

GLOBAL GATEWAY FOUNDATION

COMPETITIVE GRANTS INITIATIVE

Pre-Proposal Solicitation and Guidelines

The Global Gateway Foundation **Competitive Grants Initiative** seeks to provide seed funding, in amounts from \$2,500 to \$10,000, for 5 to 10 scientific research projects in its areas of interest. Grants will be for one year, with a possible one year renewal.

The Foundation is currently soliciting brief descriptions (“pre-proposals”) of proposed projects. Applicants whose pre-proposals meet the “Applicant Guidelines” set out below and pass the Foundation’s initial review process will be invited to submit full proposals. Pre-proposals are due December 13, 2010.

At the first stage of the application process, the applicant will submit a pre-proposal consisting of a brief executive summary of the proposed project. The Foundation, with respect for the resources of potential applicants as well as its own, wishes to screen proposed projects for relevance to its areas of interest prior to requiring a fully developed proposal.

The intent of the **Competitive Grants Initiative** is to provide small amounts of funding to investigators undertaking research in areas of interest to the Foundation, with the understanding that applicants whose projects show promise will be encouraged to subsequently apply to third party funding agencies with more extensive research budgets. The leadership of the Foundation is committed to supporting as many potentially fruitful projects as possible with the limited funds available, the primary measures of success being greater understanding of the relevant areas of interest, greater dissemination of research in reputable professional outlets, the involvement of a greater number of investigators working on topics of importance to the Foundation, and opportunities for subsequent external funding.

Global Gateway Foundation Mission, History and Areas of Interest

The Global Gateway Foundation (“Foundation”) is a non-profit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its mission is to serve as a scientific, social and philanthropic catalyst to support healing, wellness and the dignity and integration of global humanity. More information about the Foundation’s goals and objectives can be found on its website: www.globalgatewayfoundation.org. The Foundation has funded several research projects at major academic institutions, two of which resulted in university-submitted U.S. patent applications. The Foundation currently supports both exploratory and follow-up grants from previous granting activities.

The Foundation's primary area of interest is in new technologies emerging in the field of health and healing, and in particular:

- Current and emerging “subtle energy” technologies that support greater physical, mental and spiritual integration
- Application of new discoveries in the “hard sciences” (physics, mathematics, electronics, engineering, network modeling, biophysics, and materials science) to healing modalities
- The underlying dynamics of energy-based health and wellness disciplines such as Network Spinal Analysis Care, Somato Respiratory Integration, traditional chiropractic care, acupuncture, Ayurvedic medicine, homeopathy, and similar approaches
- How these dynamics may lead to new understandings and/or directions for basic research in (a) the hard sciences, and (b) the social sciences, such as organizational development, increased understanding of the integral and core nature of individuals, and reorganizational strategies that support greater personal and social integration and harmony
- Methods for evaluating the impacts and outcomes of these new understandings when applied to health and wellness, industrial applications, and society

Program Funding Priorities

The Foundation is interested in three general categories of focus, which can be approached separately or in an integrated fashion. These may be described as Methods, Metrics and Applications, both new and existing.

- **Methods:** Empirical and theoretical research on the impact of subtle energy modalities on wellness outcomes, as well as exploration of the use of integrated modalities and the development of new modalities based on existing ones.
- **Metrics:** Identifying appropriate approaches, both conventional and innovative, for determining effects of various emerging health and wellness methods and development of non-traditional but reliable indicators of positive changes in health, improved life conditions, greater adaptability and resilience, personal awareness and mind-body-spirit integration.
- **Applications:** Approaches for applying methods and metrics to existing populations in order to develop evidence and a knowledge base to guide distribution of wellness resources most effectively and adapting their use to new populations that can benefit from them.

Program Eligibility

Applications will be considered from individuals and organizations with the appropriate experience and credentials to carry out a project as proposed. While proposals from established research organizations will have priority, applications from individuals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Program Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the scientific quality of the research plan, relevance of the proposed research to the Foundation's goals, the applicant's qualifications and the capabilities of the institution and facilities where the project will be conducted.

Use of Animals or Humans in Research

It is the responsibility of the grantee institution to ensure compliance with all current applicable animal and human subjects regulations for the proposed activities. Applicants contemplating the use of animal or human subjects must submit through an approved institution, with NIH approved policies and procedures for use of animals and humans. Appropriate review documentation will be required before funding will be made available.

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

Pre-proposal Submissions

Pre-proposals that do not meet the following guidelines will not be considered. No materials submitted will be returned to the applicant.

The pre-proposal shall consist of a maximum of two double spaced pages or 500 words, whichever is less. It should contain sufficient detail for the Foundation to determine the following:

- Names of principal investigator and staff;
- Name of institution;
- Background of the area of investigation and statement of the research problem;
- Specific statements of the project objectives (in the case of empirical research, there must be measurable outcomes);
- The methodology to be employed;
- Expected outcomes;
- Why the applicant believes there may be third party funding available for follow on studies;

- Time required to complete the project; and
- Amount to be requested and whether such amount will include equipment purchase.

Please be aware that the Foundation does not pay indirect costs, for two reasons: 1) there is a limited amount of money available to distribute over a vast intellectual territory; and 2) this is a seed grant program designed to invest in small projects--if successful, they may bring additional, possibly long-term, funding to the submitting institution.

Invitation to Submit Full Proposal

Applicants whose projects appear likely to meet the Foundation's needs will be invited to submit full proposals. Invitations will be issued by January 10, 2011, and will contain guidelines for full proposal preparation and submission.

Proposals will be peer-reviewed for merit by outside experts chosen on the basis of their expertise in the subject area. After the peer-review process, a panel will be assembled to recommend priorities for the merit-approved projects. The final decisions for funding will be made by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and applicants will be informed of the decision by the President. The review process is expected to take up to 60 days following submission of requested proposals.

How to Submit a Pre-Proposal

Pre-proposals must be submitted to the Foundation by email to masha@globalgatewayfoundation.org by midnight EST on Friday, December 10, 2010.