REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS ON MIGRATION AND HEALTH

Required Letter of Intent (LOI)
Due July 12, 2019, 5:00 PM PDT

Full Proposals
Due September 13, 2019, 5:00 PM PDT

RESEARCH AWARDS:
Up to $25,000 USD. Each research team must include at least one principal investigator (PI) from a participating U.S. institution or university and one PI from either a CONACYT-accredited university or research institution in Mexico, or affiliated with UNAM.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS:
Up to $5,000 USD. Students must be working on a master’s thesis or doctorate level dissertation to be eligible.

PROJECT PERIOD:
March 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

PIMSA Conveners:
- UC Berkeley, School of Public Health
- Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA)
- UC Davis, Migration and Health Research Center (MAHRC)
- US-Mexico Border Health Commission
- National Council on Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT)
- National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
- University of California (all campuses)
- University of Texas at El Paso
- University of Arizona
- University of Houston (graduate students only)
PIMSA GOALS

• **Generating scientific knowledge** by supporting multidisciplinary research and translating it into social and institutional public policy recommendations that contribute to guaranteeing access to the rights of persons and groups on the move.

• **Fostering of collaborative research** among U.S. and Mexican research institutions in order to create long-term linkages between U.S. and Mexican institutions to research the theme of human mobility and health.

• **Support for community health and public and social action** through the creation of health education materials and evidence-based policy and program fact sheets on health, with realistic, coherent, and viable solutions, for decision makers and health providers, in general terminology for the general public.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

• **Sustainability:** It is expected that PIMSA award recipients use the grant as “seed funds” to undertake preliminary research, the results of which will then serve towards obtaining future extramural funding.

• **Policy-relevance:** It is expected that research results will advance the formulation of public policies in the field of human mobility and health.

• **Publications:** It is required that binational teams send manuscripts derived from PIMSA financing to peer-reviewed international journals. Likewise, results and recommendations emanating from PIMSA research should be disseminated as public policy papers for areas beyond the academic sector, including the media and decision makers.

ELIGIBILITY

• Each research proposal must be co-directed by 2 Principle Investigators (one from the U.S., one from Mexico).

• PIs may only submit one proposal, however participation in other projects is allowed as an additional academic participant.

• Non-PI researchers may join proposed projects as additional academic participants.

• PIs that have an active, incomplete PIMSA award are ineligible to apply.

• U.S. PIs must be from one of the PIMSA convening institutions (see cover page).

• Mexican PIs must meet CONACYT eligibility criteria:
  • Must hold full-time academic/research appointments in a Mexican institution of higher education or conduct research that is part of the National Register of Scientific and Technological Enterprises and Institutions (RENIECYT—Registro Nacional de Instituciones y Empresas Científicas y Tecnológicas); and
  • Must be members of the National System of Researchers (SNI—Sistema Nacional de Investigadores).

• Graduate students from any U.S. or Mexican university may apply for a graduate student award.

FINDING BINATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATORS

If necessary, consult the Binational Directory of Researchers in Migration and Health, which was created by the Health Initiative of the Americas, to facilitate a binational collaboration. If you wish to be added to this directory, please contact a PIMSA administrator (contact on last page). http://repository.ucdavis.edu/researchers.php.

REVIEW PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Research and graduate student proposals are peer-reviewed by a binational panel of academic and policy experts using the following criteria: Project relevance; appropriateness of research design and methodology; PIs’ or graduate students’ capability to undertake and complete the project; potential impact of findings on the analysis, development, or implementation of health policies in their respective areas; timeline, and budget.

APPLY ONLINE: [https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=pimsa](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=pimsa)

Applicants must create an account which will be linked to one person and one institution. Teams should share log-in credentials if necessary.
RESEARCH PRIORITY AREAS

All proposed research should emphasize the migratory context and impact on health of the issue or topic of interest, preferably from a regional, transverse perspective. The methodologies and proposed solutions should be focused, and depending upon each case, also at the local level. Likewise, research questions should focus on the expected impact of results on public policies.

The following research areas will be given priority, but are not exclusive. If your research does not fit in any of these categories but you feel that it will contribute to the field, please contact PIMSA administration.

