

**CALL FOR SMALL RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS FOR GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH & EMPOWERMENT**

**DUE DATE: April 15, 2016**

Submit proposals for UP TO **\$5,000** for summer research grants, funded by the Women's Health & Empowerment Center of Expertise (COE), one of three COEs in the University of California Global Health Institute (<http://ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/coes/womens-health/index.aspx>).

**Women's Health & Empowerment (WH&E) COE**

The Center of Expertise in Women's Health and Empowerment believes that advances in women's health globally are impeded by poverty, limited access to educational and economic opportunities, gender bias and discrimination, unjust laws, and insufficient state accountability. These forces intersect to restrict access to vital women's health services and the information that women need to improve their lives. By prioritizing women's health concerns, rights, and empowerment, this COE is uniquely poised to catalyze societal-level changes that will yield sustainable improvements in health and well-being for women on a global scale.

*Mission:* We envision a world in which all women and girls are empowered and healthy. Our mission is to promote justice, equity and scientific advances to reduce gender and health disparities globally. Grounded in human rights principles, our approach is interdisciplinary and transformative. Through innovative research, education and international collaboration, we build and strengthen the capacity of the next generation of leaders in women's health and empowerment. Our core activities focus on assuring safe motherhood, reducing violence against women, improving access to family planning and reproductive technologies, advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, preventing HIV/AIDS, and reducing environmental threats to women's health.

**Summer Grant Purpose:** Our goal is to provide money to support graduate/professional students and post-doctoral fellows to conduct innovative research in the areas of women's health and empowerment, and who specifically investigate the intersection and interrelated nature of these two areas. Our aim is to allocate funds efficiently to the most meritorious proposals. We expect to fund four proposals for summer research projects.

**Timeline:** The deadline for this call for small grant proposals is **COB on April 15, 2016**, but we will accept applications prior to this date. Proposals may request up to \$5,000, to be spent by 9/15/2016 of the actual award, after which remaining funds revert to the COE.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to doctoral & professional students, and post-doctoral fellows at any of the UC campuses including UC Hastings. All research ideas must specifically be at the nexus of women's health and empowerment. The research can be conducted domestically or internationally. Projects must obtain IRB approval prior to receipt of the award, or receive an exemption from the relevant institutional review board(s).

**Application Format** Submit a two-page synopsis of the research idea and half-page annotated budget, and a CV. The synopsis should include the aims, brief background, methods, description of activities, team (including mentor) expertise, status of human subjects application and timeline. Funds can be used for paying a modest stipend, staff, purchasing supplies, laboratory assays, travel, participant reimbursement and other reasonable expenses (but typically not for equipment).

**Review** Submit the proposal by email to Chiao-Wen Lan, (<mailto:chiaowen@g.ucla.edu>). All proposals will be evaluated by a peer-review committee. Results will be announced by May 15, 2016.

