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PIMSA

PROGRAMA DE INVESTIGACIÓN
EN MIGRACION Y SALUD



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, DISSERTATIONS, & POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS ON MIGRATION AND HEALTH *FOR U.S. AND MEXICO*

Required Letter of Intent (LOI)

Due May 31, 2011, 5 P.M. PDT

Full Proposals due

August 23, 2011, 5:00 P.M. PDT

AWARDS AVAILABLE

Request for Proposal (RFP): up to \$45,000 USD

Dissertation & Post-Doctoral Fellowship Awards:
up to \$5,000 USD

RFP RESEARCH TEAMS:

Each research team must include at least one principal investigator (PI) from U.S. participating institutions and universities and one principal investigator from CONACYT-accredited university or research institution in Mexico.

DISSERTATION AWARDS:

Students must be from participating universities working on a doctorate level dissertation to be eligible.

PIMSA Participating Institutions:

- California Program on Access to Care
- UC Berkeley, School of Public Health
- Health Initiative of the Americas
- Secretary of Health of Mexico
- National Council on Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT)
- State University of California
- State University of New York
- University of Arizona
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Minnesota
- University of New Mexico
- University of Texas at El Paso
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

About PIMSA

INTRODUCTION

In 2003, the Health Initiative of the Americas, in partnership with key Mexican institutions and programs from the University of California, launched its first call for research proposals on Migration and Health, focusing on Mexican immigrants in the United States.

In 2006, the funding committee (made up of primary contributors) named this effort Research Program on Migration and Health (PIMSA—for its Spanish acronym) and expanded participation to other academic institutions in the United States.

PIMSA funds binational research teams whose research proposals focus on migration and health within current policy contexts. Both preliminary and final results of these projects have been presented in public policy forums attended by academic researchers, key stakeholders, and policy makers from both countries. Many of these projects have subsequently obtained follow-up funding to continue their research. The results of these projects have been disseminated as public policy documents directed to decision-makers and the media.

CONVENERS

PIMSA is administered jointly by the Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA) and the California Program on Access to Care (CPAC) under the auspices of the University of California Berkeley, School of Public Health. This cycle will be open to researchers from any of the University of California campuses, all California State University campuses, University of Arizona, University of New Mexico, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Minnesota, University of Illinois at Chicago, and State University of New York, working in collaboration with researchers from the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT for its Spanish acronym) accredited institutions in all Mexican states and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).



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RESEARCH PRIORITY AREAS

All issues covered must consider the context of migration, its impact on health, and social determinants of health. Research questions should be focused on the projected impact of results on public policies.

The following are research areas which will be given priority:

1. **Mental health**, including domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, and its relation with culture;
2. **Chronic diseases**, including nutrition related conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, and obesity;
3. **Infectious diseases**, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
4. **Women's health**, including breast and cervical cancer;
5. **Access to health**, including best practices for health prevention and promotion; strategies for expanding health insurance; legal aspect of access to health; and the use of medical technology to reduce health disparities and web-based health information technologies.



PROJECT PERIOD

Applicants should select an 18-month project period with a start date no later than March 1, 2012.

PIMSA GOALS

- Generating scientific knowledge by supporting multidisciplinary research and translating it into policy recommendations to improve the health of migrant populations;
- Fostering of collaborative research among U.S. and Mexican research institutions, creation of long-term linkages between U.S. and Mexican universities, and promotion of research at an international level; and
- Support for community health and public action through the creation of health education materials based upon research evidence.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **Collaborations:** Funded projects are expected to lead to the development of long-term collaborations while strengthening academic and research capabilities of the participating institutions in Mexico and the United States.
- **Sustainability:** Award recipients are encouraged to seek matching sources of support and to use the PIMSA “seed” funds to undertake preliminary research necessary to develop proposals for other extramural funding.
- **Policy-relevance:** It is expected that there will be a significant advancement of health policy research as it relates to public service and education programs that address critical issues related to health and migration in the U.S. and Mexico.
- **Publications:** Results and recommendations will be published as policy papers or working papers that will be disseminated broadly in the policy and academic arenas. It is required that the binational research teams submit manuscripts from this RFP to international peer-reviewed journals.

