

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GLOBAL GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESEARCH

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The Women's Health, Gender, and Empowerment Center of Expertise, which is part of the University of California Global Health Institute, is seeking proposals from global university partners to conduct research to strengthen their campus' prevention and response to sexual assault, harassment, stalking, dating violence and other forms of gender-based violence. Applications are due on Monday 16 March 2020 (Pacific Standard Time). We anticipate funding 3-4 awards for projects with budgets up to \$50,000 USD.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

The [University of California Global Health Institute](#) (UCGHI) is a UC-wide initiative that stimulates, nurtures, and promotes global health research, education, and collaboration. UCGHI is composed of two multi-campus Centers of Expertise (COEs), focused on *Planetary Health* and *Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment*. Both COEs lead UC-wide education programs and develop targeted multi-campus research endeavors and sustained partnerships for implementing programs and interventions.

### THE UCGHI WOMEN'S HEALTH, GENDER, AND EMPOWERMENT COE

The UCGHI Women's Health, Gender, and Empowerment COE (WHGE-COE) has a vision of a world in which equitable gender norms among all people lead to healthy and empowered women and girls. The WHGE-COE conducts innovative research, training, and community engagement both globally and locally to reduce gender and health inequities and promote public health and well-being.

### A CALL FOR ACTION TO PREVENT CAMPUS-BASED VIOLENCE

Sexual violence, harassment, and stalking, dating violence and other forms of gender-based abuse and discrimination are pervasive human rights violations that women and girls experience, globally, on a daily basis and at higher rates than men and boys. Members of the WHGE-COE are deeply concerned about the prevalence and impact these forms of violence are having on undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and their communities across the globe.

In 2018, the WHGE-COE launched a pilot grant program to fund investigators in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to conduct research on campus-based sexual violence prevention. Four university partners, from Kenya, South Africa and Zambia were funded. To expand on this program and work towards establishing a global network of campuses committed to ending gender-based violence, the WHGE-COE seeks to fund 3-4 additional campus-based violence prevention research projects.

## THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Eligibility:** This funding opportunity is open to LMIC university and college partners, worldwide. US-based researchers collaborating with LMIC university partners are eligible to apply but funding must go primarily to the LMIC institution. Funding is to be used for institutions, not individuals, and can support faculty, staff and/or students to conduct partnered research.

While all applications are welcome for submission, because all our previous grantees have been based in sub-Saharan Africa, priority will be placed on funding strong proposals from universities in: **Asia**, **Latin America** and the **Caribbean**. Early career applicants must note in their proposals a senior academic/research mentor (i.e., Associate Professor level or higher) with whom they have an established relationship at their institution or at one of the 10 UC campuses.

**Scope of work:** Funds are intended to support global universities in their work to 1) assess scope, determinants and consequences of campus-based sexual assault, harassment, stalking, dating violence and other forms of gender-based violence, and 2) design, improve and evaluate policies, programs, and resources to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and harassment. All awardees will be matched with a WHGE-COE faculty member who will provide ongoing technical assistance (TA).

## THE FUNDING CYCLE, REPORTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The funding cycle will span 1.5 years, starting 1 June 2020 and ending 31 December 2021.

**Reporting:** Awardees will be required to submit a comprehensive written report at the conclusion of their research project.

**Required communication and project presentation:** Awardees will be expected to have monthly TA calls with their WHGE-COE mentor. Awardees will be required to:

- Have at least one team member participate in quarterly Zoom meetings with WHGE-COE leadership. These meetings might take place outside of regular working hours to accommodate for different time zones of all participants.
- Attend and present at a satellite workshop at the 2021 Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum (location to be determined).

## HOW TO APPLY

**Application format:** Please address each of the following in your proposal, adhering to the suggested page limits outlined below:

- A. RESEARCH PLAN SUMMARY WITH SPECIFIC AIMS** [Do not exceed 500 words.]  
Please describe your proposed research project, including a description of your aims/objectives, the rationale for your research and the experiments/activities you will conduct to accomplish each aim/objective.
- B. DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT THE PROPOSED RESEARCH AND WHY YOU SHOULD BE AWARDED THE FUNDING.** [Do not exceed 250 words.]

**C. DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND POPULATION – INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF:**

- a. **THE UNIVERSITY SETTING** [Do not exceed 250 words.]
- b. **THE TARGET POPULATION** [Do not exceed 250 words.]
- c. **EXISTING POLICIES OR PROGRAMS ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION ON CAMPUS** [Between 150 and 500 words.]

**D. RESEARCH METHODS** [Do not exceed 500 words.]

Describe the overall approach and practical steps you propose to take to answer your research question(s). Note if you will use qualitative or quantitative (or a mix of both) methods, and if you will collect original data or work with primary or secondary sources. Provide detail on participant recruitment, sampling, the tools and procedures you will use (e.g. surveys, interviews, observations, experiments). Discuss whether or not you foresee any potential obstacles and, if you do, how will you address them?

