to: governance of data assets; accessibility of data and findings (including data sharing); privacy, confidentiality, and/or other individual rights; equity.

- Topic areas which have not previously received support and proposals that support and describe a sustainable line of global health research will be prioritized.

### Eligible Applicants

Proposals that include collaborations with other units within Duke and/or from other institutions are encouraged. Proposal teams require a DGHI or KIE faculty PI or co-PI. We expect international research projects to have a local co-PI.

### Budgets

The budget may include: supplies, support for technicians, research assistants, and graduate students; research-related travel; and other justifiable and allowable research expenses. Faculty salary, travel to scientific meetings, and indirect costs are not allowable expenses. Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000 for a 12-month project. Smaller proposals for shorter periods are also encouraged.

### Application Requirements

Proposals must be for activities in low, lower- and upper- middle-income countries <sup>2</sup> (a listing of eligible countries can be found at the World Bank website: <http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups>) OR focused on health disparities in the American South. Applicants are expected to work with local collaborators. For international research, a local investigator should be included as co-PI. Proposals should describe plans for how the results generated will be applied to future external funding and/or other scholarly output, as this will be an important criterion in the review.

- Cover Page. Must include the following information:
  - Proposal title
  - Name, title, departmental affiliation, address, email address, and telephone number of all proposed investigators
  - Designation of a Principal Investigator or Co- Principal Investigators
  - Name & Signature of Responsible Financial Administrator
- Abstract (250 words maximum)
- Research Plan (3 page maximum; single-spaced, 12 point font, 1" margins) including:
  - Statement of research objectives
  - Significance of the research (including significance to DGHI, KIE, and/or Global Health and to research setting)
  - Proposed methods and plans for data analysis (specific details recommended)
  - Statement on the inclusion of health, illness, and/or healing through the lens of the humanities and its methodologies
  - Work already completed related to the proposed work (if relevant)
  - Description of the research team and research setting, including site collaboration plan
  - Specific plans for at least one future scholarly output using pilot data obtained through this work
- Appendix Materials (1 page maximum each; single-spaced, 12 point font, 1" margins) including:
  - Letter of support from a collaborating researcher at research site (if relevant)
- Budget and Justification (1 page maximum)

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<sup>2</sup> If you wish to propose a global health project that does not include LMIC or American South activities, please contact Kelly Deal (Kelly.deal@duke.edu) to discuss and receive approval from DGHI Research.

- NIH Biosketch OR Curriculum Vitae
  - Include current grant support and limit to 5 pages for each principal investigator

#### Submission Format

Please combine all required elements into a single pdf document and submit via email to [kelly.deal@duke.edu](mailto:kelly.deal@duke.edu) with the subject line of “DGHI/KIE Health Humanities Pilot Grant Submission.”

Successful applications will be required to submit a Data Management Plan which conforms to NIH specifications before funding will be awarded.

#### Schedule

Application receipt date: ~~April 1, 2024~~ **APRIL 15, 2024**

#### Inquiries

We welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants. Please submit inquiries related to this funding announcement to:

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