February 15, 2024

**Global Cardiovascular Health Program**

**Interdisciplinary Team Science Pilot Grants**

**Request for Applications**

Dear Colleagues,

The Global Cardiovascular Health Program—a joint collaboration of the Division of Cardiology and the Department of Global Health—was established in November, 2021 to harness interdisciplinary expertise on campus to drive innovation that will improve cardiovascular health outcomes in diverse settings around the world.

The GCHP is now soliciting applications for ***Interdisciplinary Team Science Pilot Grants*** which will stimulate new inter- and trans-disciplinary collaborations in the field of global cardiovascular health. **We plan to fund one award of up to $50,000 to start July 1st, 2024.**

**Eligibility**

* Each application must have a multi-principal investigator (MPI) structure. Co-PIs must be faculty members from two (or more) different departments or disciplines within the University (Examples: Nursing and Medicine, Cardiology and Endocrinology, Bioengineering and Global Health). At least one of the PIs must have a primary or joint appointment in the Department of Global Health or the Division of Cardiology. Post-doctoral fellows, residents, graduate students, and research associates are not eligible to apply, but may be part of the research team.
* Additional MPIs or co-investigators from other countries are strongly encouraged in order to ensure equitable and engaged local partnerships.
* Research across the entire spectrum of translational science is permitted, from basic discovery to clinical research to population health and implementation science; however, investigators should clearly demonstrate the potential global cardiovascular health impacts of the proposed research. Projects that involve global to local reciprocal innovation are also within scope.
* If you are a Cardiology faculty member, to remain eligible for future funding from the Locke Foundation you must attend at least 50% of the monthly faculty and fellow research conferences.

**Application Instructions**

All applications must be single spaced, 11-point Arial Font, 0.5-inch narrow margins. An application will consist of a title page, budget, research strategy, biosketches, and letters of support as described below.

1. **Title Page**
   1. Title
   2. Principal Investigators’ Names, School/Department/Division, and email addresses. Please indicate who is serving as the “contact PI”.
   3. Lay summary: 3-4 sentences written at 7th grade language level or below
2. **Budget**

Provide a 12-24 month budget not to exceed $50,000 total along with an accompanying budget justification. Please describe the source of any matching funds or existing grants on which the proposal will build. The following limitations will apply to any pilot funding requested for this application (does not apply to existing or matching funds):

* 1. Faculty salary support must be limited to 10% of the total award ($5,000), although support for post-docs or research assistants is not restricted.
  2. Funds cannot be used for equipment >$5,000
  3. A fee of 5% is required as a gift assessment for these funds, please include this in your budget. More info can be found at <https://www.washington.edu/giving/assessment/>

1. **Research Strategy**

The following sections must be included (a-g not to exceed 6 pages total)

* 1. Specific Aims (~ ½ page)
  2. Background and Significance (~ 1 page)
  3. Approach (~ 2 pages)
  4. Impact and targeted future funding sources (<½ page)
  5. Structure of the study team, including individual investigator roles/responsibilities and any career development opportunities for junior investigators (<½ page)
  6. Equity and Inclusion (<½ page). Please describe how this project will foster equitable relationships with partners in other countries and/or promote the diversity, equity and inclusion goals of the University.
  7. Timeline and deliverables (<½ page)
  8. Literature Cited (~½ page; not included in 6 page limit)

1. **Biosketches**

Please submit an NIH format biosketch for each of the MPIs and any other key personnel

1. **Letters of Support**

Each co-PI should submit a letter of support from their department chair, division chief, or dean. The letter should attest to the environment and resources available to the investigators (including any matching funds or in-kind contributions) as well as the value of this proposal to stimulate new collaborations in global cardiovascular health. Additional letters of support from co-investigators, country partners, or other key stakeholders are allowed but not required.

**Review Process**All proposals will be reviewed internally by a panel of cardiology and global health reviewers. Applications will be prioritized according to these criteria:

* Scientific impact on cardiovascular health globally
* Feasibility of success (approach, investigative team, record of PIs, intellectual and physical environment)
* Likelihood of impact on future extramural funding of applicant and team members
* Likelihood of fostering new and/or sustained engagement with the UW Global Cardiovascular Health Program

**Reporting Requirements**

Grantees are required to submit an interim progress report mid-way through the grant funding period and a final report after completion of all study activities. A reminder and template for this reporting will be provided at the appropriate time.

**Timeline**

* February 15: RFA issued
* April 19: Deadline to submit proposal
* May 31: Final funding decision made and dispositions sent by email
* July 1: Funding starts

Please submit applications to [globalcardio@uw.edu](mailto:globalcardio@uw.edu) in the form of a single pdf file by e-mail before 5:00pm Pacific Time on Friday, April 19th.