UTHealth Houston's Office of Global Health Initiatives

Global Health Educational Innovations & Research Grants
Call for Proposals 2024

The Office of Global Health Initiatives (OGHI) is committed to supporting global health advocacy, educational innovation, and research among UTHealth Houston faculty. We are therefore pleased to announce the Educational Innovations & Research Grants, intended to support new projects relevant to scholarly activities in global health.

Purpose: The purpose of the Educational Innovations & Research Grants is to support and promote a variety of scholarly activities in global health, including development of new educational curricula, technologies, interventions, or basic science research applicable to the field.

Eligibility: UTHealth Houston faculty with an appointment at the **instructor**, **assistant** or **associate** professor level are eligible to apply for these awards.

Expectations:
- Awardees will be expected to share the outcomes/findings of their project at school and institution-level meetings within two years of funding. (ex: a grand rounds or school-wide speaker series)
- Results of funded projects will be presented at a regional, national, or international meeting and submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal or educational website/repository within two years after funding.
- Awardees must submit a progress report and a report of expenditures at the conclusion of the project.

Funding and Timelines:
- Grants will be funded with total budgets between $5,000-$15,000
- Funds must be utilized within a 12-month period aligning with the fiscal year (September 1 - August 31).

Evaluation Criteria: Criteria used to evaluate an application for the OGHI Research & Educational Innovations Grants include the following:
- Relevance to the field of global health
- Alignment with the OGHI [Guiding Principles for Global Health](#)
- Potential for findings to create or enhance a sustainable research or educational program at UTHealth Houston, including potential for expansion to a larger future project
- Proposed collaboration(s) between departments or UTHealth Houston schools
- Innovation and significance of the project
- Strength and validity of the approach
- Alignment of goals and objectives with project design
- Feasibility to complete the project within the allotted time
- Justification of requested budget

Proposal Format: The body of the application must be <u>two (2) single-spaced pages or less</u> with Arial size 11 font and margins of at least 0.5 inch. Each application must include the following items **in the order outlined below**. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered for funding.

1. A summary cover sheet must be included as the first page of the application (not counted in page limit) and have the following information:
    o Name, rank, division, and contact information of the applicant
    o Total amount of funding requested
    o Abstract/summary of the project (maximum 250 words) including the goals and objectives and the approach to be used
2. The body of the application (maximum of 2 pages, <u>excluding the literature cited</u>) must include the following:
    o Goals and objectives
    o Background and significance
    o Project design, methods, and data analysis plans
    o Project timeline (as a table, chart, or bulleted list indicating proposed dates for activities such as submitting an IRB, collecting data, etc)
    o Literature cited
3. A brief description (maximum 250 words) of the potential impact of the project on global health.
4. The budget for the project must be included, along with justification of expenses (limit 1 page).
    o Funds can be used for materials (e.g., software, posters, books, etc.), technology support, data evaluation, a research assistant, and travel expenses.
    o Funds cannot be used for faculty salary support.
5. NIH-style Biosketch for each UTHealth Houston faculty involved in the project
6. Letters of support* from any collaborating faculty and a description of their role in the project must be included (*for non-U.S. based collaborators, an email of support is also acceptable)

Proposal Due Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Please submit via email to the Office of Global Health Initiatives at:
global.health@uth.tmc.edu

Review Process: A committee of global health faculty & executive leadership will review and evaluate each proposal. Final approval for funding will be made by the SVP Academic and Faculty Affairs. Grant recipients will be notified approximately 4 weeks before the beginning of the funding period (September 2024 – August 2025).

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