



APACPH Mini Grants Announcement & Guidelines

APACPH will be accepting its second round of mini grant applications in July. The application packet will be available on the APACPH website. The objective of the mini grants program is to provide funding for research and training projects among and between our members resulting in:

- Preliminary, pilot data in support of future larger research and training grant submissions;
- Training and capacity building activities;
- Research (student mentorship) opportunities between students or early career professionals and mid- and senior-level research faculty.

Categories

Funding categories and budgetary caps are listed below:

1. *Research projects (at least one collaborator must be from a developing nation) - up to \$US 5,000
2. *Training and capacity building activities (to be conducted in developing nations) – up to \$US 5,000
3. *Graduate students conducting thesis/dissertation research (a mentor with expertise in the chosen research area is required) – Up to \$US 1,000

Note: Funding beyond the budget caps listed above will be considered in the case of multisite, cross-institutional projects. Also, the total funding budget will vary each year depending upon availability of funds.

Funding Criteria

Lead applicant must be from an active APACPH member institution

Projects will be funded for up to 12 months in most cases. A six month extension may be granted providing that the project is moving along satisfactorily. Upon completion of the project the following will be required:

1. A brief written report containing the following information:
 - a. Overview and objectives of the study
 - b. Results or outcomes
2. (Research and training, if applicable) - Summary of the findings and their implication for advancing the science or public health practice
3. Abstract submission to the next APACPH conference

All grantees, particularly those with research projects, are strongly encouraged to publish their findings in the APACPH or other journal, and to apply for other funding opportunities to build upon this initial work.

Review Process

Each proposal will be assigned both to a primary and secondary reviewer. Reviewers will be matched to proposals depending upon area of expertise. Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a clear focus with attainable outcomes
- Shows innovation along with potential to address an important public health issue
- (Research only) Demonstrates scientific rigor, and contains clear objectives, procedures, methods, and, analytic plan
- Shows feasibility given the budgetary and time considerations

In addition, preference will be given to proposals that have lead investigators from low and middle developing nations; are interdisciplinary in scope, and that bring together applicants from across institutions. We also encourage proposals that provide matching funds and/or technical support at low or no cost to the lead investigator.

Dateline & Submission

The timeline for this round of mini-grants (2008) is as follows:

Forms available online: July 15

Applications dateline: August 31

Notification on status of proposal (funded or not funded): October 13

Funding awards sent out: October 20

Expected commencement of project: November 1

Application is to be made on the Mini-Grants application form and a CV of the lead applicant is to be attached and emailed to the APACPH Directorate Office at desmond@apacph.org by 1 August.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. Questions about the process or application can be sent to either: Paula Palmer: ppalmer@usc.edu or Desmond Gul: desmond@apacph.org