PAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK FOR GLOBAL HEALTH (PUNGH)
CALL FOR CAPACITY BUILDING SEED GRANTS
DUE 1 APRIL 2016

The Pan University Network for Global Health (PUNGH) announces the availability of pilot funding for network member institutions to conduct **educational and capacity building activities**.

Founded in 2014, PUNGH consists of six founding member institutions and faculty researchers. For more information, see http://sites.psu.edu/globalhealthnetwork. The network focus includes two priority areas:

1. Urbanization and Health

2. Intersection of Infectious Diseases and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

In late 2014, pilot funding was awarded to research projects within these thematic areas. **To expand network impact and activities, this round of funding is to develop educational and research capacity through the network themes**. Potential projects include course development, training modules, reciprocal methods exchange, or other activities that utilize member expertise and build local capacity in an assessable way.

FUNDING TYPE

For this round of funding, we are seeking proposals for educational and capacity building activities between network members and institutions. <u>Up to $10,000USD in total has been allocated for these projects; the number of awards will be determined by the budgets of funded projects</u>. It is anticipated that most funded projects will be completed by 1 April 2017. Funds are non-renewable.

Projects should relate to the network themes and engage multiple network institutional and individual members. Projects should lead to future projects and should include potential sources for subsequent funding.

The intent of these funds is to encourage new partnerships within the network. Faculty from participating network institutions may apply. If there are existing international partnerships involving two institutions, a minimum of one additional network institution must be proposed. If this proposal is for a new partnership, two institutions from different countries are adequate. Due to funding restrictions for this round of funding, teams must include one Penn State investigator.

Proposals are due <u>1 April 2016</u>. Email questions and proposals to <u>winchester@psu.edu</u>.

PROPOSAL

All proposals should be a maximum of four (4) pages, not including the timeline and budget. Proposals should be collated into a single pdf file, with the primary applicant's surname in the file name.

1) Abstract (no more than 250 words): The abstract should give a layperson's overview of the project, including the purpose and goals. This abstract will be posted on the network web portal.

2) Specific Aims and Rationale (1/2-page max.): State the objectives of the proposed plan and an overview and statement of project goals for the proposed project

3) Background and Significance (1/2-page max.): Describe the importance of the proposed topic or team of collaborators in relation to the priority areas.

4) Methods or Strategy for Creating Collaboration (2 pages max.): Describe methods and activities that will be used to complete the collaborative effort or capacity building project.

5) Potential for future network collaborations/projects (1/2 page max.): Describe how the proposed project or collaborative effort will lead to future network collaborations, projects, scholarly output, or engagement activities.

6) Outcomes of the capacity building project or initiative: How will the project be assessed? Who will benefit from the project? Will the community be involved? What are the potential impacts?

7) Timeline (1 page max.): Describe the project timeline. Please indicate key deliverables.

8) Budget and Budget Justification: Please include a detailed budget and a justification for each line item. Funding may not be used for faculty salaries.

9) A description of each partner and the role each will play in the proposed project. Alternatively, an investigator who has not identified a specific network partner can describe the role such a partner would need to play.

10) A brief bio-sketch (3 pages maximum) for key personnel should be included.

REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed by the Global Health Network, Pilot Funding Steering committee. For institutional members who would like to submit a proposal and have not identified partners, please email network coordinator Margaret Winchester (winchester@psu.edu), in advance of the proposal deadline for assistance in building teams.

Awards

All proposals will receive feedback and, if not funded initially, suggestions will be offered to improve chances of funding in the future. Proposals that leverage the network and have concrete objectives and deliverables will be prioritized. Proposals must focus on initiatives that would not be possible without the involvement of the network. Innovation and potential for sustainable collaborative relationships and future work among partners will also be evaluated. The number of awarded proposals will depend on the quality, alignment with PUNGH's strategic objectives, and funding. Funded projects must be completed within 12 months. Each application will be reviewed by at least 3 partners, including 1 partner from a university not involved with the application.

Deliverables

Awardees are expected to 1) deliver an update and overview of the funded project at the next network meeting and 2) produce midterm and final reports on outcomes with key deliverables attached (e.g. agenda from meeting, manuscript, grant proposal).