



Notice of Funding Opportunity Duke Global Health Institute Pilot Research Topics in Global Health APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 14, 2025

The Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) invites faculty with appointments in DGHI to submit research proposals to enhance their research portfolios while advancing the strategic direction of the Institute. Through this NOFO, DGHI seeks 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 and to promote engagement at the interface of research and practice.

- Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.
- DGHI is looking for global health research ideas that will improve health equity and benefit hard-to-reach populations, low-resourced areas, and partners.
- If applicable, applicants should address data governance and data ethics considerations impacting both external collaborators and individuals or populations represented in data. Examples include but are not limited to: governance of data assets; accessibility of data and findings (including data sharing); privacy, confidentiality, and/or other individual rights; equity.
- Awardees will be required to develop a data management plan (DMP). Your plan might be used an example for other DGHI study teams in the future.
- We encourage innovative approaches where the focus can be either topic based (ie malaria, climate change etc...) or methods based (exploring new methodologies that cut across topics).
- Topic areas which have not previously received support, proposals that address the gap between research and implementation, and proposals that support and describe a sustainable line of global health research will be prioritized.

Eligible Applicants

This funding is limited to faculty with a DGHI appointment. Proposals that include collaborators throughout Duke and/or from other institutions are encouraged.

Budgets

The budget may include: supplies, support for technicians, research assistants, and graduate students; research-related travel; and other justifiable and allowable research expenses. Travel to scientific meetings and indirect costs are not allowable expenses. Applicants may apply for up to \$25,000 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 ¹ (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, and should describe plans for how the results generated will be applied to future external funding, as this will be an important criterion in the review.

- Cover Page. Must include the following information:
 - Proposal title

¹ 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.

- 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 and/or Global Health and to research setting)
 - Proposed methods and plans for data analysis (specific details recommended)
 - Work already completed related to the proposed work (if relevant)
 - Description of the research team and research setting, including site collaboration plan
 - Potential for future external grant support
 - Any references do NOT count toward the page limit
- 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; details are preferred)
- 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 with the subject line of “DGHI Spring 2025 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 14, 2025

Inquiries

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

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