

## Global REACH Partnership Development Grant

### Purpose

The Global REACH Partnership Development Grant is a funding opportunity that provides travel funds to faculty, enabling them to develop new collaborative relationships with colleagues at international institutions.

### Background

Global REACH aspires to be a nationally recognized leader for developing individuals and programs to improve health and healthcare through collaborative partnerships in other countries. We work to create partnerships that enable our medical school community to collaborate synergistically to improve global health. Our emphasis is on long-lasting, sustainable partnerships that are mutually beneficial to our UM faculty and the international colleagues and institutions with whom they work. Such partnerships often start with an initial 1:1 faculty connection, but can hold great promise for additional and growing opportunities for our faculty and students. These relationships benefit from face-to-face interactions and observation of facilities and resources, which support the establishment of trust between partners; however, the cost of travel can present a barrier. To enable faculty to embark on these efforts, Global REACH will help alleviate the burden of cost through the Global REACH Partnership Development Grant.

### Eligibility

This funding opportunity is open only to those faculty members who are Global REACH Faculty Associates. Global REACH Faculty Affiliates are eligible for funding if they are included in a proposal submitted by a Faculty Associate. Faculty members who frequently attend the Global Health Initiatives Forum will be evaluated favorably in this proposal. The themes of this partnership grant can emphasize research, medical education, or human resource capacity building. Applicants should already have a partner identified. (See below for selection criteria).

Faculty members who are not yet a Global REACH Faculty Associate may become an Associate by completing the application at

[http://globalreach.med.umich.edu/sites/default/files/files/Global%20REACH%20Fac%20Assoc%20Q%26A%202\\_11\\_13.pdf](http://globalreach.med.umich.edu/sites/default/files/files/Global%20REACH%20Fac%20Assoc%20Q%26A%202_11_13.pdf).

### Funding Information

Grants will be awarded up to \$10,000 for a one-year period, with the opportunity to request a one-year no-cost time extension if necessary. The no-cost extension may be granted after the grant committee has judged sufficient progress has been made during the first year of funding. The funds can be used to support travel for the PI or other designated staff member to facilitate face-to-face discussions in support of the developing partnership, hosting expenses related to visits to Ann Arbor by the international partner, and other supplies or services pertinent to the effort. These funds cannot be used to purchase computers or equipment or cover personal effort.

At the end of the funding period, grant recipients will be asked to provide a 1-2 page report describing the use of funds, the status of the developing collaborative relationship, the vision for next steps in the partnership, and barriers to relationship development that have been identified. We also hope that grant recipients will give a brief presentation (if asked) on the impact of their efforts at partnership development at a Global Health Initiatives Forum session.

### **Application Process**

Applications should be limited to 5 pages in total and submitted as a single pdf thru UMMS Competition Space at <https://umms.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1770315> by **April 15, 2018**, and should include the following:

- A. Details regarding the potential partnership:
  1. Who is the partner, and at what institution is he/she appointed?
  2. How did you arrive at this partnership? What is the academic / scholarly background supporting this collaborative work, and what preliminary steps have already been taken to forge a relationship?
  3. Describe the partnership being developed, what will this entail and what are the expected outcomes?
- B. What metrics would you use to measure the success of this partnership? (i.e, if this partnership is successful, what papers would be written, what grants would be sought, what educational frameworks would be developed, what educational exchanges would take place, etc.)
- C. How does global health scholarship fit into your overall career?
- D. A brief budget outlining intended use of funds
- E. Applicant's Other Support document (not included in 5-page limit)

### **Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed by the Directors of Global REACH with preference for the following:

1. Evidence of exploratory discussions or dialogue with the partner who would provide a letter of support for the proposal. Shared interest in a specific plan (rather than just visits to discover a potential plan) is expected.
2. Advanced plans with a process map for refining a protocol, study, or education initiative.
3. An explanation of where funding could be sourced to sustain the project, if successful.
4. Although not an absolute requirement, partnerships with individuals in our platform countries in Asia, Africa and South America will be viewed most favorably. Initiatives in settings where UM faculty are currently active will be prioritized over settings where there is no UM activity.

We anticipate notification of award decisions by May 7, 2018.

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