

## Johns Hopkins Global Surgery Initiative Travel Grant

### General

#### 1. Objective

The Johns Hopkins Global Surgery Initiative (JHGSi) was formed to create a collaborative environment that allows students, residents, and faculty to leverage the resources at Johns Hopkins to address the disparities in access to surgical care in low resource settings. This grant aims to support projects that improve health equity by increasing access to safe, timely, and affordable surgical, obstetric, and anesthesia care worldwide. Such projects can be broadly defined and include traditional quantitative or qualitative research, as well as advocacy, anthropology, monitoring & evaluation, and implementation science projects.

#### 2. Eligibility (Applicants must be currently affiliated with Hopkins)

- a. MD Students
- b. Full- and Part-time Master's & Doctoral Students
- c. Post-degree Nursing Students
- d. Surgical Residents (General Surgery or Subspecialty Surgery)
- e. Emergency Medicine Residents
- f. Anesthesia Residents
- g. Obstetrics/Gynecology Residents

#### 3. Requirements

- a. Cover Letter providing a brief narrative of your background/qualifications, necessity of the project to LMIC site, mentorship/support and how project fits into your eventual career goals (max 1 page)
- b. Project Proposal (max 3 pages, excluding references)
  - i. Should include background, proposal aims and their relevance to the partner/project site, methodology/analytic plan, outcomes of interest, proposed timeline, anticipated budget, and references
- c. CV
- d. One Letter of Recommendation from faculty mentor/advisor
- e. One Letter of Support or Project Endorsement from your project site
- f. Plan for obtaining IRB approval, if required for your project
- g. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: You are required to have a John Hopkins School of Medicine surgical, obstetric, gynecologic, or anesthesia faculty member as an affiliate for your project.** Although they do not have to be the primary principal investigator, they must be a partner/collaborator on the project. Eligible departments include the Departments of Surgery, Neurosurgery, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, GYN/OB, Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology / Head & Neck Surgery, and Urology. **If your faculty mentor or advisor who will be writing your letter of recommendation is NOT a member of any of the aforementioned departments, you must submit an *additional* signed attestation (one sentence + signature is sufficient) from a faculty member of one of the aforementioned departments that they are also collaborating on your project.** If you are unable to identify an eligible School of Medicine faculty collaborator, please reach out to us and we will do our best to assist in this matter.

**4. Amount**

- a. Up to \$4,000

**5. Expectations if awarded**

- a. Necessary IRB approval prior to data collection
- b. Mid-award cycle project update
- c. Written summary or oral presentation at project conclusion
- d. Acknowledgement of JHGSi grant in all project presentations and publications

**Criteria for Evaluating Proposals**

- Relevance to the LMIC site (i.e., project seeks to address issues of importance to the LMIC site)
- Clear research questions/objectives
- Well thought-out methodologies for data collection and analysis
- Feasibility and sustainability of research objectives within the context and potential constraints of LMIC site
- Relevant research and/or global health experience
- Strong letters of support from mentors

**Funding Specifications (receipts and proof of payment must be provided for transactions to ensure adequate accounting of funds)**

- Travel expenses: this can be for travel expenses to host site, as well as in-country travel
- Housing in host country
- Research-related expenses (e.g., for statistical packages, survey tools)
- Travel to conferences

**Submission**

- Please direct all questions to the JHGSi email ([globalsurgery@jhmi.edu](mailto:globalsurgery@jhmi.edu))
- Please merge all application materials into a single PDF file and submit as an email attachment to the JHGSi email ([globalsurgery@jhmi.edu](mailto:globalsurgery@jhmi.edu))

**Fall 2023 Grant Application Timeline**

- Wed, Nov. 1, 2023: Application process opens
- Mon, Jan. 15, 2024: Applications due
- Late February 2024: Decisions released
- Travel before January 2025
- *Please note that this will be the only call for applications this year. We will award up to 2 travel grants.*