

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH AWARDS for Investigators Early in their Career in Low- and Middle- Income Countries (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)



OVERVIEW OF RFA-MH-21-120

GOAL

This RFA is to support the scientific work and research career development of exceptionally talented scientists who are in the early stages of their careers and who plan to make a long-term career commitment to mental health research.

RATIONALE

This initiative seeks to assist researchers in launching an innovative basic, translational, clinical, or services research program that holds the potential to transform the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of mental illnesses in Low- and Middle-Income countries (LMICs) as defined by the 2021 World Bank Classification.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have a long-term commitment to a career in research on any of the following: causes, diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of mental illnesses focusing on the research priorities and gap areas in LMICs that align with the NIMH Strategic Plan.

How is this initiative distinct from other NIMH R01 Funding Announcements?

- All proposed projects should include a statement of career goals relevant to the research priorities and gap areas in LMICs that align with the NIMH Strategic Plan.
- Active participation of an external advisory committee is required.
- Commitment from the PI's institution to actively support the proposed research and the career development of the PI.
- The PI is expected to include a to-be-named external advisory committee.

Who Can Submit an Application?

- Eligible PIs should have a primary appointment at an accredited institution in a LMIC.
- Eligible PIs should be at early stages in their career: completed their terminal degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent) or medical residency on or after January 1, 2006.
- PI has not yet competed successfully for a substantial competing NIH research grant and/or foreign equivalent at the time of application submission.
- Use of the multiple PI format is encouraged but not required. All PD/PI must fit the previous eligibility criteria. PIs are expected to prepare the application jointly.
- Investigators who have a primary appointment at a U.S. or other High-Income Country (HIC) Institution, cannot serve as PIs on the application, but may be included in another supportive role, especially if they present special opportunities for furthering research programs for the principal PI, or if they can provide resources relevant to the proposed project that either are not readily available in the eligible LMICs.

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KEY DATES

Application Due: November 15, 2021

HIV/AIDS Application Due: December 8, 2021

Scientific Merit Review: March 2022

Advisory Council Review: May 2022

APPLY ONLINE: [RFA-MH-21-120](#)



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