Community for Global Health Equity
Call for Applications for Funding Support

Motivation:

The Community for Global Health Equity (CGHE) seeks to foster novel scholarship that harnesses the power of transdisciplinary collaboration to address the complex sets of barriers to achieving global health equity. The goal is to support the entities who most influence global health—to assist the leaders, organizations, policy makers, and practitioners that can reduce or eliminate barriers to improved health and well-being.

Through the generous support of the leadership at the University at Buffalo, funding support is available to foster the work of transdisciplinary teams in advancing global health equity in a variety of topics. These funds are intended to initiate, develop, and enhance collaborations among UB faculty, and with external partners. The opportunity described below is *separate* from theme-specific efforts of CGHE to advance transdisciplinary scholarship in food equity and air pollution.

Proposals must:
- have a clearly articulated global health equity challenge and the opportunity for UB faculty to make a unique contribution to understanding and/or addressing the challenge
- identify entities or populations that will benefit from the project

Applicants are encouraged to seek financial or in-kind support from their departments or other sources, and describe this support in the application.

Eligibility:
- Project teams consisting of a minimum of 2 UB tenured or tenure-track faculty who have not previously been funded internally or externally for the proposed project are eligible. Other members of the team may include faculty in qualified lines, staff, or students
- Individual faculty with proposal ideas but who do not have a UB collaborator are encouraged to contact Dr. Lisa Vahapoğlu (lisalenk@buffalo.edu), Program Coordinator for Community for Global Health Equity (https://www.buffalo.edu/globalhealthequity.html), at their earliest convenience.

Application process:

Please email complete applications, including all materials outlined below, **in one Microsoft Word document** to Dr. Pavani K. Ram, pkram@buffalo.edu. Applications must be submitted by 5 pm on March 31, 2017.

Application materials

- **Format**
  - Cover page (1-page)
    - Title
    - Names / affiliations / roles / responsibilities of faculty team
    - Names / affiliations / core functions of partner organizations

  - Proposal (3-page maximum, single-spaced)
    - Rationale
      - Significance of the problem: clearly articulated global health equity challenge faced in low- and middle-income countries, and the opportunity for collaboration among UB faculty to address the challenge; the rationale for the project must articulate the potential to make a significant impact in improving equity
    - Team
      - description of strengths of the assembled team
      - disciplinary, methodological, and / or contextual contributions of each team member
      - a clear articulation of why the assembled team is uniquely poised to address the global health equity challenge
    - Methods
      - Project objectives
      - Project site and partner organizations
      - Detailed methods / implementation plan, addressing each proposed objective

  - Long view / vision (500 words)
    - Describe the 3- to 5-year research agenda that will be advanced the proposed project. Please include 3-5 additional research questions for which future funding would be sought.
    - Identify 2-3 specific calls for applications from external agencies demonstrating interest in the proposed topic or related topics

  - References
    - No page limit
  - Knowledge products
    - Examples include publication in peer-reviewed journal, presentation at an academic forum, or a working paper.
    - A numbered or bulleted list is satisfactory.

  - Timeline
    - Not to exceed two calendar years

- **Budget**
  - Maximum allowable budget is $50,000
  - Line item budget in Sponsored Projects Services format
  - Budget justification
    - For faculty, only summer salary is allowable.
  - Identification of direct or in-kind support from other UB or external entities

Contributions to CGHE

Successful teams will be asked to:

- Draft 3 blog posts of 350-500 words each for sharing on the CGHE public website
- Present plans for the project at a Global Health Dialogue hosted by CGHE
- Submit findings to an academic, peer-reviewed journal or discipline-specific publication within 12 months of completion of data collection
- Submit an application for funding exceeding $100,000 within 12 months of completion of project activities

Review process

An ad-hoc independent reviewer group, comprised of UB faculty, will review submitted proposals. Reviews will be used by the leadership team in the selection process. The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development will make the final awards. Award notifications will be issued on or around May 31, 2017.

Information session

An information session will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 4 pm in Rm 220 Hayes Hall, South Campus.

Contact

Questions or requests for clarification may be submitted to Dr. Pavani K. Ram at pkram@buffalo.edu.