NEW! PIMSA APPLICATION PROCESS IS NOW ONLINE

PIMSA has moved its application process to an online, paperless system. This system will ease the paper burden on applicants, reviewers, and administrators for all stages (LOI, application, and reporting); and allow for faster turn-around times for all parties throughout the entire process.

To apply, applicants must create an account which will be linked to one main person and one institution. For Binational teams submitting an LOI, the PI who creates the account may share their user name and log-in with the co-PI so both PIs may access the site during the LOI and application stage. If a full proposal is awarded, additional contacts may be added by PIMSA administrators at that time.

The link to the online application is: <https://www.grantinterface.com/pimsa/Common/LogOn.aspx>

Request for Proposals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Awards given under this cycle are considered “seed” awards and are expected to be used as a basis for leveraging future funding from other sources. PIMSA also encourages investigators to secure outside funding to supplement research. Research projects may examine current and anticipated policies in their respective areas. PIMSA encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary projects. Each award is limited up to \$45,000, and Principal Investigators (PIs) will be notified of the terms and conditions. Projects are funded for a period of 18 months and no extensions will be granted so please be sure to plan your project accordingly.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE RFP

All potential applicants must first submit a mandatory Letter of Intent (LOI), due May 31, 2011, online at the following link: <https://www.grantinterface.com/pimsa/Common/LogOn.aspx>. There should be one LOI per binational research team since it is a joint application.

The LOI must include a working title, amount requested, the names and institutions of the PIs, and a 200-word abstract. Each LOI is reviewed to identify projects having the greatest potential for fulfilling PIMSA’s objectives. PIMSA will notify PIs by June 15, 2011 if they are invited to submit the full proposal. No full proposal will be accepted without the prior submission and approval of a LOI.

During the full application process, each PI requires the endorsement of their Dean or Department Head for signature on the Approval Sheet (available for download on the application website).

SUMMARY

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Acceptance of LOI and invitation for full proposal:

Notification will be sent to PIs by June 15, 2011

RFP full proposal:

Due August 23, 2011 by 5pm PDT

Application must be submitted online at the same link

- General application information
- Proposal
- Detailed budget
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (of each participant)
- Bibliography
- Attachments



ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR RFP

Each proposal must be co-directed by an eligible U.S. PI and a PI from a Mexican academic or research institution. High priority will be given to projects that are interdisciplinary.

- **Eligibility of Principal Investigators from the United States** This cycle is open to PIs from PIMSA participating institutions. PIs must meet eligibility criteria specified by their respective universities.
- **Eligibility of Principal Investigators from Mexico.** Principal Investigators from Mexican institutions must meet eligibility criteria set forth by CONACYT, which specify that they must hold full time academic/research appointments in a Mexican institution of higher education and/or conduct research that is part of the National Register of Scientific and Technological Enterprises and Institutions (RENIECYT—Registro Na-

cional de Instituciones y Empresas Científicas y Tecnológicas) referred to in article 25, section II of the Law of Science and Technology (LCYT—Ley de Ciencia y Tecnología). Mexican PIs must be members of the National System of Researchers (SNI—Sistema Nacional de Investigadores).

Researchers (including graduate students and U.S. postdoctoral researchers) who otherwise do not meet the requirements above should develop collaborative ties with eligible PIs and join proposed projects as additional academic participants. PIs are encouraged to collaborate with additional participants from institutions other than their own.

PIs may submit only one proposal for competition. Funding can be provided for the continuation of previously funded awards that have already been completed (from other funding sources). PIs that currently have an active, incomplete PIMSA award are ineligible to apply.

Review Process and Selection Criteria

Proposals will be peer-reviewed by a binational panel of academic and policy experts using the following criteria:

- Appropriateness of research design and methodology;
- The investigators' and team's capability to undertake the project;
- Potential impact of findings on the analysis, development, or implementation of health policies in their respective areas; and

Final funding decisions on all proposals will be made by the funding committee composed of the primary conveners, and announced in November, 2011.



FINDING BINATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATORS

The Health Initiative of the Americas has developed a Binational Directory of Researchers in Migration and Health. The directory is divided into areas of research vital to migrant health and is intended to promote collaboration between members of the research community on both sides of the border. The directory is available online at http://hia.berkeley.edu/index.php?page=researcher_list. If you wish to be added to this directory, please contact a PIMSA administrator.