• **Mental health**, and its relation with mobility, including depression, PTSD, domestic violence and violence from a public health perspective, alcoholism, and substance abuse;

• **Chronic diseases**, including nutrition-related conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, and obesity;

• **Infectious diseases**, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);

• **Women’s health**, including breast and cervical cancer, reproductive health, and women’s rights;

• **Occupational health**, including injury and accident prevention, pesticide exposure, respiratory illness, heat-related illness; and farmworker rights;

• **Access to health care**, including best practices for health prevention and promotion; strategies for expanding health insurance; legal aspect of access to health care; and the use of technology to reduce health disparities and health information technologies.

• **Working conditions of health services personnel**, including institutional human and material resources to provide quality health services, training on the particular conditions and regulations that migrants face, and on the inter-institutional coordination procedures for migrant assistance, among others.

• **Monitoring the implementation of public policies on health and migration**, including evaluation of their relevance, achievements of processes and results, which allow the generation of indicators, pertinent and updated information about migratory dynamics, preferably intersectorial and with the participation of the different actors involved: public institutions, academia, migratory groups and their organizations, and pro-migrant organizations, among others.

• **Health of returnees or people in transit**, including offers or barriers of public and private health systems, patterns of search and demand for care and its relation to the social integration of mobile persons; and chronic, infectious, or emerging diseases related to return migration.
INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

1. **LOI**: Teams must first submit one Letter of Intent (LOI), because it is a joint application. In 300 words or less, this section should summarize the proposed project and should include the type of study, methodology, objectives, expected results, location(s) of the study, and public policy implications. It should be concise and explanatory.

2. **Full Proposal**: 10 pages maximum (not including relevant attachments), double spaced, 11 pt Arial font. English is the preferred language. Project narrative must include:
   a. **Relevance**: explain the importance of the project in the current context and the impact of the project in the field of migration and health in Mexico and/or the U.S.
   b. **Background information and review of recent relevant literature**: describe the background of the project, and detail the current state of the literature related to the subject and justify the need for the project.
   c. **Proposal Objectives**: Clearly describe the objectives of the proposal.
   d. **Methodology**: describe the methodology and analyses you will use to carry out the research project. Detail your plan to collect, analyze, and interpret data.
   e. **Work plan, task responsibilities, and timeline**: explain clearly and/or chart the timeline for your project and map the responsibilities of each member of the research team. Include all parties, including PIs, additional academic participants, researchers, and/or students who will be involved in the project.
   f. **Health Policy Impact**: one of the objectives of PIMSA is to influence health policy. Consider this when constructing your research project and describe the impact of the study’s findings for informing health policy at the local, state, national or regional level.

7. **Attachments** (not part of the 10 page limit):
   a. **Budget and Budget Narrative**: the budget template is available on the application website, each expense must be detailed in a budget narrative.
   b. **CV of each participant**: 5 pages maximum.
   c. **Institutional Approval**: form is available online for download.
   d. **References**: one page maximum.
   e. **Relevant attachments** such as survey instruments, models, timeline, etc.
RESEARCH AWARD BUDGET

Research awards are limited to $25,000 for a period of up to 18 months. If funds are to be expended at both the U.S. and Mexican institutions, the budget must specify the planned distribution and breakdown of costs and funds at each institution. Each institution must be prepared and willing to accept and administer funds, which will be transferred once award documents are completed.

Allowable expenses include:

- Student research assistants and/or a non-faculty researchers affiliated with the participating universities.
- Data collection expenses, including field and archival research.
- Domestic and international travel including transportation, lodging, and meal expenses for project planning meetings, collaborative research, and training. At least one in-person meeting between the Co-PIs and/or among the collaborating research teams is highly encouraged. One project representative must present final results during the Summer Institute on Migration and Global Health, organized by PIMSA and its partners.
- Up to $1000 can be used for supplies and services, including computer-related supplies such as software.
- Subcontracts to other institutions or additional academic participants not eligible as a PI.

Items that will NOT be approved include:

- Salary payments to PIs or any other academic salaries, except student research assistants and/or a non-faculty researcher affiliated with the university.
- Equipment purchases in excess of $1,000, including computers, computer parts, and accessories.
- Promotional materials.
- Publication costs in excess of $500 (including translation and editing).
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments are not allowed.
- In the case a research assistant is receiving any other support from CONACYT, he/she may not be a beneficiary of this award.

