



**A Call for Student-Initiated Project Grants in Healthcare Innovation**  
**Deadlines: December 6, 2019 Letter of Intent; January 15, 2020 Full Proposal**

**I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION**

The Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP), in partnership with the Emory Synergy Award Program and the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA) is pleased to announce the fifth Round of Student-Initiated Project Grants in Healthcare Innovation. Grants will fund multi-disciplinary teams proposing innovative research and education projects that address issues of healthcare quality, costs, and/or access.

Two categories of grants will be considered: Research and Educational.

**RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS:**

**Purpose:** To enable an interdisciplinary team of student investigators to investigate a question and/or to develop technology that improves healthcare delivery quality, cost, or access.

**Funding:** Up to \$5,000 for one year.

**EDUCATION PROJECT GRANTS:**

**Purpose:** To enable an interdisciplinary team of student investigators to develop an educational program or offering that is focused on healthcare delivery quality, cost or access.

**Funding:** Up to \$5,000 for one year.

**II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

A major goal of this program is to stimulate collaboration across disciplines and organizational units. Therefore, each proposal must include:

Full-time students from at least two different health science academic units (e.g., schools or departments in medicine, nursing, public health, allied health, etc.) and at least one full-time student from a non-health science academic unit (e.g., business, engineering, computer science, law, etc).

Students must be undergraduate, graduate or professional school students at Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse School of Medicine and/or Georgia State University (GSU).

At least one Emory or Georgia Tech faculty advisor. (Funds will be issued to the faculty advisor/mentor).

### **III. LETTER OF INTENT**

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) via the [online form](#) no later than December 6, 2019, that includes:

- a. Descriptive title and short summary (less than 250 words) of the proposed project,
- b. Name(s), e-mail of the student,
- c. Name(s), e-mail of the Faculty Advisor,
- d. Estimate of proposed total budget (no details needed at this time, just total value)

LOIs will be screened and all applicants selected to submit final applications will be notified by December 20, 2019. Students are invited to attend a seed grant information session on October 30, 2019, in Rollins School of Public Health, CNR Building Room 1000, Emory University, from 12:00-1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance to [Maryam.carn@emory.edu](mailto:Maryam.carn@emory.edu).

### **IV. APPLICATION & SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Component	Format and Notes
Application Form (do not include a cover letter)	<a href="#">Click here to complete online application</a>
Project Summary (Abstract), Relevance, Project/Performance Sites, Senior/Key Personnel, Other Significant Contributors	Click here for fillable <a href="#">Word Document</a> . Upload single PDF file to online application form.
Project Narrative - Attach as one PDF Document that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The project plan (5-page limit, single-spaced)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief introduction outlining the background and context for the project;</li> <li>• The goals/questions to be addressed by the proposed project with specific aims;</li> <li>• A brief description of proposed methodology including data sources and technology employed;</li> <li>• The anticipated results of the project;</li> <li>• <i>For research project grants</i> - how the study results will impact healthcare delivery</li> <li>• <i>For education project grants</i> - how the study results will impact healthcare delivery quality, cost, or access</li> <li>• The significance of the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Figures</li> <li>c. References</li> </ol>	Upload single PDF file to online application form.
Detailed Budget	Click here for fillable <a href="#">Word Document</a> . Upload single PDF file to online application form.
Budget Justification	Click here for fillable <a href="#">Word Document</a> . Upload single PDF file to online application form.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Attach as one PDF Document that includes biosketches (4-page limit) for all key personnel, IRB/IACUC approvals (if applicable & if available), CITI Certs, Letters of Support or other relevant proposal materials)	Upload single PDF file to online application form.



**B. Submission Dates and Times** – All LOIs applications must be received by 6:00 pm on December 6, 2019 All final applications must be received by 6:00 pm on January 15, 2020.

**C. Sending an Application** - Applications with the components listed above are to be submitted using the [online application](#).

#### **D. Funding Restrictions**

Funds may be used for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and technical support that are directly related to the conduct of the project. Salary support for university faculty, hospital medical/nursing staff, student stipends, or administrative support is not appropriate.

Budget should include direct costs only.

Funding of applicants whose relevant certifications have not been provided within the first 3 months of the project may be rescinded. Funds cannot be transferred until relevant certifications (CITI, IRB, etc.) are provided.

Funding will be awarded to the faculty advisor/mentor via a journal transfer. Faculty advisor must be an Emory University or Georgia State University faculty member with an appropriate speed type in order to receive funding.

Equipment purchased including computers remain assigned to the faculty advisor.

#### **V. REVIEW CRITERIA**

The major criteria for evaluation by the review committee will be the creativity, inventiveness and quality of the project. The following criteria will also be included in the review committee's assessment:

- Project Plan of Action
- Significance
- Innovation
- Collaboration (the extent of inter-disciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration)
- Requisite skills and experience of applicants
- Budget (cost effectiveness and availability of any additional support/matching funds)
- The potential for subsequent extramural funding
- Potential for success
- Consistent with the [goals](#) of the Healthcare Innovation Program



## **VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Award Notices** - Award notices will be issued from the Health Innovation Program and will include information on who to contact to access award funds.

**Reporting** - All awardees are required to submit a progress report for their projects to their respective funding institutions and Georgia CTSA. The progress report deadline is 60 days past the award period end date. Failure to submit a timely progress report may result in exclusion from future Georgia CTSA award opportunities and support. In addition, the Georgia CTSA reserves the right to contact all awardees periodically in the future to continue tracking progress and outcomes of the resulting awards.

**Publicity** – Information about grants awarded under this program will be posted on the HIP and Georgia CTSA websites. Applicants must agree to credit HIP and the Georgia CTSA in any publications, grant applications and/or invention disclosures that result from awards. Citation information will be provided in the Notice of Award.

## **VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & QUESTIONS**

Requests for additional information and questions may be directed to:

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