

NANCY SANDERS MEMORIAL FACULTY RESEARCH ABROAD GRANT



Introduction

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) of West Virginia University Health Sciences invites annual submissions of Pilot Grant proposals focused on the development or expansion of global health scholarly projects. The main purpose of this award is to create new, long-term, self-sustaining global activities to benefit Health Sciences and WVU. A total of \$10,000.00 for one year is available for supporting faculty research collaboration efforts abroad.

Eligibility

Applicants must be appointed as full-time faculty with primary appointments within Health Sciences at the time of application. Applications for collaborative research projects, particularly those involving faculty in different schools and/or institutions of Health Sciences willing to collaborate with their international colleagues on common healthcare related disciplines that are currently challenging in WV, are encouraged. A Health Sciences faculty member must be the principal investigator (PI) on the collaborative research project. Please note that in no instance will a faculty member be awarded more than one award, nor be considered competitively in subsequent years after having received an award.

Selection Criteria

Projects that are innovative, interdisciplinary, capitalize on Health Sciences programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding will be prioritized for GEO funding. Priority is also given to faculty who have not received prior funding from the GEO. Proposals will be reviewed by the GEO Award Committee based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Responsiveness of the application to global health. Projects must be directly relevant to global health or related healthcare disciplines.
- ✓ Scientific merit: Proposals will be judged on impact, feasibility, leveraging of existing resources, and the expertise of the investigators. Proposals that are innovative, interdisciplinary, capitalize on Health Sciences programmatic strengths, and which have the best potential for long-term sustainability will be prioritized for GEO funding.

Proposal Requirements

All applicants are required to submit a completed proposal. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. A completed proposal will include the following items and abide by the rules and requirements provided below (e.g., one paragraph summary of research goals):

- ✓ A cover page, which includes the PI's name, title, department, telephone number, e-mail address, title of project, grant administrator, and summary of direct costs required

- ✓ A one-paragraph summary of the most important aims of the research collaboration project
- ✓ An introduction and rationale, which should summarize how completion of the major objectives would increase the scientific body of research in the field, to make the continuing application competitive for extramural funding
- ✓ A specific aim summary, which should briefly outline how the project can be completed within the allocated timeframe
- ✓ A preliminary data summary, if applicable, that is directly relevant to the proposal
- ✓ A research design summary, which includes a brief explanation of training or techniques that will be employed, including documentation of the process to ensure applicable approvals for research involving the use of human subjects, animals, pathogenic organisms, radioactive materials, or recombinant DNA
- ✓ A budget, using [PHS 398; FORM 4](#)
- ✓ [NIH Biosketches](#) of personnel engaged in study
 - *Limit all biosketches and letters of support from department chairs to two (2) pages.*
- ✓ The names and titles of peers, with whom the research collaboration project will be conducted, as well as their institutional affiliations abroad

Submission Requirements

Completed proposals should be submitted electronically to the Global Engagement Program Manager at Joanna.DiStefano@hsc.wvu.edu. Submissions must be received by the close of business (5:30 P.M.) on Friday, October 18, 2019.

Additional Notes & Contact Information

Complete proposals will be reviewed by the GEO Awards Committee. Recipients of the Nancy Sanders Memorial Faculty Research Abroad Grant will be announced by Friday, November 1, 2019. For any question, please contact the GEO.

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