



**Request for Proposals
Global Mental Health Research
DEADLINE: August 1, 2014**

The Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) invites pilot research proposals in the field of global mental health, which has recently been identified as a Research Priority in DGHI. For more information on DGHI's Research Priorities, see <https://globalhealth.duke.edu/research>, including the Global Mental Health Initiative <https://globalhealth.duke.edu/topics/mental-health>.

Global mental health, historically neglected in global health, is now established as an emerging field. Depression is ranked as the second leading cause of disability-adjusted life years worldwide by 2020, including in low and middle income countries, and high rates of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and stress-related illnesses are observed in multiple countries, especially those impacted by violence, conflict and natural disasters. The treatment gap for mental disorders across the world is large and leads to chronic disability and increased mortality for those affected, and social and economic costs in the society. Interdisciplinary research is needed to validly diagnose, effectively treat, and develop mental health systems of care that address the treatment gap and limited availability of providers/services. In addition, research is needed to prevent the onset of new and recurring cases of mental illness.

DGHI seeks to provide pilot funds to stimulate interdisciplinary research in global mental health, with the larger goal of enabling investigators to leverage preliminary findings and data to obtain larger awards of external funding. Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals are especially encouraged. Proposals that support a sustainable line of research in global mental health will be prioritized.

Eligible Applicants

All Duke University faculty are eligible to apply for funding. Proposals may include collaborators from other institutions but the PI must be a Duke faculty member. Junior faculty and faculty new to global mental health are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.

Budgets

The budget may include: supplies; salary support for technicians, research assistants, and graduate students; research-related travel; and other justifiable research expenses. Faculty salary, travel to scientific meetings, and indirect costs are not allowable expenses. Applicants may apply for up to \$25,000. Smaller proposals for shorter periods are also encouraged. Project duration should be less than 12 months. Depending on application budgets, we expect to make up to 3 awards.

Application Requirements

Applications must propose work in low- and middle-income countries (a listing of eligible countries can be found at the [World Bank website](#)). Applicants are encouraged to identify collaborating in-country investigators, and should describe plans for how the results generated will be applied to obtain future external funding. The potential for future external funding will be an important criterion in the review.

Cover Page. Must include the following information:

- Proposal title
- Name, title, departmental affiliation, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of all proposed investigators
- Designation of a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigators

Abstract (250 words maximum)

Research plan (4 page maximum – single spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins) including:

- Statement of scientific objectives
- Significance of the research (including significance to DGHI and to low and middle-income countries)
- 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 in-country collaboration plan
- Potential for future grant support

Appendix materials (1 page maximum each– single spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins) including:

- Research timeline and milestones
- Letter of support from a collaborating researcher in a low or middle income country

Budget and justification (1 page maximum)

NIH biosketch **OR** *Curriculum vitae* for each investigator including current grant support and limited to four pages for each 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 “Global Mental Health Pilot Grant Submission.”

Schedule

Letter of Intent: July 1, 2014 (to guide reviewer selection; send to kelly.deal@duke.edu)

Application receipt date: August 1, 2014

Grant review: August 2014

Project start date: October 1, 2014

Inquiries

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

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For advice about overseas sites where projects could be undertaken, linkages with potential overseas collaborators, advice on preparing budgets for international projects, and questions about biostatistical support, please contact:

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