

GLOBAL HEALTH APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Deadline: **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (by 11:59 PM)**

(For clinical fellows only)

1. INTRODUCTION

As part of the Arnold W. Strauss Fellow Award, the Office of Pediatric Clinical Fellowships (OPCF) and the Global Health Center have partnered together to offer a unique research opportunity in global health for clinical fellows. The **Strauss Fellowship for Global Health Award (SFGHA)** provides research funds and training for clinical fellows with specific academic interests in global health and research as a career.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The newly established SFGHA provides an opportunity for up to two (2) clinical fellows annually to participate in a year-long global health training program. Fellows will participate in a minimum of 4-6 months of global training and research, consisting of a global health rotation plus completion of a mentored research project. The global health training model emphasizes completion of publishable, faculty-mentored projects in basic, translational and clinical research that focus on low-resource settings.

The Global Health Center ensures each research effort is provided the best opportunity for success during all phases of development, launch, execution, analysis, and publication. Faculty, residents and fellows pursue planned projects or have ongoing projects at a wide-variety of sites around the world. Fellowship research can also be proposed at any international site. [Click here to explore Cincinnati Children's global partnerships from around the world.](#)

3. PURPOSE OF FUNDING

To introduce clinical fellows to the wealth of collaborative resources and opportunities available at Cincinnati Children's and to enhance the development and execution of high-quality global health research, training and education. Recipients will gain a deeper understanding of how cultural and economic factors influence critical healthcare issues in underserved populations around the world.

4. FUNDING AMOUNT

Clinical fellows with competitive proposals will be eligible for a \$10,000 award plus an additional \$3,000 travel allowance, for a total of \$13,000 per award. Up to two (2) awards will be funded annually.

5. ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from clinical fellows (MD/DO) in any specialty at Cincinnati Children's, preferably prior to the beginning of the applicant's final year of clinical fellowship training. However, applications from clinical fellows earlier in their training will also be considered. Applicants must be employed by Cincinnati Children's.

NOTE: Dual submissions to the Strauss Award and the Global Health Award in a single year will not be accepted.

6. KEY DATES

Call for Applications:	Monday, March 4, 2019
Submission Deadline:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019 by 11:59 PM
Award Notification:	Recipients and all other candidates will be notified the week of June 17, 2019
Award Start Date:	July 1, 2019
Award End Date:	June 30, 2020

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

All applications and evaluations are considered confidential and are available to scientific reviewers and the administrative personnel of the Office of Pediatric Clinical Fellowships and the Global Health Center only.

8. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications for the Strauss Fellowship for Global Health Award must be received by **11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. All applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF document in the order listed below to Jill Loch, MEd, Manager, OPCF, at Jill.Loch@cchmc.org by the above deadline.

FULL APPLICATION *(Submitted applications must contain the elements in the order specified below)*

I. **Face Page** [Use standard NIH format](#)

Please note that a representative from the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) *does not* need to sign in boxes 12 and 13. Signatures obtained from the Fellowship Program Director, Mentor or Business Director/Manager is acceptable.

II. **Biographical Sketch** [Use blank biosketch non-fellowship format](#)

- a. Applicant's Biographical Sketch (5 page limit)
- b. Local Mentor's Biographical Sketch (5 page limit)
- c. International Contact/Mentor's Biographical Sketch (5 page limit)

III. **Career Development Plan** (2 page limit)

- a. Candidate's background, academic career goals, and how global health research fits into those goals.
- b. Career Development/Training Activities during the award period.
- c. Plan for publication of research findings and how this funding will be used to transition the applicant to NIH K level or K-equivalent funding.

IV. **Specific Aims** (½ page limit)

V. **Research Plan** (4 page max.)

Explain how the proposal will address an important problem or a critical challenge in the field of global health. Also indicate how this proposal will generate significant preliminary data needed for a subsequent grant application.

- a. Significance
- b. Innovation
- c. Approach
- d. Justification of the international site selection and reasons for undertaking a global health fellowship

VI. **Budget and Justification** (½ page limit) [Detailed Budget Format](#)

- a. Justification for one year of \$10,000 funding
- b. Cannot include salary for applicant/PI
- c. Cannot include indirect costs
- d. Budget can be used for supplies, travel, conferences, educational materials, core services, computer software, recruitment incentives for human subjects, and/or salary for staff working on the project.

VII. **Human Subjects** (If applicable – Include all sections required for a NIH application)

VIII. **Vertebrate Animals** (If applicable – Include all sections required for a NIH application)

IX. **Scientific Mentor Information** (½ page limit)

- a. Provide information on mentor's research qualifications and previous experiences as a research supervisor.
- b. Alignment of the applicant's research plan with existing research programs.
- c. Plan for scientific mentoring and support of the applicant and how this will position the applicant for successful independent research.
- d. Description of available resources relevant to the application.

- X. **Literature Cited**
- XI. **Letters of Support** (*Required from international contact/mentor and local mentor*)
- XII. **Supplementary data will NOT be accepted.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

A NIH style study section consisting of physicians and scientists with expertise in the areas and topics of each proposal will review applications for scientific merit and appropriateness for funding. This diverse panel of reviewers will determine the final awardees. All applications are scored based on the NIH 9-Point Rating Scoring System.

Throughout the review process, the study section will concentrate on the following criteria:

- **Proposal Worthiness.** Does the proposal seem worthy of being funded? Does the applicant have a strong commitment to research, a clear mentorship structure in place and a distinct plan for their research proposal? Is the international selection feasible for the research and the fellow's career plan, given the complexities of international research?
- **Significance and Innovation.** Does the research plan address an important and relevant problem to the stated career objectives? Has the applicant presented strategies to ensure a robust and unbiased approach, as appropriate for the work proposed?
- **Budget.** Is the budget appropriate and justified for the research proposed?
- **Approach.** Is the hypothesis clear and well developed? Is there a reasonable chance of completion within the time frame of the grant?
- **Probability of Aims.** What are the probabilities that the researcher will achieve the specific aims of the project? Do the specific aims seem feasible in the amount of time allotted and at the proposed international site?
- **Mentor(s).** Does the mentor have background knowledge and experience related to the proposed project, with evidence of ability and commitment to mentoring? Will the research experiences in the mentored phase prepare the candidate to successfully implement the research project?
- **Future Funding.** Does the applicant have the potential for becoming an independent investigator who will successfully secure subsequent external funding?

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions the week of June 17, 2019. All funding will be activated on July 1, 2019 and will conclude on June 30, 2020. All Strauss Award funds must be spent in FY20 and will not be extended beyond June 30, 2019.

Additionally, all applicants regardless of award status, will receive a 1-on-1 consultation with a panel member to:

- Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant's proposal.
- Receive critiques and opinions of how best to move forward with the proposal.

REPORTING

Awardees are required to submit a Mid-Year Progress Report six-months after the award start date and a Final Progress Report within 60 days after the award completion date.

For questions regarding this application, please contact:

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