

## Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants

### Burroughs Wellcome Fund

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**Website:** <https://www.bwfund.org/funding-opportunities/climate-change-and-human-health/climate-change-and-human-health-seed-grants/>

**Submission Limitations:** None

**Foundation LOI Deadline:** Next Deadline of Rolling Proposal Review is **October 10, 2021** (by 4:00 PM ET).

*Please contact Tiffany Worboy and your RAS unit to inform them of your intent to submit.*

### Overview:

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund aims to stimulate growth of new connections between scholars working *in largely disconnected fields* who might together change the course of climate change's impact on human health.

Over the next two years, the foundation will dedicate \$1M to supporting small, early stage grants of \$2,500 - \$50,000 toward achieving this goal.

### Areas of interest:

- **Linking basic/early biomedical science to climate-focused thinking**
  - BWF is particularly in activities that build connections between basic/early biomedical scientific approaches and ecological, environmental, geological, geographic, and planetary-scale thinking, as well as with population-focused fields including epidemiology and public health, demography, economics, and urban planning.
- **Sustainability in health care systems, health care delivery outside institutions, and biomedical research**
  - Also of interest is work piloting new approaches or new interactions toward reducing the impact of health-centered activities, for example, developing more sustainable systems for health care, care delivery, and biomedical research systems.
- **Health impacts and health systems impacts of extreme weather events and other crises**
  - Another area of interest is preparation for the impacts of extreme weather and other crises that can drive large-scale disruptions that will immediately impact human health and delivery of health care.
- **Outreach, communication, and education around climate and human health**
  - Public outreach, climate communication, and education efforts focused on the intersection of climate and health are also appropriate for this call.

### Eligibility:

- This call focuses on developing partnerships. This program does not support biomedical research projects proposed by individual investigators.
- Proposals from single institutions must develop partnerships that do not already occur naturally.
- Proposals from more than one institution are responsive.

### Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on:

- the logic of the proposed activity;
- its potential impact on stimulating development of effective partnerships that may influence understanding of the interplay between climate change and human health or model effective approaches to changing how people, systems, places, or organizations think about the impact of climate change on human health.

In 2021, proposals involving gathering people should include a description of a backup plan for proceeding if COVID-19 concerns again limit contact between participants.

**Deadlines:**

Proposals will be accepted on a **rolling basis** from September 1, 2021 through August 30, 2023. Review will be conducted quarterly.

- Next Proposal Review October 2021
- Next Notice of Award By end of October 2021
- Next Awards' Start Date December 2021
- Next Awards' End Date December 2022