

## 2021 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.

*The 2021 MP3 Seed Grant Cycle will be combined with the special COVID-19 cycles from last year. All research areas of infectious disease are encouraged to submit.*

### **Due Dates**

- Letter of Intent Due – December 1, 2020
- Invitation for Full Application – February 1, 2021
- Full Application Due – April 15, 2021
- Award Notification – June 1, 2021
- Funding Begins – September 1, 2021

### **Project Eligibility**

- Proposals must specifically address cross-scale infectious disease dynamics; grants will not be awarded for research within one scale of biological organization.
- Proposal 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 our online grant portal.

[LOI Portal](#)

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