



Request for Proposals

Fall 2008 OVPR/UM-GHRT Faculty Seed Grants (\$5,000-\$15,000)

Applications Due: 11/12/08

PURPOSE: The University of Michigan Global Health Research and Training Initiative (UM-GHRT) is an integrated University-wide framework for strengthening and expanding opportunities for critical, innovative multidisciplinary global health training and scholarship.

UM-GHRT, in partnership with the Office of the Vice President for Research, provides seed funding of \$5000-\$15,000 to facilitate innovative, collaborative, and high-quality research in the field of global health. Criteria for funding includes importance and relevance of the proposed research to advancing global health, having an interdisciplinary research team involving multiple schools or disciplines, inclusion of foreign scholars from one or more collaborating institutions, and likelihood the project will lead to a successful grant proposal. We are specifically interested in applications that address the role of research universities in:

- a) attaining the Millennium Development Goals (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>);
- b) meeting the challenges posed by the Global Health Forum (http://www.globalforumhealth.org/Site/000_Home.php); and
- c) facilitating multi-sectorial engagement in priority global health research.

UM-GHRT funds are not intended to cover the total cost of a project, but rather to complement other support, and to address new areas of scholarship and/or innovative collaborations in Global Health not addressed by other support programs within or outside the University. Applications are to include a budget for the TOTAL cost of the project, not just from UM-GHRT funds.

ELIGIBILITY: Continuing instructional faculty, research faculty, and research scientists and with a minimum 50% effort. Faculty who are previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply.

DEADLINES: Applications due Wednesday November 12, 2008 at 5pm. Notification of funding decisions is made within 5 weeks of the receipt of the application to UM-GHRT. Note: Applications will not be processed if all guidelines on the form are not followed. **Applicants can facilitate expeditious review by providing complete information, all required signatures, and by suggesting qualified, independent reviewers.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please use the UM-GHRT application form as found on the web page at: <http://ghrt.psc.isr.umich.edu/research/funding.html> Technical questions may be asked of Nancy Vander Kuyl (ghrt@umich.edu). Questions about the application process may be directed to Cynthia Avery (avery@umich.edu).

BUDGET: Applications are to include a detailed budget for the **TOTAL** cost of the project, not just for the UM-GHRT request. UM-GHRT support is **NOT** available for:

- *Travel to present at conferences*
- *Regular salary of faculty or summer salary*
- *Computer/hardware /software for routine use*
- *Office equipment-telephone installations, photocopy machines*
- *Equipment maintenance costs*
- *Tuition support*
- *Requests for small amounts more appropriately handled at the unit level*

- *Projects that are primarily instructional*
- *Funds covering reduced external awards*
- *Retroactive funding, costs overruns or disallowances*
- *Faculty recruitment and start-up packages*

Matching or Sharing Funds

For the UM-GHRT program, securing matching funds or cost sharing from the unit, department, school/college, or outside sources is viewed as an important sign of commitment to and support of the application. ***In general, applications that include at least one-third of projected costs to be supported by other sources will receive priority.*** Please specify any matching or sharing funds on the UM-GHRT application form (page 2) and describe the sources of these funds in the budget justification section of the application. Also indicate if other funding is pending or confirmed.

Required Signatures

OVPR/UM-GHRT requires the signatures of the department or unit heads and the dean or director of the units. In schools and colleges with research associate deans, they may sign in this space. Please route the proposal application to the appropriate office for signatures well in advance of any deadline. Research associate deans and deans are responsible for any internal process that may exist when applying to UM-GHRT. Contact those offices for clarification. Applications will not be processed unless all appropriate signatures are obtained.

Reviews

Applications will be reviewed by peer faculty and members of the GHRT Steering Committee. Key review factors include:

- *peer judgment of scholarly merit and potential impact on the field*
- *research potential of project and likelihood of establishing an ongoing research collaboration*
- *likely impact of this work on the field of Global Health in low and middle-income countries and projects potential to enhance the scholarly distinction of the University*
- *likelihood project will strengthen collaborative relationships with host country institutions*
- *inclusion of faculty from multiple campus units*
- *appropriateness of the budget to the project proposed*
- *extent of unit support as indicated by partial funding of project*

Administration of Awards: Regular university policies and procedures are applicable to the expenditure of funds, and the recipient is responsible for working with the appropriate staff in the academic unit to arrange for good stewardship of the funds. Award amounts are final. Overruns and disallowances are the responsibility of the individual recipient and academic unit. Each award stipulates an expiration date, after which any balance remaining is returned to UM-GHRT. Faculty may not retain the award if they leave the University of Michigan. An interim report will be required within one year of the initial award, and a final report will be required upon completion of the project. Any changes in budget items or project period must first be approved by UM-GHRT.