University of Illinois at Chicago Friends of Global Health Professional Development Award

The University of Illinois Foundation has received donations to support the Center for Global Health “Friends of Global Health” Fund.

This fund supports the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine, Center for Global Health (CGH) professional development programming in low and middle-income countries.

The focus of this award will be to support the professional development of a clinician, researcher, or advocate from a low-middle income country to become a “Global Health Change Maker”.

Due to the 2020 global pandemic and ongoing travel restrictions this will be a remote/virtual professional development opportunity.

The “Friends of Global Health” will fund up to 4 professional development opportunities. This is open to global health leaders who reside full-time in Low and Middle Income Countries. Each ‘Friends of Global Health’ awardee will receive compensation of $2,000 USD.

Applicants will need to apply based on timeline below to participate in the professional development opportunity.

Please review and select one of the following activities:

A. Three-month remote training in an area of clinical or research expertise. This activity will be part of an ongoing or new collaboration between the LMIC institution and CGH. A CGH mentor identified for the awardee will design a short curriculum including: lectures from UIC faculty experts, one-on-one Q&A sessions, a lecture to CGH from the awardee. A pre-training meeting, as well as a questionnaire, will be required to identify the goals of the program. An evaluation will be then completed at the end of the training.

B. A collaborative scholarly activity that will allow a young investigator from an LMIC institution already collaborating with CGH to accomplish a collaborative manuscript, or research project design. This will be carried out with regular meetings with a CGH partner for 3 months, and will require a pre-program agreed plan, as well as a report/manuscript draft within one month after completion of the 3-month program.

C. A research collaboration based on a project that will allow the LMIC awardee to apply as PI for funding from a LMIC agency. The award could be used to co-fund a project led by the LMIC PI and a CGH co-I submitted for funding to a national public or private LMIC agency.

To apply, each applicant must:
1. Describe in 500 words or less their area of expertise and how they want to use this experience to become a Global Health clinical or research leader;

2. Provide which category they are applying for A, B or C noted above and document a detailed description in 500 words or less the goals and a proposal for a three-month project including a detailed description of type of training and mentorship, or research collaboration at UIC is being sought for this professional development activity, including Department/Division/Faculty of interest (if applicable);

3. Include a copy of your CV and Personal Statement which will include prior clinical and/or scholarly experience, achievements, and leadership role in global health;

4. Letter of Support from Home Institution to participate

Each submission will be reviewed by a committee designated by CGH to assess the strength of the application related to the proposed activities related to advancing research, scholarship, and/or education.

CGH will ensure that mentorship is tailored to the specific individual related to research, scholarship and education.

Timeline:

Open: December 1, 2020

Submission by: 5:00pm Central Standard Time January 8, 2021

Notification of Proposal Approval: January 23, 2021

Submit Applications to: Nicole Gonzalez, Research Specialist
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