2019-2020 GIDI Proposal Planning Grant

UVA Global Infectious Disease Institute (GIDI)

Call for Proposals: 2019-2020 Proposal Planning Grants

The Global Infectious Disease Institute announces a call for Proposal Planning Grants. This call is open to all UVA faculty and consists of a 3-page proposal, with a maximum budget of $50,000. We expect to support approximately 3 projects from this year’s call.

Proposed proposal planning 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. Diverse teams that feature the expertise of researchers from a variety of disciplines are encouraged. The research proposed should be transformative and differentiating for UVA. It is expected that the successful teams will be highly competitive and apply for follow-on extramural funding.

Proposal Planning Grants will support collaborative teams that have already obtained most necessary key research findings to enable the submission of multi-investigator, multi-year, major research proposals. Collaborations that feature the expertise of researchers from a variety of disciplines including the social sciences are encouraged to apply.

Proposal Planning grant applications must identify the extramural funding mechanism to be pursued. Eligible funding mechanisms may come from different federal, foundation, and international sources; examples include NIH Program Project grants, DOD MINERVA grants, or specific Gates Foundation requests for proposals. NIH R03/R21, Phase I Gates Grand Challenges Explorations. Any grant mechanism with a single primary investigator, and grants with a primarily educational outcome (training grants, conference planning grants) are not eligible.
Collaborative Proposal Planning Grant Components

Deadline: April 1, 2019  Target Start Date: June 1, 2019
Upload to: https://virginia.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1781977

Assemble entire application as a single PDF:
“Lastname_Firstname_GIDIProposalPlanning.pdf”

1. Project description (total: 3 pages) should include the following:
   i) Title of Project.
   ii) Provide the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the funding opportunity, name of funding agency, brief description, and anticipated budget (annual direct costs/total costs).
   iii) 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.
   iv) Significance: must include
      • A description of the importance and impact of the research area.
      • Explanation of how this project has the potential for UVA to distinguish itself in this topic area. Compare and contrast to other groups funded to work in this area (see NIH Reporter, other sources for this information).
      • Explanation of how this planning grant will make the proposal more competitive for extramural funding.
   v) Approach: must include
      • Synopsis of the research and organizational plan for the extramural proposal.
      • Quantifiable goals and timeline for the project over the next 12 months. It is expected that the extramural proposal will be submitted within 12 months of the start date of the planning grant. If this is not the case, a justification must be provided.
      • Specific contribution to the project from each of the personnel listed in part iii.
      • Detailed management plan for how the personnel will work together to accomplish the goals in the proposed time frame.

2. References cited (not included in the Project Description page limit)

3. CV/Biographical Sketch for each principal investigator (max 5 pages).
4. Itemized Budget 1 page). Total maximum budget is $50,000. Provide amounts and justification for all major line items. Allowable costs include percent salary coverage for principal investigator(s), services such as technical writing, graphic art, or meeting planning, travel to interact with program managers or solidify key collaborations, or other activities aimed at increasing UVA’s competitive advantage for submission of the extramural proposal. Since the team is expected to have already collected most preliminary data, line items for supplies must be thoroughly justified if included. The purchase of equipment >$5000 is not allowed. Cost sharing from partner UVA Schools or other entities is encouraged and may be used to augment the final budget.

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 the topic of the proposal to secure major competitive extramural funding.
   b. Clarity of the plan for completing and submitting the extramural application.
   c. Scholarly merit of the proposed research in global infectious diseases.
   d. Potential for the proposed research to distinguish UVA in the international landscape of global infectious diseases.