CONDITIONS OF RESEARCH AWARDS AND DELIVERABLES

Projects are expected to be completed within the project period, and all reports must be submitted electronically by both PIs. A brief progress report is required half-way through the project (no more than 5 pages), and final deliverables will be due 60 days after the project end date, which include:

1. A 1,500 word document prepared for a policy audience with recommendations based on the main results (English and Spanish). In the case of Mexico, it must contribute to and inform the National Strategic Program (PRONACES) on Mobility and Human Rights.
2. A draft of a manuscript from this project for publication (journal format, English or Spanish).
3. A Financial Report specifying expenditures under this grant.

The support of PIMSA shall be acknowledged in proposals, publications, conference materials, exhibitions, electronic recordings, or other products of the awards. An electronic copy of all results and end products must be provided to HIA as the Office of Record for this program. HIA reserves the right to post results such as reports, publications, and presentations on the PIMSA section of the HIA website.

Investigators may be asked to meet with public officials and/or participate in policy briefings to discuss the implications of their work. It is also anticipated that PIs may be asked to participate in policy brief trainings in order to assist in the preparation of policy recommendations. For a period of up to three years following the end of the award, PIMSA reserves the right to approach either researcher to obtain updated information on publications or grants that resulted from the PIMSA-financed research. A written or electronic confirmation of submission of a publishable manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal should be sent to PIMSA. If published, upon publication a copy of the article should be emailed to PIMSA.
GRADUATE STUDENT PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Graduate student awards are for Master’s and PhD students working on their thesis or dissertation and must have a binational topic about migration and health issues. PhD students must be advanced to candidacy by the start of the research project, have approval of their advisor, and have good academic standing as certified by their Graduate Division. Topics should relate to Research Priority Areas (see page 2). Students that are receiving any other support from CONACYT are not eligible to apply for this award.

PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

1. **LOI (Required)**: The LOI must include a working title, amount requested, and a 300-word abstract. In the 300 words, include the type of study, methodology, objectives, expected results, location(s) of the study, and policy implications. A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s advisor must be submitted at this stage. Previous CONACYT scholarship recipients must include their CVU in the first page.

2. **Project Narrative**: 5 pages maximum (not including relevant attachments), double spaced, 11 pt Arial font. English is the preferred language. Project narrative must include:
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3. **Attachments** (not part of the 5 page limit)
   g. **Budget and Budget Narrative**: The budget template is available on the application website, each expense must be detailed in a budget narrative.
   h. **CV**: 3 pages maximum.
   i. **Institutional Grant Approval Form**: form is available online for download.
   j. **References**: 1 page maximum.
   k. **Relevant attachments** such as survey instruments, models, timeline, etc.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD BUDGET

Graduate student awards are limited to $5,000. Allowable expenses include:
- Travel expenses for data collection expenses, including field and archival research;
- Up to $1000 can be used for supplies and services, including computer-related supplies such as software;
- Support stipends while conducting field work but needs to be well justified, maximum $1,000 per month.

Items that will NOT be approved include:
- Tuition fees, promotional materials or publication costs;
- Equipment purchases in excess of $1000, including computers, computer parts, and accessories;
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.

CONDITIONS OF GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD ANDS DELIVERABLES

The support of PIMSA shall be acknowledged in the dissertation/thesis and in any publication that results from the PIMSA award. An electronic copy of the thesis, dissertation and/or end product must be provided to HIA as the Office of Record for this program.
ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS

For this cycle, all funds will be administered by the Health Initiative of the Americas. The portion of the award for PIs within the UC system will be transferred directly to the academic department at the respective campus. The portion of the award to non-UC entities, as well as PIs in Mexico, will be transferred directly to the respective institutions under mutually agreed terms. Graduate student award grants are distributed directly to the student.

Each PI is responsible for accurate and appropriate administration of funds, accounting of expenditures, and completion of accurate and timely financial reports. No indirect costs or overhead assessments are allowed. PIs are equally responsible for preparation of required deliverables, and for acknowledgment of PIMSA support in written products resulting from the award. Final reports and accounting of funds are to be submitted jointly by both Co-PIs within the established deadlines to HIA as the Office of Record for the program.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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