

SPECIAL 2020 SECOND CALL FOR LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSIONS – MP3 INITIATIVE SEED GRANTS FOR COVID-19

The MP3 Initiative proudly announces the SECOND special grant cycle to specifically support the efforts for across scales research focusing on COVID-19.

The goal of the MP3 Initiative is to facilitate and grow basic and applied infectious disease research across scales at Emory University, from molecules and pathogens within hosts to populations and pandemics. The main way in which the initiative will accomplish this is to provide sizable seed grants to interdisciplinary teams of researchers, to provide proof-of-concept and preliminary results for subsequent applications for research grants, program grants, center grants and training grants. An explicit requirement of funding through this program is therefore the subsequent submission of extramural grants. Importantly, to fully establish interdisciplinary research programs, seed grants are only awarded to teams of researchers from different schools at Emory University. Furthermore, partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Carter Center are strongly encouraged.

Due Dates

- Letter of Intent Due – June 5, 2020
- Full Application Due – July 27, 2020
- Award Notification – August 14, 2020
- Funding Begins – September 1, 2020

Project Eligibility

- Proposals must specifically address cross-scale infectious disease dynamics; grants will not be awarded for research within one scale of biological organization.
- Proposals must build on new collaborations or research directions.
- Proposal must focus on COVID-19.

Applicant Eligibility

- Consist of two faculty members from at least two different units (e.g. SOM and ECAS, SOM and RSPH, ECAS and CDC)
- Hold a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) or equivalent degree.
- Faculty teams must include at least one junior faculty member.
- Be qualified to conduct and mentor a program of original research within their own laboratory
- Applicants not funded in the first cycle are eligible to reapply for the second cycle.

Funding: Budget Maximums

- \$100k for teams of 2 faculty
- \$150k for teams of 3+ plus faculty

Funding: Duration

- Up to 1 year.

Requirements: The principal investigator(s) must:

- External funding will be sought following the end of the grant.

- Submit a progress report and respond to subsequent requests for updates on any outcomes.
- Present the progress and results of the project as requested.

For LOI information and further instructions, please contact Todd Swink at tswink@emory.edu. You can also visit our website at <http://whsc.emory.edu/mppp/index.html>.