BUDGET FOR RFP

RFP awards are limited to \$45,000 for an 18-month period and no extensions will be granted. If funds are to be expended at both the U.S. and Mexican institutions, the budget must specify the planned distribution of costs and funds at each institution. Allowable expenses include:

- Student research assistance and/or a non-faculty researcher affiliated with the participating universities;
- Data collection expenses, including field and archival research;
- Domestic and international travel including transportation, lodging, and meal expenses for the purpose of meetings for project planning, collaborative research, and training; (at least one meeting per year between the Co-PIs and/or among the collaborating research teams is highly encouraged. One meeting where both PIs must be available to present final results is required —this meeting usually takes place during the Binational Policy Forum on Migration and Health at the launching event of Binational Health Week in the month of October);
- Up to \$500 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 Principal Investigators or any other academic salaries, except student research assistants and/or a non-faculty researcher affiliated with the university;
- Equipment purchases in excess of \$500 per item, including computers, computer parts, and accessories;
- Promotional materials or publication costs; and
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.

CONDITIONS OF AWARDS AND FINAL REPORTS FOR RFP

Each award is expected to result in the completion of the proposed work within the project period, and all reports must be submitted online by both PIs. A progress report will be required half-way through the project, and a final report will be due 60 days after the project end date. The support of the Health Initiative of the Americas and the PIMSA consortium shall be acknowledged in proposals, publications, conference materials, exhibitions, videotapes, or other products of the awards. A copy of all results and end products must be provided to HIA as the Office of Record for this program.

PIs will be sent progress report instructions at least 60 days before the due date. Final reports will consist of a final budget, a written report of up to 10,000 words, a 1,500 word document prepared for a policy audience, and an article draft for publication (in journal format). Report documents must be in English and Spanish. 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 PI's 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 mailed and emailed to PIMSA.

Dissertation and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Awards



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DISSERTATION AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Graduate student dissertation awards and post-doctoral fellowship awards are intended to provide support for short-term research projects. Such awards do not require a binational team, but do require a binational topic about migration and health issues. Requests for dissertation and fellowship awards are limited to \$5,000. Students must have approval of their advisor or research professor, and academic standing must be certified by the Graduate Division in which the student resides and must follow the procedures established by each campus. Topics should relate to PIMSA Research Priority Areas. Note: Masters' students can not apply for these awards.

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ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DISSERTATION AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Students applying for this dissertation award must be advanced to Doctorate level dissertations, and applicants for the post-doctoral fellowship award must have their PhD by the time of the submission deadline for a post-doctoral fellowship award.

- ***Eligibility of PhD students from the U.S.***

This cycle is open to PhD students from participating universities (see cover page, participating institutions). Students must meet eligibility criteria specified by their respective universities.

- ***Eligibility of PhD students from Mexico***

Must be from Mexican institutions accredited by CONACYT, RENIECYT, and advisors must be members of the National System of Researchers (SNI).

BUDGET FOR DISSERTATION OR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Dissertation awards are limited to \$5,000 for a period of 18 months. Allowable expenses include:

- Domestic and international travel expenses for data collection expenses, including field and archival research;
- Up to \$500 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 and limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per month.

Items that will NOT be approved include:

- Tuition fees, promotional materials or publication costs;
- Equipment purchases in excess of \$500 per item, including computers, computer parts, and accessories; and
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD AND FINAL RESULTS FOR DISSERTATION AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Dissertation and Fellowship awards are provided to support the completion of a research study. The support of the Health Initiative of the Americas and the PIMSA consortium shall be acknowledged in the dissertation and in any publication that resulted from the PIMSA award. An electronic copy of the dissertation and/or end product must be provided to HIA as the Office of Record for this program.



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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.

Each PI is responsible for accurate and appropriate administration of funds, accounting of expenditures, and completion of accurate and timely financial reports. No indirect cost or overhead costs are allowed. PIs are equally responsible for preparation of required final narrative reports, 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.

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PIMSA Timeline

RFP Release:
April 29,
2011

Letter of Intent (LOI) due:
May 31, 2011

Notification to applicants:
June 15, 2011

Full Proposals due:
August 23, 2011

Proposal Evaluation:
August - September, 2011

Funding Committee Meeting:
October, 2011

RFP Award Results Release:
November, 2011

Final Report Article Draft Policy Brief
no later than September 2013