**E. POTENTIAL IMPACT OF EXPECTED RESULTS AND EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION(S) TO THE FIELD**

[Do not exceed 250 words.]

Describe the potential implications of the research you have proposed and emphasize what you aim to contribute in terms of making advances in understanding, methods, theory and application. If your research aims to have economic and/or societal impact, describe how your proposed work will contribute to knowledge or skills that benefit individuals, communities, organizations and/or nations.

**F. NARRATIVE OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH TEAM MEMBER** [Do not exceed 500 words.]

Describe the responsibilities and expectations of all key team members to take part in the proposed research, this includes principal investigators, co-investigators, project managers/coordinators, research directors, etc.

**G. IRB AND ETHICS APPROVALS PLAN** [Do not exceed 500 words]

Please describe your timeline for applying for Institutional Review Board (IRB) and ethics approvals. This should include all relevant IRBs – including in the U.S. (if applicable) and international/global institution / national IRBs.

**H. TIMELINE AND STRUCTURE OF RESEARCH PLAN** [Do not exceed 500 words]

Please state what you intend to accomplish within the proposed timeframe, the feasibility of the study within the available budget and timeline, and the next steps to advance your research.

**I. REFERENCE LIST OR BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Include proper citations for every source you have used in your research proposal. Full publication details should be included in the reference list.

**J. LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM MENTOR AT YOUR INSTITUTION OR WHGE-COE FACULTY MENTOR (THIS IS NOT PART OF 6 PAGE LIMIT).**

Early career applicants must identify a primary research mentor to provide overall research and/or scholarly career guidance and support. The primary research mentor must be a senior academic or research mentor (i.e., Associate Professor level or higher) with whom the applicant has an established relationship at their institution **OR** a senior academic/research mentor at one of the 10 UC campuses.

This letter should address the applicant's research accomplishments, research potential, and likelihood of successfully completing the proposed research on campus violence prevention research. Detail should be provided on how mentorship will be provided, the type and frequency of communication, how the applicant will provide information on progress and how the mentor will provide feedback. Ensure the following information is provided in the letter:

- Sender's Name
- Sender's Institution
- Sender's E-mail
- Sender's Telephone
- Sender's Office Address

**K. NIH-STYLE BIOSKETCH FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WITH A KEY ROLE LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL (THIS IS NOT PART OF 6 PAGE LIMIT).**

An NIH-style biosketch, not to exceed 5 pages, should be submitted for all key personnel, including principal investigators, co-investigators and other research leads. For instructions on how to format your biosketch, please see the NIH guidelines [here](#). We have provided a biosketch form to use (see below) and detailed instructions for completing it (see below).

**L. BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION**

Please submit:

- a. A detailed budget. We have provided a budget template (see below);
- b. 1 page (do not exceed 500 words) justification of items included in your budget.

Applicants should describe clear and direct use of the funds. Funds can be used for paying project supplies and other project-related expenses (but typically not for equipment). Applicants may request up to USD \$50,000 (including any University-based overhead or indirect costs but limited to 10% of total budget). The budget should include funds for the PI to travel to the SVRI Forum satellite workshop in October 2021.

We have a strong preference for budgets staying within country and therefore a preference for proposals that **do not** devote funds to U.S.-based collaborators. Please draft your budgets accordingly to minimize support to U.S.-based collaborators.

**M. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER WHEN REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION. [Do not exceed 150 words.]**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Application language:** Submissions will be accepted in both English and Spanish.

**Funding decisions:** Will be made by May 2020, after a peer review committee composed of researchers, and community and student representative stakeholders with expertise in gender-based violence research or practice. We anticipate funding 3-4 projects.

**Start date & IRB approval:** IRB approval should be sought upon notice of award, with expected project start date of 1 June 1 2020.

The WGHE-COE looks forward to reviewing applications that demonstrate a strong commitment to ending gender-based violence. Proposals led by individuals historically underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce, such as underrepresented gender, sexual, and racial identity, are highly encouraged. Strong proposals will emphasize collaboration with student activist organizations and/or civil society organizations.

**For questions or additional information,** contact Claire Amabile ([camabile12@g.ucla.edu](mailto:camabile12@g.ucla.edu))

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

*All materials (including letters of support) must be received by:*

**16 March 2020 at 5:00 PM, Pacific Standard Time (PST)**

*17 March 2020 at 1:00 AM, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)*

*17 March 2020 at 1:00 AM, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)*

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION MATERIALS

**Submit the following application materials via email, by or before the deadline, to Ms. Claire Amabile at [camabile12@g.ucla.edu](mailto:camabile12@g.ucla.edu).**

- Sections A** (“Research plan summary with specific aims”) **through I** (“Reference list or bibliography”) **COMBINED INTO ONE SINGLE PDF document.**
- Biosketch for each individual with a key role in proposal**
- Budget**
- Budget justification**
- Letter of support from mentor**  
This can be included in your application package or sent directly to [camabile12@g.ucla.edu](mailto:camabile12@g.ucla.edu) by the person writing the letter)
- Any additional information** (section M)