The Global Infectious Disease Institute announces a call for Collaborative Seed Grants. This call is open to all UVA faculty and consists of a 3-page proposal, with a maximum budget of $100,000. We expect to support approximately 4 projects from this year’s call. Proposals that incorporate a variety of disciplines including the social sciences (i.e., public health policy, economics, anthropology, sociology, history) are especially welcomed.

Proposed research projects should bring multiple UVA researchers together to establish a team with the expertise to answer a pressing and important challenge in infectious diseases of worldwide significance, using approaches that could not be addressed by any single investigator. The research proposed should be new (not previously funded extramurally or at UVA), transformative, and differentiating for UVA. It is expected that the successful teams will be highly competitive to apply for follow-on extramural funding. GIDI will assist the collaborative teams in identifying and pursuing these extramural opportunities.
Global Infectious Diseases Collaborative Seed Grants

Deadline April 1, 2019  Target Start Date: June 1, 2019
Upload Application to: https://virginia.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1781949

Proposal Submission Format:
Assemble entire application as 1 PDF: “Lastname_Firstname_GIDISeedGrant.pdf”

1. Project description (total: 3 pages) should include the following:
   i) Title of Project.
   ii) List of Investigators: Contact Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator(s), Co-Investigators, Collaborators, Trainees. Include departmental and school affiliations. All Principal Investigators must have UVA as their primary affiliation and must be eligible to serve as principal investigators for extramural funding. Teams including at least 2 UVA faculty from 2 different UVA Schools are strongly encouraged. Inclusion of trainees in the collaborative team is encouraged. Principal investigators who have previously received GIDI Collaborative Seed Grants are not eligible to apply.
   iii) Significance of the research question to global infectious diseases.
   iv) Approach. Identify the main research question(s) to be answered through this funding mechanism and how the question(s) will be answered. Identify who in the collaborative team is conducting each aspect of the research, and document the specific expertise each person brings to the project. Describe how this research is different from what each individual personnel is already doing.
   v) Potential impact of the expected outcomes of the research.
   vi) Project milestones to be achieved at 6, 9, and 12 months, and expected target date for submitting extramural grant applications.
   vii) Briefly discuss specific follow-on extramural funding opportunities that will be pursued as a result of this project.

2. References Cited (not included in page limit).

3. CV/Biographical Sketch for each principal investigator (max 5 pages).

4. Itemized Budget (1 page). Maximum budget is $100,000. Provide amounts and justification for all major line items. Budgets over this amount may be considered with appropriate justification. Successful proposals may be funded at less than the amount requested. Allowable costs include supplies, support for UVA staff and trainees, and travel to partner institutions. Salary for principal investigators, purchase of equipment >$5000, and travel to conferences are not allowed.
Matching funds from partner Schools or other entities at UVA is encouraged and may be used to augment the final budget. However, any funding or proposals that overlap with the research proposed on this GIDI grant must be disclosed to GIDI prior to funding.

5. Attestation that you will not accept concomitant funding and have not received grants to fund items budgeted in this proposal without disclosure and justification to GIDI.

6. Attestation that you will present this research project at GIDI events as requested, acknowledge GIDI for support in any scholarly product arising from this grant, and allow GIDI to publicize this project through various media (GIDI website, social media, UVA Today, etc.).

**Evaluation criteria:**

a. Near-term potential for securing major competitive extramural funding.

b. Scholarly merit of the proposed research in global infectious diseases.

c. Potential for the proposed research to distinguish UVA in the international landscape of global infectious disease.

d. Clarity of the plan for conducting cutting-edge collaborative research beyond individual investigators’ existing research portfolios.

**Questions?** Email gidi@virginia.edu.