



Request for Proposals Duke Global Health Institute Pilot Research Capacity Building with Partners APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 20, 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 proposals designed to enhance **research, implementation, and/or clinical capacity in global health**. Capacity building, defined by the [UN](#), is “the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world.” Applications should address how the pilot project will focus on capacity building that enables partners to successfully apply for external funding as well as improve research and/or clinical operations. A future NIH D71, D43, or similar capacity enhancing proposal development and submission are examples of viable goals of a successful pilot proposal.

Through this RFP, we seek to provide pilot funds to stimulate interdisciplinary collaborations, with the goal of enabling investigators to leverage experiences and skills or findings and data from this project to obtain larger awards or tangibly enhance research and clinical outputs. Interested faculty are encouraged to collaborate with country-based collaborators on projects.

- Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals, as well as teams including early-stage investigators, investigators new to global health, and/or investigators from low and middle-income countries, are encouraged.
- DGHI is seeking to support global health ideas that will improve research, implementation, and/or clinical capacity, which could also include advocacy and innovation.
- 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.
- Successful applications will address four issues: What is the demonstrated need for capacity building; who is target audience/how many will be impacted by the project?; what is the capacity building effort?; and what is the expected outcome?
- Topic areas which have not previously received support and proposals that support and describe sustainable activities will be prioritized.
- Conference attendance and/or participation (abstract or poster presentation etc) alone is not considered “capacity building”, without complementary training and/or skills acquisition.

Eligible Applicants

Proposals that include collaborators throughout Duke and/or from other institutions are encouraged. Proposal teams require a DGHI faculty PI (regular rank; Primary, Secondary, or Affiliate of DGHI). 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, Duke faculty 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 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 or otherwise lead to identifiable enhanced capacity for research, implementation, and/or clinical capacity in global health 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/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)
- Project Plan (3 page maximum; single-spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins) including:
 - Statement of project objectives
 - Significance of the proposal (including significance to DGHI and/or Global Health and to partner setting)
 - Proposed methods and plans for data analysis, if appropriate (specific details recommended)
 - Work already completed related to the proposed work (if relevant)
 - Description of the project team and setting, including site collaboration plan
 - Potential for future external grant support or other impact of planned capacity building
- Letter of support from a collaborating partner (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 Capacity Building 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: November 20, 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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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.