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**IMPACT ACCELERATOR GRANT APPLICATION**

**Background**

The Center for Global Health Equity (CGHE) brings together faculty from across all three campuses of the University of Michigan (U-M), leveraging expertise from multiple disciplines in pursuit of novel solutions to global health challenges that can positively impactcommunities in low- and middle-income (LMIC) settings. Based on potential for impact, institutional strengths, and perceived needs, the Center has identified the following [four thematic priorities](https://globalhealthequity.umich.edu/aboutcenter/) to guide collaborations and funding programs:

* *Strengthening systems to improve health and health equity*, including creative approaches with the private sector (human resource development, collaborative care models, supply-chain, and access)
* *Addressing and informing policy on the social and environmental determinants of health* (climate change, food security, education, health economics, and economic development)
* *Developing technical solutions for health equity* (artificial intelligence and data science approaches, telehealth tools, and systems)
* *Empowering women* as effectors of health for themselves, their families, and their communities

**Funding Purposes and Requirements**

CGHE Impact Accelerator Grants support projects that catalyze novel ideas and collaborations that will help people live healthier and longer lives. This grant program supports co-designed projects that have been developed with a global partner. Proposals without a strong collaborative focus with partners in LMICs are unlikely to be successful.

Preference will be given to proposals that pursue action-oriented projects focused on designing, piloting, or testing solutions that improve health outcomes for people in LMIC contexts (that is, moving beyond conceptualizing problems or defining/studying research questions).

*Grant amount supported: $35,000–$100,000*

*Project Duration: 12–24 months*

Proposals must meet the following criteria:

1. Focus on needs or problems identified by collaborators within LMIC settings.
2. Align with at least one of the [four thematic priorities](https://globalhealthequity.umich.edu/aboutcenter/) of the Center
3. Pursue innovative, action-oriented, and/or translational projects that design, pilot, or test solutions that improve health outcomes for people in LMIC contexts.
4. Be co-designed and implemented with a global collaborator. This includes ensuring local/community perspectives, voices and participation in the design, implementation and evaluation of the initiative/project.
5. Demonstrate a clearly articulated ‘line of sight’ to impact health for those living in LMICs (i.e., if implemented, how could this project ultimately cause people to live longer or healthier lives?)
6. Advance multidisciplinary collaboration by engaging at least 3 U-M Schools/Colleges/Units within the project team.
7. Include a comprehensive budget that addresses the needs of all collaborators to maximize involvement
8. Confirm that all U-M faculty on the project are members of the CGHE, or agree to become members (view application [here](https://globalhealthequity.umich.edu/membership/become-member)). Non-UM project team members are encouraged to affiliate with the CGHE as Associate members, but this is not required.

While not required, preference will be given to projects that include some external or matching support and/or strengthen the research capacity of global collaborators.

**Submission and Review Process**Applicants are encouraged to consult with CGHE leadership, project managers, and/or relevant Challenge Groups as proposals are being developed to seek feedback on ideas, identify potential collaborators, and address any questions about the grant criteria. Applications must include:

* Application form (please see page 3 of this document)
* [Budget request](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RObfVNEk9pbxRxcEoBLg9in_dZawbbUH/edit#gid=1095802463) and [budget justification](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14756w9pzLFtHyZNlReOZFvHr5UWmjimG/edit)
* Endorsement by the respective school/college Dean for the U-M project leader. This can take the form of an email or letter to the faculty lead on the grant application expressing support for the proposed project.
* Confirmation of Global Partner’s involvement. This can take the form of an email or letter to the U-M faculty lead from your Global Partner co-lead indicating their willingness to co-design the project and describing how the potential results could meaningfully contribute to improved health in the local community or country.

Please submit application materials to Kelly Espinoza (kaespino@med.umich.edu). All submissions will be followed by a pitch to the CGHE Leadership team to present the proposal and allow for questions/clarifications. Application decisions will be provided within six to eight weeks of submission.

**Reporting and Communication**Project leaders will ensure that the following reporting and communication activities are completed:

1. Provide periodic progress updates to the CGHE through project kick off, midpoint and endpoint meetings.
2. Present a final report detailing activities completed, results, lessons learned, and next steps.
3. Liaise with the CGHE communications team to create materials and articles on the implementation and impact of the project.
4. Connect with a relevant [Challenge Group](https://globalhealthequity.umich.edu/membership/challenge-groups) or other community of practice at the CGHE to share project updates and results.

**IMPACT ACCELERATOR GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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1. **What is the title of your Project?**
2. **What is the amount requested and duration of the project[[2]](#footnote-2)**:

Amount Requested:

Duration:

1. **Please provide the following information for all members of the U-M and Global Partner joint project team:**

*Name:*

*Title:*

*Organization:*

*Primary U-M Affiliation (School, College, Department as applicable, please note for the purposes of this application, we do not consider dry appointments):*

*Project Role (Describe the tasks that the project team member would work on)*

1. **Please describe how the team (U-M Members and Global Partners) worked together to identify the problem/need and co-design the project. How were ideas shared and decisions made about the design of the proposal?**
2. **What health equity problem(s) does this proposal address? Address any aspects of the problem that demonstrate a particularly urgent or critical need. Please incorporate descriptive statistics and supporting literature.**
3. **How does this project advance one or more of the Center’s thematic priorities? In terms of building community, which CGHE Challenge group or other community of practice is best aligned with the project?**
4. **What are the overall objectives of this proposal?**
5. **What are the main activities of the proposed project?**
6. **What do you want to accomplish with this project? What are the expected results or outcomes?**
7. **How will this project lead to people living healthier or longer lives in LMIC contexts? Include a description of how this project would contribute to further work towards impact in this space.**
8. **Does this proposal connect to or build on other projects or grants? If yes, please describe how this proposal is connected to the existing project and explain what new activities will be pursued with CGHE funding. How will expected outputs/outcomes of the existing project be different as a result of this CGHE funding?**
9. **The sustainability of projects is an important factor CGHE considers when choosing which projects to fund: What other funders have you applied to for this work? And/or what other funders do you plan to apply to for this work? Please provide funders name, funding mechanism (if possible), and estimated amount requested.**
10. **Please include a budget and budget justification. Utilizing these templates will facilitate application review and ensure that key expenses are included.**

[Budget request](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RObfVNEk9pbxRxcEoBLg9in_dZawbbUH/edit#gid=1095802463) and [budget justification](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14756w9pzLFtHyZNlReOZFvHr5UWmjimG/edit)

1. Note that typically, applications are 5-10 pages [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The grant clock will start from the time when the project kicks off. The project should start within 6 months of the notice of award. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)