Request for Applications:

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Global Health Pilot Grant Program

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Global Health Center invites Pilot Grant applications for the second round of its Research Pilot Grant Program. This program will develop future global health researchers and strengthen research collaborations between low and middle income countries and CHOP.

The CHOP Global Health Center leads CHOP’s international pediatric efforts in low resource settings. The Global Health Center contributes to CHOP’s international engagement in pediatric health through the pillars of academic medicine - excellence in delivery of clinical care, teaching/education, research, and advocacy.

Research proposals related to all International Child Health topics are welcome. All proposals must involve both a CHOP-based and an internationally-based PI or co-PI.

Proposals must address international child health issues that are considered to be of high priority to our international partners. Any topic of importance to international child health will be considered.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: (1) the quality of the science (based on NIH Study Section Criteria) as well as (2) the potential Global/Public Health impact:

1. Significance of problem to international site: Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field?
2. Quality of applicants and planned use of appropriate CHOP and international resources. Demonstration of strong partnership between CHOP investigators and international investigators. Capacity building at the international site should be part of the project plan (e.g. improving local care for a priority problem, career-building for local investigators).
3. Scientific approach: Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented?
4. **Innovation:** Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice or public health paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed?

5. **Potential for future funding and/or measurable benefit to local pediatric care:** If the aims of the project are achieved, will the results lend themselves to future research?

**Amount:** We offer awards up to **$20,000** for each grant. Grants are for a one-year period and are not renewable. The proposed budget must include a prudent spending plan that is appropriate to the proposed research. It is expected that funds will be available in August 2016.

**Eligibility:**

Young Investigators (Residents, Fellows, Instructors, Research Associates, or equivalent) are eligible to apply with a mentor at the Assistant Professor level or above

- A *one-page mentorship plan with a mentor at the Assistant Professor level or above is required for young investigators.*

Faculty members at the Assistant Professor level or above in any track at the University of Pennsylvania and/or Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

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**Reports:**

- Principal investigators must submit a report at the end of the grant period for review by the CHOP Global Health Pilot Grant steering committee. The reports should include progress, expenditures and plans for disseminating results. Subsequent reports will be requested to include publications and extramural funding resulting from the research.

- Funds unspent at the end of the one-year grant period will be returned to CHOP Global Health. However, requests for rollover of funds for an additional year will be considered with adequate justification.

**Application Deadline:** July 1, 2016
Application Guidelines:

1. Cover Letter including
   a. Proposal Title
   b. Proposed location of project
   c. PI and co-PI names, ranks and signatures
   d. Names and roles of all Key Personnel
2. Divisional Letter of Support
3. Scientific Plan (Maximum 5 pages) including
   a. Specific Aims
   b. Background/Significance
   c. Innovation and Projected Impact
   d. Research Design and Methods
   e. Project Timeline
   f. Future Funding/Sustainability Plan
      i. For projects expected to lead to future research funding, the expected
         role of the pilot data in securing future research funding should be
         described. Include a brief description of future funding targets.
      ii. For projects expected to directly influence the local standard of care, a
          description of expected funding sustainability should be provided.
4. 1-page Partnership Plan outlining details of the partnership between CHOP
    investigators and international investigators and international capacity-building
    components of the project.
5. Mentorship plan (if applicable)
6. Biographical Sketches- for all Key Personnel (NIH Style- Please see:
   investigators may utilize the fellowship application format.)
7. Budget
   a. Budgets must be reviewed by your business manager prior to submission.
   b. Budgets must include justification of both domestic and foreign expenditures.
   c. Funding may not be used for investigator salary support.
   d. A maximum of 10% of the in-country budget may be spent on indirect costs
      at the international site.
   e. Staff salaries are allowable budget items.
Additional Information:

Selected applications must show documentation of IRB submission within 6 weeks of award notification.

Applications should be submitted electronically with the subject line: GH PILOT GRANT SUBMISSION* to:

lowenthale@email.chop.edu

For further information or questions please contact*:

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*Please do not send questions for Dr. Lowenthal with a GH pilot grant submission subject line as grant submissions may be forwarded directly to an administrator for processing.