

The Nancy Sanders Memorial Faculty Research Abroad Grant Request for Proposals

1. INTRODUCTION

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) of the West Virginia University (WVU) Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center (HSC) invites annual submissions of Pilot Grant proposals focused on the development or expansion of global health scholarly projects. The main purpose of this award is to create new, long-term, self-sustaining global activities to benefit HSC and WVU. A total of \$10,000 for one year is available for supporting faculty research collaboration efforts abroad.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be appointed as full-time faculty with primary appointments within the HSC at the time of application. Applications for collaborative research projects, particularly those involving faculty in different schools and institutions of the HSC willing to collaborate with their international colleagues on common healthcare related disciplines that are currently challenging in WV. An HSC faculty member must be the principal investigator (PI).

Funds must be used to support projects in global health or related disciplines. Requests for travel funds to support cultural immersion activities or language training are not eligible and will not be reviewed. Facilities and administrative costs (F&A or indirect costs) are not supported through these awards. The faculty applicant must intend to use the research outcomes as a means of supporting/funding the future grant proposals. Additionally, the faculty applicant must agree to publish and share the outcomes of the pilot grant project with the GEO and peers and colleagues within the HSC functions.

3. REVIEW CRITERIA

Projects that are innovative, interdisciplinary, capitalize on HSC programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding will be prioritized for funding. Priority is also given to faculty who have not received prior funding from GEO.

4. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals must be PDF documents and emailed as an attachment to the GEO Program Coordinator, Carrie Waybright (cwaybrig@hsc.wvu.edu). Applications should be no more than four single-spaced pages in length. They must include the following:

1. Cover Page: Includes PI's name, title, department, telephone, email and title of project, grant administrator, direct costs required.
2. One paragraph summary of the most important aims of the research collaboration project.
3. Introduction & Rationale: The focus of the application. Summarize how completion of the major objectives would increase the scientific body of research in this field to make the continuing application competitive for extramural funding.
4. Specific Aims: Brief outline of how the project that can be completed within the allocated timeframe.
5. Preliminary Data: (If applicable). Summary of data directly relevant to the proposal.
6. Research Design: Brief explanation of training or techniques that will be employed. Document the process to ensure applicable approvals for research involving the use of human subjects, animals, pathogenic organisms, radioactivity, or recombinant DNA.
7. Budget listed using [PHS 398 form, page 4](#).
8. Include the following: [NIH Biosketches](#) of personnel engaged in study, limited to 2 pages for each biosketch, Letter of support from department chair
9. Names and titles of peers as well as their institutional affiliations abroad with which the research collaboration project is intended.

5. PROPOSAL REVIEW

Proposals will be reviewed by a GEO Steering Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Responsiveness of the Application to Global Health: Projects must be directly relevant to Global Health or related healthcare disciplines.
2. Scientific Merit: Proposals will be judged on impact, feasibility, leveraging of existing resources, and the expertise of the investigators. Proposals that are innovative, interdisciplinary, capitalize on HSC programmatic strengths, and which have the best potential for long-term sustainability will be prioritized for funding.

6. QUESTIONS

Questions may be addressed to Carrie Waybright (cwaybrig@hsc.wvu.edu).

7. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Submissions are due by Friday, March 31, 2017.