



Global “One Health” Leadership Fund

**New Partnerships at the convergence of animals,
humans and the environment**

Request for Proposals

Background

The Global “One Health” Leadership Fund catalyzes new partnerships focused on the increasingly complex dilemmas at the convergence of animals, humans and the environment. These Funds are intended to provide start-up money for new public-private-academic partnerships, recognizing the synergy that comes from transdisciplinary approaches bridging multiple sectors of society. The intent is to fund innovative proposals that demonstrate new collaborations with significant potential for addressing global “One Health” challenges through research, education or outreach.

The Global “One Health” Leadership Funds are held in the University of Minnesota Foundation and administered by the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS). These funds are restricted to project expenses related to fostering cooperation, including travel, meeting expenses, preliminary data collection, and joint education or outreach activities. While funds may be used for project-specific short-term personnel or support such as audiovisual technical advice; they are not intended for long-term, recurring commitments for faculty and staff. All funds must be expended within one year of the award and will be dispersed on a quarterly basis.

Deadline

Proposals (an electronic copy in Word or a compatible word-processing program) should be submitted to:

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Submissions must be received by 8:00 am on **May 30, 2008**.

Funding: Two – four \$10,000 awards focusing on the following areas:

- Global food system challenges and opportunities including, but not limited to, food security, food safety and food defense
- Ecosystem Health: meeting the challenges at the intersection of human and animal health and the environment.
- Emerging issues involving commercial swine production including, but not limited to, potential zoonoses, occupational health, and environmental health.
- Ecology of emerging infectious disease: prediction, detection, understanding or control.

Fund Management Principles

1. The fund will provide non-recurring start-up money to accelerate development of new public-private-academic partnerships embracing a global “one health” approach.

2. Funds will be limited to project expenses. Regular salaries and other long-term commitments will not be covered, although project-specific personnel for the short-or-intermediate-term will be considered (post-doctoral researchers, research assistants, etc.)
3. The fund will be managed to address as many promising partnerships as possible.

Format for Proposals

1. **New proposals must not exceed 2 single-spaced pages** (excluding budget, documentation and biosketches.)
2. The minimum font size is **11 pt.** and the minimum margin width is **1 inch.**

All proposals must include:

- Title of partnership.
- Project leader (telephone, e-mail address, and U.S. mail address.)
- Project team members and roles.
- List of specific goals and objectives for the partnership.
- Justification of partnership in terms of global “one health” dilemmas, and the synergy offered by the proposed collaboration for tackling these problems.
- Discussion of the long-range potential of the partnership and potential sources of funding for future activities.
- Outline of the strategy designed to achieve the objectives, including the activities, timeline and deliverables.
- A description of what success will look like, in other words, if funds are provided to foster this collaboration, what metrics can be used to determine whether the partnership has been successful? Metrics might include additional funding successfully identified, joint proposals submitted, adjunct appointments, new internships or exchanges established or joint workshops or meetings hosted.
- Detailed budget for the project. Matching funds are encouraged. Keep in mind that these projects are funded for one year only. No indirect charges will be funded.
- Documentation of commitment by the public, private and academic partners (letters of support from Directors or Heads of Units represented by the proposed team members.)
- Biosketches for investigators: name, position, affiliation, educational background, relevant experience including project involvement and publications (do not exceed 1 page each.)

Proposals must demonstrate substantive collaboration across public-private and academic sectors. This interaction should be well-documented in the proposal.

Progress Reports due on January 15, 2009 **Final Reports** will be due on June 30, 2009

Review Process

A review committee comprising the major investors in the fund and representatives from the public and private sector will screen the proposals and make recommendations to the co-directors of the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety. Funding decisions will be announced no later than June 30, 2008.

Proposals not following the prescribed format or are missing sections will not be evaluated.

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For more information, contact Kate Hanson at (612) 624-7637 or hanso041@umn.edu.