1. **Objectives:** The UMMS Office of Global Health (OGH) was founded in January 2009 to coordinate activities and administer grants that enhance and expand UMMS programs in global health improvement and disease prevention. The OGH invites the submission of proposals focused on the development or expansion of global health training or research projects. At this time, one type of grant award is available:

2. **Travel awards:** Travel grant programs will facilitate the training of global health researchers and care providers, the establishment of training or research programs, or the conduct of research. Priority will be given to faculty or trainees who are participating in UMMS-affiliated research or educational projects with well-defined goals and objectives and which involve a significant element of research or scholarly activity. Maximum amount that may be requested is $5,000.

3. **Proposal submission:** Proposals must be PDF documents and should be e-mailed as an attachment to Kiger Lau (kiger.lau@umassmed.edu). Proposals must include the following:
   - **COVER PAGE:** Include name, title, department, telephone, and title of project, administrative contact, direct costs requested, human and/or animal docket numbers if applicable.
   - **ABSTRACT:** One paragraph summary of the most important features of the application.
   - **INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE:** Summarize the focus of the application. For pilot project awards, summarize how completion of the major objectives would make the research competitive for external funding.
   - **SPECIFIC AIMS:** Briefly outline a realistic list of goals that can be completed within the allocated timeframe.
   - **PRELIMINARY DATA:** Summarize data that are directly relevant to the proposal.
   - **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:** Briefly identify training or techniques that will be employed. Document required approvals for any experiments that involve the use of human subjects, animals, pathogenic organisms, radioactivity, or recombinant DNA.
   - **BUDGET:** Use PHS 398 form, page 4.
   - **APPENDICES:** Include NIH biosketches of personnel engaged in study.
   - **LENGTH OF APPLICATION:** Emphasis is on brevity. Applications should not be more than two single-spaced pages for a travel grant.

4. **Proposal Review:** Proposals will be reviewed by a Scientific Advisory Board based on the following criteria:
   - **RESPONSIVENESS OF THE APPLICATION TO GLOBAL HEALTH:** Projects must be directly relevant to Global Health.
   - **SCIENTIFIC MERIT:** Proposals will be judged on impact and feasibility of the proposed program or research, available resources, and the expertise of the investigators. Proposals that are innovative, interdisciplinary, involve multiple investigators at
UMMS and/or other UMass campuses, capitalize on UMMS programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding will be prioritized for funding. Requests for travel funds to support cultural immersion activities or language training will not be considered responsive and will not be reviewed.

Questions regarding proposal content may be addressed to Katherine Luzuriaga, MD, Associate Provost, Global Health (Katherine.luzuriaga@umassmed.edu) or Donna Gallagher, RNCS, MS, ANP, FAAN, MA, Co-Director, Global Health (dmgallag@aol.com). Questions regarding format or submission may be addressed to Kiger Lau (kiger.lau@umassmed.edu).

**Deadline for submission:** 5PM on Friday, March 19, 2010.