

DATE: November 30, 2015

TO: All UMMS (Worcester campus) Faculty

FROM: Katherine Luzuriaga, MD
UMass Memorial Health Care Professor of Biomedical Research
Director, UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science
Vice Provost, Clinical and Translational Research
Associate Provost, Office of Global Health

RE: UMCCTS Office of Global Health Pilot Project Program (OGH PPP) 2016 - *Request for Letters of Intent*

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) Office of Global Health announces the 2016 Pilot Project Program (OGH PPP) request for proposals. The key goal of OGH PPP funding is to *catalyze the development of translational research projects that provide a firm scientific basis for clinical practice and public health policy in global settings*. Individual project awards (**up to \$25,000 for 1 year**) will be made on a competitive basis to enable investigators to establish clinical, educational and laboratory infrastructure to support medical/nursing education, public health proposals or policy changes, translational research and/or to develop specific translational research projects.

The intent of the UMCCTS OGH PPP is to promote and prioritize for funding projects that are *innovative, interdisciplinary, evidence-based, capitalize on University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding*.

LOI INSTRUCTIONS

Please email your Letter of Intent (2 pages or less) as an attachment (Word or PDF) to: globalhealth@umassmed.edu by 5:00pm (EST) on or before Friday, January 22, 2016.

Describe in two (2) pages or less the work that has motivated you to apply. Do not attempt to document the key findings at this LOI stage. The next phase of the process will entail a full proposal. Rather, the Letter of Intent review process seeks to make two determinations:

1. That the project has a significant global health component and has direct global health impact.
2. That the availability of OGH PPP funding would support the establishment of clinical, educational, laboratory infrastructure that promotes:
 - Global Health Medical/nursing education;
 - Public Health policy changes;
 - Translational research and/or;
 - Development of specific translational research projects.
3. Include project goals.

4. The Principal Investigator must be a UMMS Worcester faculty member, but collaborations with faculty, staff, and/or trainees from any UMass campus department are encouraged. Also, those who have received a grant within the past three (3) years are ineligible to apply.

Letters of Intent will be peer-reviewed intramurally and the most promising projects will be selected for full proposal submission.

Oversight

The PPP is overseen and administered by the Scientific Review Committee of the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical and Translational Science, (<http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/footer/advisory-committees/home/>). The Review Committee makes funding decisions based upon the scientific merits and potential impact of the proposals.

Full proposals will be due on Friday, March 11, 2016 for those selected finalists.

Timeline:

| | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Request for Letters of Intent Announced | Monday, November 30, 2015 |
| Letters of Intent Due | Friday, January 22, 2016 |
| Full Proposals Due | Friday, March 11, 2016 |
| Project Start Date | Friday, April 1, 2016 |
