



**Request for Proposals
Global Mental Health Research
DEADLINE: November 2, 2015**

The Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) invites pilot research proposals in the field of global mental health. The complex interdisciplinary aspects of global mental health have led DGHI to identify this as one of its Research Priorities. 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. The treatment gap for mental disorders across the world is large and leads to chronic disability and increased mortality for those affected. Research is needed to identify effective treatment and prevention strategies to close the gap. Mental illness is linked to substantial social and economic costs, and is associated with general health and chronic disease outcomes. 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.

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 career trajectory in global mental health will be prioritized.

Eligible Applicants

All Duke University faculty are eligible to apply for funding. Proposals including DGHI faculty as PI or co-PI will be given review priority.

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.

Projects proposed for collaboration in DGHI Priority Partnership Locations (PPL) are strongly encouraged. (see <http://globalhealth.duke.edu/priority-partnership-locations> for more information)

Budgets

The budget may include: supplies; salary support for technicians, research assistants, and graduate students; research related travel (but not travel to scientific meetings); and other justifiable research expenses. Faculty salary and indirect costs are not allowable expenses. Applicants may apply for up to \$20,000. 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.

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 and their significance
- Relevance to mission of the DGHI
- Applicability of project goals 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 schedule and milestones
- Letter of support from a collaborating researcher in a low or middle income country

Budget and justification (1 page maximum)

Curriculum vitae **OR** *NIH biosketch* for each investigator including current grant support and limited to five 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: October 2, 2015 (to guide reviewer selection; send to kelly.deal@duke.edu)

Application receipt date: November 2, 2015

Grant review: November 2015

Project start date: January 1, 2016

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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