A Call for Student-Initiated Project Grants in Healthcare Innovation
Deadlines: December 31, 2021 Letter of Intent; January 31, 2022 Full Proposal

PRIORITY FOCUS - RACISM IN HEALTHCARE: The funding priority for this round will be for proposals that address matters of racism in healthcare. Including (but not limited to):

- disparities of access, care delivery and/or outcomes
- impact on health policy and/or health education
- correlations with social determinants

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 sixth 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 that are consistent with the goals of HIP. Two categories of grants will be considered: Research and Education.

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:

1. 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).

2. 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 via the **online LOI form** no later than 6:00 pm on December 31, 2021, that includes:

      a. Descriptive title and short summary (less than 250 words) of proposed research
      b. Name, e-mail, institutional affiliation, role, and academic rank of each investigator(s)
      c. Name(s), e-mail, and institutional affiliation of other key personnel
      d. Estimate of proposed total budget (no details needed at this time, just total value)

LOIs will be screened, and applicants selected to submit final applications will be notified by January 15, 2022. Contact Maryam.carn@emory.edu with any questions.

IV. APPLICATION & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. **Content & Form of Application Submission** – The **online proposal application** must be completed in one sitting, so it is recommended that applicants gather the information/documents below before beginning the application. *Attachment – Each of the following items should be uploaded as a single PDF document*. The required components of the application are listed below:

Component	Format and Notes
TITLE PAGE	- Title of proposal - PI name, degree(s), title(s) and institution - Research teams' names, degrees, titles and institutions
PROJECT SUMMARY	Complete the fillable document, save, and include with application.
PROJECT NARRATIVE - research plan (5-page limit), figures, and references.	The Research Plan should include the following information: - A brief introduction outlining the general issues to be examined; - The questions to be addressed by the proposed research with specific aims; - A brief description of proposed study methodology including data sources; - The anticipated results of the study and the significance of the project.
BUDGET	- Projected budget using this template. A separate budget page should be submitted for each institution that will incur costs on behalf of this project. - Budget Justification
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - Biosketches, IRB/IACUC approvals (if applicable), CITI Certs, Letters of Support, etc.	- Include NIH-style biosketches for all key personnel. Please use this template. Biosketch instructions here . - IRB or IACUC Approval Letter OR select "pending" from the drop-down menu on the online form. ***IRB or IACUC protocols must be submitted prior to submission of this pilot award application***.

B. **Submission Dates and Times** – All Letters of Intent (LOI's) must be received by 6:00 pm on December 31, 2021. All final applications must be received by 6:00 pm on January 31, 2022.

C. **Note Regarding Offices of Sponsored Programs** – This funding mechanism uses internal funding. Office of Sponsored Programs review is not required unless the award will result in a subcontract.

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. At least one 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

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

Please view the following information session presentation for answers to frequently asked questions **https://prezi.com/view/QmG2eypNu49uvVoJTESJ/** . Requests for additional information and questions may be directed to:

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