UC Irvine Global Health Framework Request for Proposals

Global Health Research and Travel Fellowships for UCI Students and Junior Scientists

With a grant from the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health, the UC Irvine Global Health Framework was established in 2008-2009. The overarching objective of the Global Health Framework program is to coordinate and enhance the global health education, research, and outreach activities on campus. With additional support from the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), the program is pleased to announce the availability of 3 Global Health Student Research and Travel Fellowships for undergraduate students, 2 fellowships for graduate or medical students, and one fellowship for postdoctoral fellows or junior faculty.

Eligibility for 2011 award:

Applicants for the Global Health Student Research and Travel Fellowships must be matriculated full-time undergraduate, graduate, or medical students at UCI in excellent academic standing. The awardees are required to identify a mentor at UCI and a mentor from the international site who is willing to host and provide logistical support to the research of the awardees. Applicants for Global Health Junior Scientist Research and Travel Fellowship should be full-time postdoctoral fellows or assistant professors at UCI who will carry out pilot projects with collaborators in international institutes (preferably in developing countries) in the area of global health.

Awards:

The travel fellowships will cover travel expenses, including flight airfare (economy class), accommodation, and subsistence expenses. The program will NOT provide tuition and stipend support for the awardees. Research supplies and related expenses are expected to be covered by the faculty mentor or the international collaborator.

- **Global Health Undergraduate Student Research and Travel Fellowships**: a maximum of $5,000 in direct costs. The project should be completed during summer 2011, or one quarter in the academic year of 2011-2012.
- **Global Health Graduate (or Medical) Student Research and Travel Fellowships**: a maximum of $7,000 in direct costs, and the project must be completed before May 31, 2012.
- **Global Health Junior Scientist Research and Travel Fellowship**: a maximum of $12,000 in direct costs, and the project must be completed before May 31, 2012.

Review Criteria

- **Scientific merit** – the significance of the problems addressed; clear specific aim; innovation or originality of proposed work.
- **Synergy with existing projects** – the projects should be developed under the joint direction of UCI mentors and the mentors in the international institutes, to either enhance existing collaborations or facilitate new collaborations.
- **Institutional resources and research infrastructure to perform the proposed experiments** – the projects should be built on available resources and infrastructure to enhance the feasibility.
• **NOTE:** Previous awardees of the fellowship will not be reconsidered for funding.

**Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Progress**

The awardees are expected to 1) submit a progress report at the end of the project, and 2) to present results at the Global Health seminar series. In case of any unforeseen problems in carrying out the proposed research, the awardees should develop alternative approaches, under the guidance of the faculty mentors, to mitigate the problems.

**Application**

- The cover form must be completed (see attached).
- The application should be no more than three pages in length (excluding the cover form and literature cited). It should describe the goals of the research, significance, methods used, and include a feasibility assessment. It should also include an estimated budget broken down into categories such as accommodations, flight, meals, ground transportation, and other subsistence items. For meals and accommodations, a daily rate or per diem should be provided.
- A letter of support by a faculty mentor from UCI is required.
- A letter from the collaborator in the international institute stating the resource and infrastructure support is required.
- The application should be submitted by e-mail, in Microsoft Word or PDF format, to Stephanie Uiga (suiga@uci.edu).

**Additional conditions of award**

- To use fellowship funds for flight airfare, awardees must, in accordance with the Fly America Act, depart from and return to the United States on a U.S. flag carrier.
- When appropriate, applications must obtain approvals from IACUC for Vertebrate Animals use or from IRB for Human Subjects Research Protection before the award is made. It is advised the applicants for student travel fellowships develop the research plans based on existing IACUC or IRB protocols.
- All awardees are expected to attend a workshop on responsible conduct of research.
- All publications and presentations supported by the award should acknowledge support provided by the "NIH John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences, Award Number 5 R25 TW008125-02."

**Deadlines and review schedule**

- March 31, 2011 Application deadline
- April-May, 2011 Award announcement
Application for
UCI Global Health Travel Fellowships

Cover sheet

Applicant Name: _________________________  UCI ID Number: _________________________

Email Address: ___________________________  Phone: _____________________________

Department: ____________________________________________________________________

I am applying for:

______ Global Health Undergraduate Student Travel Fellowships
______ Global Health Graduate (or Medical) Student Travel Fellowships
______ Global Health Junior Scientist Travel Fellowship

UCI Faculty Sponsor:

Name: ________________________________
Email: _______________________________
Department: __________________________

International sponsor:

Name: __________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Institute name and address: _______________________________________________________
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_____________________________________________________________________________
Country: _________________________________

Preferred starting date: ___________________________
Anticipated completion date: _______________________
Total amount of requested funding: _____________________