



2011 Request for Proposals (RFP)

Research Projects in Health Policy and Systems

Invitation for Proposals

The China Medical Board (美国中华医学基金会) invites faculty members and investigators in eligible universities in China (listed at the end) to submit research proposals for funding in the field of health policy and system sciences (HPSS). This RFP continues CMB efforts to promote academic excellence in HPSS. This note describes the background, content, application process, and management of the RFP.

Background

The CMB has supported philanthropic work in China and Asia for nearly a century. It established the Peking Union Medical College from 1914-1951, supported medical universities in 16 countries across East and Southeast Asia from 1951-1981, and has been assisting 13 Chinese medical universities to strengthen their faculty, research, and education programs since 1981. It has recently extended eligibility for CMB support to several additional universities.

Over the course of a century, health in China has advanced significantly. But, as in all advanced and complex societies, China confronts many challenges in providing universal, high quality, and affordable health care to its people. The ongoing health reform in China is encouraging experiments with different polices aimed at improving health system performance to address new and re-emerging health challenges. Academic support to guide China's reforms involves targeted research and educational activities that generate the knowledge and produce the professionals needed to reform China's health system.

Since 2008, CMB has been encouraging Chinese universities to engage in HPSS-focused research and educational initiatives, with 48 grants in action totaling near 20 million dollars. These grants have continued the CMB's long tradition in capacity development, including:

- Grants to promote understanding, recognition, and commitment of the medical leadership in the effort to improve academic capacity in HPSS, including support for the Peking University China Center for Health Development Studies (www.cchds.pku.edu.cn), the Sun Yat-sen Center for Migrant Health Policy (cmhp.sysu.edu.cn), and program clusters and projects in health problems, health polices, health system innovations and global health.
- CMB fellowships (www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/cmb.html) managed by the Institute of International Education to build up HPSS academic capacity through advanced studies overseas in HPSS.
- CMB in-China training (Project 991) managed by Peking Union Medical College that offers research grant opportunities coupled with continuous mentoring and methodological training.

Information about our grants can be found in our 2009-2010 biennial report.

Open Competition

This Open Competition offers grant opportunities of **US\$ 25,000-150,000 per research project** in HPSS. This RFP will prioritize projects that will generate knowledge, advance education, and/or innovate applications in the following four broad areas:

- Changing health problems and disease burdens - health metrics for mapping changing disease patterns, their causes and consequences
- Health policies in finance, human resources, information, or technologies - public policies that shape key components of the health system
- Innovations in health systems operations and management - operational, managerial, or implementation innovations in improving health systems performance
- China and global health - studies and educational initiatives that connect China to a globalizing health world with interrelated disease patterns, health policies and health systems.

Eligibility to Apply

Any faculty member from the schools listed at the end of the RFP may apply for grants under this open competition. We especially encourage junior faculty or post-doctoral fellows who are staff members at the eligible institutions to apply.

Proposal Submission

This RFP process will be implemented in **two steps**. In the first step, applicants should submit a 1-2 page abstract of the proposal for initial review. In the next step the PIs of projects considered suitable will be invited to develop full proposals for final review. Abstracts and proposals should be submitted in English through the respective university's CMB liaison office that will screen the content and submit the proposals to the CMB.

Each eligible institution can submit up to **6** abstracts.

The RFP encourages multidisciplinary research and educational programs that engage faculty and students within and beyond the faculty of medical sciences. Joint applications by faculty members from complementary schools and by Chinese and foreign investigators are welcome.

Timeline in 2011

April 30	Submission of abstracts
May 31	CMB decision on abstracts for consideration
June 30	Submission of full proposal
December 31	CMB announcement of funding decisions

Proposal Abstract

Abstracts of 1-2 pages should include the following:

- General information - university, project title, PI (s) and their leadership and/or academic titles, amount of funding requested, and duration of the project
- Project justification – provide rationale of why the project is important to China, to your locality, to your university, or to yourself. When appropriate, you may integrate this with the project content (described below)
- Project content – Clear statement of the main problem addressed by the project, goals and objectives, specific activities to achieve the goals, analytic methods, expected results and products, timetable, and estimated budget

Proposal abstracts should be accompanied by the current CV of the Principal Investigator. This should be no more than three pages long and include the PI's name, date of birth, major educational and professional experiences, and up to five references for selected publications.

CMB Review

PIs of selected abstracts may be sent comments on the abstract to assist them in focusing their full proposals. Most provisionally accepted proposals will require revisions based on comments generated by the CMB review prior to final acceptance. CMB's decisions about which projects to support will be based on the quality, relevance, and topical significance of the revised proposal. An important criterion is cost-effectiveness in producing key knowledge and educational products for the budget requested. The process is competitive and merit-based. Consequently, some schools may be awarded more than one grant while others may not succeed at all.

It is CMB policy that all research and education products including original datasets generated by its grant support should be widely shared and accessible to the public.

Grant Management

Each participating university has already designated a “**CMB liaison officer(s)**” (listed below) who acts as the point-of-contact between the university and CMB in grant management issues.

The CMB liaison officer at each university should send all abstracts and proposals to CMB's headquarters offices in Boston, USA for **Helen Wang**, CMB's Grant Administrator (email: hwang@cmbfound.org, US phone: 617-674-8516). Technical or substantive inquiries should be directed to **Roman Xu** 徐东, CMB Beijing Office director (email: rxu@cmbfound.org, phone: 010-5969 5071). Advising the process will be CMB senior academic advisor, Professor **Michael Phillips** 费立鹏 (email: phillipschina@yahoo.com, mobile: 18917192966).

CMB Newsletter

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