



**Sowing the Seeds of Collaboration: UMMS International Health Planning Grants**  
Request for Applications  
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Applications must be received by: **Friday, May 1, 2009**

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During the past decade, the Medical School has witnessed a surge in student and faculty interest in global health issues. As of our most recent tally, we had nearly 350 faculty members who reported international connections in more than 100 countries. Coinciding with this increased interest are enormous opportunities for extramural funding, including grant opportunities from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), NIH's Fogarty Center, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Fund, the World Bank, USAID, and others. Yet fundable proposals require pilot data, established connections, and preliminary evidence of the likelihood of success.

To that end, Global REACH, together with the Senior Associate Dean for Research, announce the availability of four \$10,000 grants for UMMS faculty to pursue international research, education, or collaboration efforts.

**Objectives:**

The objectives of these planning grants are for faculty to:

- 1) establish relationships that will lead to future collaborative efforts in research or education
- 2) to explore potential partnerships that will provide mutually beneficial outcomes for UMMS and the partner institution
- 3) gather enough information to submit a larger grant within a year of the expiration of these planning grants

The expected outcome of this planning grant will be an NIH/Fogarty Center or other international research grant proposal.

**Individuals Eligible to Become Principal Investigators**

Any individual with an MD or PhD who has a faculty appointment in the Medical School is eligible to apply.

**Where to Send Inquiries**

Inquiries can be directed to [camoyer@umich.edu](mailto:camoyer@umich.edu).

### **Application Specifics**

Applications should be as brief as possible while still providing a complete picture of why the proposal is worth funding. Applications should not exceed 3 single-spaced pages. The following subheads are recommended, but not required:

- Abstract (not included in 3-page limit)
- Background and Significance
- Objectives
- Project Description
- Proposed Outcomes Beyond Grant Period
- \$10,000 Budget + Budget narrative (not included in the 3-page limit)
- NIH-style or brief biosketch (not included in the 3-page limit)

In addition, applications should include a letter of support from the international institution or individual with whom collaboration is proposed.

### **Submitting an Application**

Applications must be e-mailed as an attachment to [sarahrom@umich.edu](mailto:sarahrom@umich.edu) by 5pm on Friday, May 1, 2009.

### **Review Process and Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed by a team of international health researchers and scored based upon: likelihood of future funding, likelihood of long-term benefit, relative need of country in question, relative importance of topic being addressed, quality of proposal's argument, and the proposed allocation of budgetary resources.