



2013 Request for Proposals (RFP)

CMB Collaborating Programs

Health Policy and Systems Sciences (HPS)

Invitation for Proposals

The China Medical Board (美国中华医学基金会) invites eligible Chinese universities to submit proposals for **CMB Collaborating Programs (CMB-CP)** in the field of health policy and systems sciences (HPS). This note describes the background, application process, and management of CMB Collaborating Programs.

Background

Over the course of the 20th century, health in China has advanced significantly. Nevertheless, China still faces many challenges in providing universal, high quality, affordable healthcare to its people. The CMB is dedicated to supporting solutions to these challenges as part of its broader mission of promoting health in China and other Asian countries. In strengthening Chinese capacities in HPS research and education, the CMB supports China's ongoing health reforms by encouraging the expansion of China's evidence-base for health policymaking.

Since 2008, the CMB has awarded 114 grants totaling nearly 34 million USD to Chinese universities in support of HPS-related research and education initiatives. The CMB-CP program, launched in 2011, supports faculty-led clusters that aim to collaboratively tackle specific health challenges. In two previous CMB-CP grants cycles, CMB has awarded a total of 10 CP grants:

University	CP Name	Since	PI
Peking Union Medical College	Non-Communicable Diseases	2012	Li Liming
Fudan University	Pharmaceutical Policy and Economics	2012	Chen Wen
Shanghai Health Development Research Center	Health Systems Research and Policy Translation	2012	Hu Shanlian
Central South University	Mental Health Policy	2012	Xiao Shuiyuan
Sichuan University	Health Policy Evidence	2012	Li Youping
Sun Yat-sen University	Migrant Health Policy	2010	Ling Li
Peking Union Medical College	Burden of Diseases in China	2013	Yang Gonghuan
Zhejiang University	Non-Communicable Diseases	2013	Zhu Shankuan
Peking University Health Science Center	Lab in Health Economics Research	2013	Liu Guo'en
Peking Union Medical College	Bioethics and Research	2013	Zhai Xiaomei

CMB Collaborating Programs

A CMB Collaborating Program (CMB-CP) is a CMB-supported, faculty-lead, and university-based research and/or educational program focused on a specific theme in HPS. Led by a Principal Investigator (PI) who is a distinguished faculty leader, the CMB-CP generally consists of a core multidisciplinary research group that addresses a high-priority challenge in HPS. The structural forms of CMB-CP vary; some are virtual collaborative platforms or research groups, whereas others may have a formal physical space or university-sanctioned center. Regardless of form, all CMB-CP programs must demonstrate the potential to achieve national excellence in advancing specific areas of HPS.

CMB plans to award **up to five additional CMB-CPs** this fiscal year. Priority will be given to combined research, education, and capacity-building activities that focus on health challenges, health policy, or health systems responses in the following areas:

- *Emerging health challenges in China*, especially research activities involving diseases with a high burden of disease in China (and excluding wet-lab based bio-medical research); and
- *Health policies and health systems responses to address emerging health challenges*, such as those related to health governance, ethics, financing, human resources, care delivery systems, health technology assessment, and health informatics.

Most programs will have one primary disciplinary base, such as epidemiology or economics, but will engage a multi-disciplinary team for advancing specific domains or areas of HPS. The RFP encourages multidisciplinary research and educational programs that engage faculty and students within and beyond the field of medical science.

Successful CMB-CP proposals will receive funding for an initial three-year term with the possibility of renewal contingent upon performance. CMB-CP support will be flexible, totaling up to **300,000 USD over three years** to support priority activities in research, faculty development, data acquisition and processing, staff support, and infrastructure development (computers, website development, etc.). CMB-CP awardees will be entitled to:

- Official **prestigious designation** as a CMB-CP, including use of CMB's logo;
- Potential **technical and relational support** facilitated by the CMB's extensive international network;
- Access to **linkages with other HPS activities**, including other CMB-CPs, CMB Collaborating Centers, and CMB fellows and alumni;
- Potential to grow into a **CMB Collaborating Center** if the program achieves significant research and educational results;
- Participation in a proposed **CMB network of CMB-CPs** with common infrastructure, website, research resources, symposiums, study tours, and workshops

Eligibility to Apply

Faculty members from the eligible institutions, listed at the end of the RFP or specifically approached by CMB, who are recognized experts in the domain addressed by the proposal can submit CMB-CP applications. Final selection of the funded CMB-CPs will be competitive, so eligibility does *not* guarantee funding.

