

2014-2015 Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund

NYU Global Institute of Public Health

Guidelines

I. Background

It is now widely recognized that health is not limited or defined by geographical boundaries, and that the ongoing globalization of economic, technological, sociocultural and political forces has a direct and synergistic relationship with the health status of individuals and communities around the world. As borders disappear - both literally and figuratively - new challenges and new opportunities in the field of global public health have emerged, and innovative and interdisciplinary strategies are now needed to prevent illness and to promote and maintain health and well-being around the world.

Recognizing that health is a central factor in economic and social development within all countries - and realizing that no single discipline or methodology is positioned to adequately address these challenges alone - NYU is invested in an approach that couples a global reach with a multidimensional focus that reflects the complexity of health in a globalized world. In addition to supporting this approach via existing worldwide campuses and extensive international activities and research, NYU is offering a Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund to NYU full-time junior faculty, post-docs and doctoral students. Launched in 2009, the Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund competition will continue in 2014-2015.

The Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund (GPHRCF) supports faculty, doctoral and post-doctoral-initiated research on a competitive basis and is administered by the NYU Global Institute of Public Health and a GPHRCF Selection Committee, composed of reviewers representing a cross-section of disciplines. Awards in 2014-2015 will be made in a single round of competition. Five awards of up to \$15,000 each will be granted for the 2014-2015 academic year. Requests for funding should in no case exceed \$15,000. Awards will not be granted to fund faculty salaries, but should be used to cover out-of-pocket project expenses such as student support, travel, software, data base acquisition, equipment, etc.

The purpose of the GPHRCF is:

- To serve as an incentive for junior faculty, doctoral students and/or post-docs to explore new areas of global public health research that are likely to attract outside support;
- To support junior faculty engaging in productive global public health scholarship in areas where there are few sources of existing support.

II. Eligibility

Proposals are encouraged from individuals or groups of junior faculty members (or others with Principal Investigator [PI] status) in any academic discipline represented at the University. Projects must demonstrate a global public health focus, which includes projects involving global public health issues that express themselves in U.S.-based populations. Only one proposal per PI will be accepted. The GPHRCF Selection Committee is interested in receiving proposals from new investigators - including junior faculty, doctoral students and NYU post-docs.

Proposals for collaborative, interdepartmental, and/or inter-school research are particularly encouraged. Awards are open to all full-time NYU junior faculty, doctoral student or post-doc, but one criterion for review will include the extent to which the project enriches the Global Institute of Public Health faculty and student body. See giph.nyu.edu for more on the GIPH programs, students, and faculty affiliates.

Please note that awards for projects involving collaboration with institutions outside of NYU are to be used to support the NYU component of the project only. Those seeking GPHRCF support for projects already

funded by external sponsors will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, which must be fully explained in the proposal.

The GPHRCF is not meant to provide ongoing support. Recipients of a GPHRCF award are expected to use the funding to establish additional and ongoing funding support.

III. Categories of Proposals

Proposals should fall under one of the following two categories of support:

Category 1. Proposals which require start-up funds and have a high probability of eventual funding from external agencies. These proposals will usually be new projects, in fields new to the investigator(s), or support new investigators. If related to existing projects, proposals may be for the exploration of new ideas or new directions. Matching funds may be requested to demonstrate the University's commitment to a proposal planned for submission to an external sponsor, so long as the school and department also expect to contribute to the match.

Category 2. Proposals from disciplines where the expectation of additional external support may be limited (such as the humanities, social sciences, or critical / theoretical / historical studies in the arts). Because GPHRCF support is granted for only one year, proposals should focus on:

- Research to permit completion of a monograph, full-length work, or other scholarly production (e.g., film, script); or
- The initial phase of a new research area.

IV. Review Criteria

Review criteria include:

- Importance in the field(s) of global public health;
- Contribution to the career of the investigator(s);
- Support of colleagues in the department, school, University;
- Contributions to the Global Institute of Public Health (opportunities for students, curriculum, internships, etc)
- Rigor of Methods;
- Soundness of Budget;
- For Category 1 proposals (see Section IV, above): prospects for continued funding.

V. Proposal Process

PLEASE READ ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AN APPLICATION.

Washington Square Faculty

Applications should be submitted via Cayuse SP. See instructions to complete and submit the application via Cayuse SP. **IMPORTANT:** You must be registered to use Cayuse SP. Once you are registered, access to Cayuse is via NYUHome's Research tab. If you have not previously used the Cayuse system or are not yet registered in the system, please click [here](#) to start your registration. Upon completing registration, you will be instructed to complete a "Professional Profile" in Cayuse 424. The instructions to complete the profile are emailed upon registration. Use Mozilla Firefox as your browser.

School of Medicine Faculty

Applications should be submitted 1) via the School of Medicine's Research Navigator (Click) system - <http://spa.med.nyu.edu/click-version-1> and 2) by emailing a PDF copy to giph.grants@nyu.edu.

A. All applicants must submit the following items as part of the application package.

1. **Completed Proposal Application Form** (form provided)

2. **Proposal Budget Form** (form provided). Awards will not be granted to fund faculty salaries, but should be used to cover out of pocket project expenses such as student support, travel, software, data base acquisition equipment, etc.
3. **Supporting Letter**. Each submission must be accompanied by a brief supporting statement from the department chair, dean, or director (or his or her designee). The letter should explain the proposal's relevance to departmental or school plans for advancing research and education, and assessing the project's prospects, if any, for future external support. More than one letter of support can be submitted.
4. **Curriculum vitae**. A CV must be submitted for the PI and any Co-PIs. The CV should include a) professional training and education; b) research and professional experience; c) funding history (list proposals submitted/awards received in the past 3 years, including sponsor, start/end date and amount); d) publications

All components of the submission must be submitted electronically through Cayuse SP (Washington Square) or via email and Click (School of Medicine) by **5 pm, July 17, 2014**.

b. Review Procedures

Proposals will be reviewed, and decisions made, by the GPHRCF Selection Committee. The Selection Committee makes a comprehensive evaluation of each proposal, identifying those they believe to be most meritorious. Decisions (fund/not fund) are expected to be made in August and will be conveyed to applicants and school/departmental officials.

c. Awards

A maximum of five (5) awards will be made, each for a one-year period to start no earlier than September 1, 2014. Once the award is acknowledged, and conditions set forth by the NYU Global Institute of Public Health are accepted, an account is established by the Controller's Division.

d. Reporting

All award recipients are asked to report on the outcomes of their research at the conclusion of the funding cycle (within 60 days). Reports should include a) a narrative of the results of the project; b) a financial report; c) future implications and plans for ongoing work and funding. Recipients may also be asked to present the results of their research.

VI. Questions

Any questions pertaining to the GPHCF and/or the application process should be directed to: giph.grants@nyu.edu.