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 6-10 Global Health Student Research and Travel Fellowships for undergraduate students, 3 fellowships for graduate or medical students, and one fellowship for postdoctoral fellows or junior faculty.

Eligibility for 2010 award:

Applicants for the Global Health Student Research and Travel Fellowships must be matriculated full-time undergraduate or 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.

- **Global Health Undergraduate Student Research and Travel Fellowships**: a maximum of $5,000 in direct costs. The project should be completed during summer 2010, or one quarter in the academic year of 2010-2011.

- **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, 2011.

- **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, 2011.

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, budget (a simple budget indicating how the awards will be used), and feasibility assessment.
- 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.

Deadlines and review schedule

- April 15, 2010 Application deadline
- May-June, 2010 Award announcement
- July 15, 2010 Earliest project start date
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 stating date: __________________________
Anticipated completion date: ______________________
Total amount of requested funding: ______________________