



**Notice of Funding Opportunity**  
**Duke Global Health Institute Pilot Research**  
**Topics in Global Cancer**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 4, 2026**

The Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) invites Duke faculty 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 that address issues relating to cancer detection, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment in resource constrained environments 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.

- The research proposals may pertain to cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment as follows (but not limited to):
  1. Basic, translational, or clinical research projects whose objectives can be achieved during the proposed timeframe of the study. This can include formative research and protocol development for intervention studies; development of standard operating procedures to ensure quality assurance and quality control measures in these studies; data analysis, statistical analysis plan development, or statistical modeling; and span prospective or retrospective study designs.
  2. Informatics development, data management, and data sharing to improve capabilities in institutions in LMICs that enhance cancer research and collaborations;
  3. Establishment or enhancement of biorepositories or biospecimen resources, adapting best practices to facilities in LMICs, or building informatics to support biorepositories.
- Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.
- If applicable, applicants should address data governance and data ethics considerations impacting both external collaborators and individuals or populations represented in data.
- 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

Duke faculty are eligible to apply for funding; at least one study team investigator should have a DGHI affiliation. Proposals that include collaborators 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 (neither F&A nor G&A) 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 global health settings such as low, lower- and upper- middle-income countries (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 the American South.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants are expected to work with local collaborators; for international research, a local investigator

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<sup>1</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](mailto:Kelly.deal@duke.edu)) to discuss and receive approval from DGHI Research.

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
  - 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 (Grants Administrator or Business Manager/equivalent)
- 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 to DGHI and/or Global Cancer 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)
  - Before submission, please confirm your budget with your managing department, noting DGHI will not pay indirect costs - neither F&A nor G&A nor any departmental "tax". You/your managing department will need to create a distinct fund code at Duke to receive these funds if awarded. Due to University restrictions, before you book any travel, please request approval from Jamie Mills (if managed by DGHI) or specific departmental administration (if managed outside of DGHI).
- 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 Spring 2026 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: May 4, 2026

#### Inquiries

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

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