The Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) invites proposal submissions for local university-community partnership projects that address key global health concerns. Through this RFP, DGHI will provide pilot funds to interdisciplinary teams led by DGHI faculty to stimulate Local is Global collaborations and to enable the following larger goals:

- Engage Duke expertise to partner with community organizations to meet local needs, including sharing resources, generating key evidence, and/or participating in community-oriented needs assessment and planning
- Support investigators in the development of sustainable and ethical community based partnerships that can impact and improve local health concerns
- Provide opportunities for students and trainees to understand local health needs and culture through community driven research practice
- Encourage researchers to apply a global health lens to their work by fostering collaborations between investigators working across sites both within the US and internationally
- Encourage multi-directional learning by supporting faculty and community organizations to connect and share information, lessons learned, contextualized solutions and brainstorm useful next steps
- Support teams to leverage findings and data to obtain larger awards of external funding

**Eligible Applicants**
Regular ranking DGHI Faculty and affiliates are eligible to apply for funding. While the PI must be affiliated with the Institute, proposal teams may include other Duke faculty members, and are required to include at least one collaborator from Durham or the surrounding communities, preferably a partner who would serve as a Co-PI. Teams including new investigators, or investigators new to global health, are also encouraged.

**Budgets**
The budget may include: supplies deemed necessary for successful execution of the project, support for technicians, undergraduate and graduate student assistants, research-related travel, honorarium and/or mentoring, and other justifiable and allowable research expenses. Faculty salary, community partner salary, travel to scientific meetings, and indirect costs are not allowable expenses. Typical awards range between $3,000 - $5000, but applicants may apply for up to $15,000 for the 12-month project cycle.

**Application Requirements**
Proposals must be for activities focused on understanding and addressing health disparities in the American South. Priority will be given to locally proposed projects (Durham or surrounding communities). Applicants should describe plans for how the results generated may be used to advance collaborations with the partner organization, support GH students (e.g., by way of field, lab, or applied learning and research opportunities), and impact local health needs. We encourage you to discuss how project outcomes may be used to secure future external funding or to assess and scale-up application of evidence-based health projects.
1. Cover page. Please include the following information:
   • Proposal title
   • List of name, title, departmental affiliation, address, email address, and telephone number of all proposed investigators
   • Designation of a Duke Principal Investigator, Community Partner Director or Collaborator, and any Co-Principal Investigator(s)

2. Abstract (250 words maximum):

3. Research plan - no more than three pages; single-spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins, with following heading categories:
   • Project Background: Statement of project background and objectives
   • Collaboration: Description of the team collaboration and specific (local area) work setting
   • Significance of the project in relation to local health context and needs (including significance to DGHI and/or Global Health and how it will support the Local is Global Initiative)
   • Project procedures and methods, including plans for data collection, any analysis and IRB approvals as needed (specific details on work tasks, procedures, methods recommended)
   • Project deliverables and expected outcomes (e.g., knowledge, services, impact)
   • Project timeline and milestones (could be a table)
   • Budget items and Justification (table or 1 page maximum)

4. Curriculum Vitae for Duke Investigator(s) and bio-sketch, or related description for Community Partner / Organization.

5. Appendix materials as relevant: 1 page maximum each; single-spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins, including:
   • Work in progress (or already completed) locally or globally that would be related to the proposed work (if relevant)
   • Letters of support from collaborating researchers or community partners
   • Opportunities for field research or practicums for GH students
   • Potential for future external grant support (if applicable)

**Submission Format**
Please combine all required elements into a single pdf document and submit via email to sarah.cao@duke.edu with the subject line of “DGHI Pilot Grant Submission.”

**Schedule**
Application receipt date: **rolling deadline**, through May 8, 2023.
Project start date: If selected, projects can start immediately. The start date will be approximately 4 weeks after submission of application, but no later than the end of June 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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