

2020 CALL FOR LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSIONS – MP3 INITIATIVE SEED GRANTS

The goal of the MP3 Initiative is to facilitate and grow basic and applied infectious disease research across scales at Emory University, from molecules and pathogens within hosts to populations and pandemics. The main way in which the initiative will accomplish this is to provide sizable seed grants to interdisciplinary teams of researchers, to provide proof-of-concept and preliminary results for subsequent applications for research grants, program grants, center grants and training grants. An explicit requirement of funding through this program is therefore the subsequent submission of extramural grants. Importantly, to fully establish interdisciplinary research programs, seed grants are only awarded to teams of researchers from different schools at Emory University. Furthermore, partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Carter Center are strongly encouraged.

Due Dates

- Letter of Intent Due – February 28, 2020
- Full Application Due – April 15, 2020
- Award Notification – June 1, 2020
- Funding Begins – September 1, 2020

Project Eligibility

- Proposals must specifically address cross-scale infectious disease dynamics; grants will not be awarded for research within one scale of biological organization.
- Proposals must build on new collaborations or research directions.

Applicant Eligibility

- Consist of two faculty members from at least two different units (e.g. SOM and ECAS, SOM and RSPH, ECAS and CDC)
- Hold a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) or equivalent degree.
- Faculty teams must include at least one junior faculty member.
- Be qualified to conduct and mentor a program of original research within their own laboratory

Funding: Budget Maximums

- \$200k for teams of 2 faculty
- \$250k for teams of 3 plus faculty
- \$300k for teams of 4+ faculty

Funding: Duration

- Up to 2 years.

Requirements: The principal investigator(s) must:

- Awardees will commit to submitting R01 or R01-like grant (for teams of 2 faculty) or program or center grant (for teams of 3 plus faculty)
- Submit a progress report and respond to subsequent requests for updates on any outcomes.
- Present the progress and results of the project as requested.

**All applicants must apply through new MP3 online grant portal (opens by February 1, 2020).*

For LOI template and further instructions, please contact Todd Swink at tswink@emory.edu. You can also visit our website at <http://whsc.emory.edu/mppp/index.html>.