

Seed Grants 2020 – Reproductive Health Working Group

Call for Proposals

The Reproductive Health Working Group (RHWG) provides seed grants to individual scholars taking on innovative research. We encourage all members to apply.

The seed grants are relatively small grants to start projects and further develop research ideas and establish collaborations. The research should help us understand the intersections of gender and health in the context of the region.

We hope the seed grants enable researchers to develop proposals for larger grants.

Eligibility

- 1- The applicant must have attended at least one RHWG meeting (and preferably more)
- 2- The applicant can be based at a university, a research-oriented organization including NGOs or be an independent scholar.
- 3- The research should advance our understanding of the intersections of gender and health of the region.
- 4- Early career researchers will be given priority.
- 5- Priority will be given to those who have not received a seed grant previously

Deadline for Application

September 15th, 2020

Proposal Submittal Requirements

1. An updated CV
2. If the applicant is based at an institution, a letter of support from the applicant's institution will be required as part of the application. If the applicant is an independent scholar, a letter of recommendation from someone acquainted with the scholar's research.
3. Proposal Cover Sheet including a one paragraph abstract of the proposed project (150 word maximum), which will be placed on the Reproductive Health Working Group website for selected projects.
4. A description of the proposed project, including proposed activities, project timetable, expected tangible outcomes (up to 7 pages double spaced) For general guidelines on how to write proposals, please check the following guidelines:

<https://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/proposalwritingandfundingresearch/manuals-and-guides-1>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5037942/>

5. Detailed budget and budget narrative. Please see under budget for details regarding permitted expenditures. (1 page) Up to \$8000

Budget

Funding for seeds grants is for a maximum of \$8000. Funding provided is for one year. The research would be expected to start as early as the Fall 2020.

- Personnel (salaries, assistants for work such as transcription and editing)
- Travel or transportation to research sites or to conference
- Materials and supplies
- Other services (conference fees, computer services, phone services etc...)
- Equipment (for example a recorder or camera)
- Maximum overhead of 10% for scholars based at institutions

Recipients of seed grants will be asked to submit financial and narrative reports at the end of the project. They will be expected to present preliminary results of their research at the RHWG meetings.

Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be reviewed by two reviewers – one internal to the RHWG and another topic reviewer who could be a member of the RHWG or outside the RHWG. Final decisions will be taken by the regional Consultative Committee and the Director. Applications will be judged by the quality of content and the appropriateness of the proposed methodology for the research question.

Application and Submission Guidelines

Please email application documents to lw01@aub.edu.lb by September 15th, 2020.

RHWG is housed at the American University of Beirut (AUB). As a U.S. educational institution based in Lebanon, AUB must comply with all applicable laws of the United States as well as the laws of Lebanon. For further information, please contact Livia lw01@aub.edu.lb before beginning work on the application.