



Request for Proposals Duke Global Health Institute Pilot Research Topics in Global Health Equity APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2023

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) invites interdisciplinary teams led by regular rank faculty with a DGHI affiliation to submit research proposals around health equity in global health research. Pilot funding will support projects that focus on identifying, reducing and/or eliminating health disparities or other contributors to health-related social injustices. Applications should address how the pilot project will focus on health equity or social justice topic(s) and obtain critical data to support an extramural grant submission that will promote health equity. This pilot funding announcement aligns with Duke’s campus-wide focus on social equity and justice as well as DGHI’s own vision and mission. We foresee potential applications in various topics, fundamentally concerned with partnerships, working with vulnerable and underrepresented groups both internationally and locally, and addressing sociocultural, economic, and structural determinants of health.

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. Interested faculty are encouraged to collaborate with country-based collaborators on research projects.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 collaborators throughout Duke and/or from other institutions are encouraged. Proposal teams require a DGHI faculty (regular rank) 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 \$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

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.

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
 - 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
- 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)
- 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 Health Equity 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 24, 2023

Inquiries

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

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