Proposal Submission

This RFP process will be implemented in **two steps**. First, applicants will submit a 1-2 page abstract of the proposal for initial review. Next, PIs of select proposals will be invited to develop complete proposals for final review. Abstracts and proposals should be submitted in English through the respective university's CMB liaison office, who will screen the content and submit the proposals to the CMB.

Each institution may submit up to **three abstracts**. The PI must be a recognized expert in the domain of the CMB-CP.

Timeline

March 31	Submission of abstract
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 must include the following:

- *General information:* University, project title, PI(s) and their leadership and/or academic titles, contact information, amount of funding required, and duration of the project.
- *Project justification:* Explanation of the project's importance to China, to your locality, to your university, and/or to yourself. Where appropriate, you may integrate this with the project content description.
- *Project content:* Clear statement of the main problem addressed by the project, goals and objectives, specific activities that will be undertaken to achieve the goals, analytic methods, expected results and products, timetable, and estimated budget. The budget may be flexibly structured to offer optimal agility for the PI to pursue his/her priority domain or theme in HPS.

Abstracts should be accompanied by the current CV of the Principal Investigator (PI). This CV should be no more than 3 pages and include the PI's date of birth; contact information; major educational and professional experiences; up to 5 selected publications; previous participation in CMB activities; and a list of all HPS-related research funding received from funding agencies, including CMB.

CMB Review

PIs of selected abstracts may be sent comments on the abstract to assist them in focusing their full-length proposals. Most provisionally accepted proposals will require revisions based on comments generated by 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. In particular, the following aspects will be examined during review:

- PI's leadership qualities, academic credentials, and potential to mobilize resources and achieve results;
- Demonstrated involvement of a collaborative team of researchers of different levels to work on the program;
- Promotion of multidisciplinary work;
- Plans to nurture junior faculty and foster emerging leaders;
- Potential to develop the chosen field to obtain national recognition;
- Cost-effectiveness in producing key knowledge and educational products given the requested budget.

The application process is highly competitive and merit-based; therefore, some schools may be awarded more than one grant, while others may not receive any awards.

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.

Grants Management

In naming abstracts and proposals, please follow the standard format of “**Year+CPSchoolAbbreviation+PI's name**” with no spaces or blanks in between. An example is **13CPCMBZhouLinda**.

Each participating university has designated “**CMB liaison officer(s)**” (listed below) who will serve as the point(s)-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 **Linda Zhou** (周娜), CMB's Grant Manager (lzhou@cmbfound.org, 010-5969 5071-805). Technical inquiries should be directed to **Roman Xu** (徐东), CMB Beijing Office Director (rxu@cmbfound.org, 010-5969 5071-801).

Additional Resources

Organizations or individuals who are interested in receiving CMB announcements and news can subscribe to an electronic “**CMB Newsletter**” by participating in a survey at <http://www.websurveymaster.com/s/dbaab0e9>. CMB Sina Weibo, @ChinaMedicalBoard, publishes timely updates related to CMB grant cycles, and more information about programs and grants can be found on the official CMB website www.chinamedicalboard.org:

- Summary description of the awarded projects of CMB-CP in 2011 and 2012 (<http://vdisk.weibo.com/s/qWKJ4>)
- Two selected CP full proposals (<http://vdisk.weibo.com/s/qWKMK> and <http://vdisk.weibo.com/s/qWKOR>)

Eligible Institutions (in alphabetic order) & Liaison Officers

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