The Office of Rural and Underserved Programs (ORUP)

Medical Education Research Fund

Academic Year 2016-2017

OUR MISSION
The Office of Rural and Underserved Programs (ORUP) prepares students for patient-centered primary care in underserved places, and for those generalist specialties of primary importance to such communities, through ongoing curriculum design, program and faculty development, student support, and medical education research.

MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH FUND - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The Office of Rural and Underserved Programs (ORUP) is committed to promoting medical education research and scholarship in rural and/or urban underserved settings and with students learning in and about those communities. Through the ORUP Medical Education Research Fund, the ORUP funds awards to faculty, staff and RUSP students for medical education research projects.

This fund is for medical education research that focuses on primary care — or generalist specialties of primary importance (e.g. general surgery, OB-GYN, psychiatry) — in rural/urban underserved communities. It is imperative that the applicant address this criterion in the proposal.

ELIGIBILITY
Faculty and administrative staff as well as RUSP students on all Ohio University Heritage College campuses are eligible to submit proposals. Only those projects that further medical education research focused on primary care— or specialties of primary importance— in rural and/or urban underserved settings will be considered for funding. Funding is intended to support new, in-process research and creative activities. Travel support for attendance at conferences, short courses, and symposia or final project dissemination is allowed. Funding is not permitted for faculty salaries. Funding for student workers for data entry or other research support will be permitted at the discretion of the ORUP Research Fund Proposal Review Committee

PROPOSAL DEADLINE
The deadline to submit a request for funding for ORUP Research funding this academic year is January 13, 2017. All proposals shall be emailed to Sharon Casapulla at casapull@ohio.edu. A committee will review all requests and notification of awards will be announced by January 30, 2017. If funds remain after that date, proposals may be accepted until funds are exhausted for AY2017.
REVIEW AND EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA
Proposals will be reviewed by the Office of Rural and Underserved Programs’ Research Fund Proposal Review Committee.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION GUIDELINES
Prepare a brief summary of the project in MS Word format. The proposal must include

- a brief description of the project, including the scope and projected outcomes;
- a rationale about how the project focuses on medical education for primary care — or generalist specialties of primary importance (e.g. general surgery, OB-GYN, psychiatry) — in rural/urban underserved communities; and
- a proposed budget, with budget breakdown and justification (see below for additional guidance on the budget).

BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION
ORUP research awards are limited to $3,000. This section of the proposal shall include the budget breakdown by line items, total budget request amount, sources of matching funds (if applicable), and budget justification. Funds may be requested for student wages, equipment, supplies, travel, and other bona-fide project expenses. Travel support for short training courses, data collection, or for presenting the research results is also allowed.

DELIVERABLES
By June 30, 2017, recipients are expected to present their findings (or an update on the progress of their study) in a local venue (e.g. HCOM Research Day), a lunch presentation for OU students and faculty, or a structured seminar. They are also expected by that time to submit an accounting for research expenses including justification of any budget modifications and the return any excess funds to the Office of Rural and Underserved Programs.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Email the proposal to Sharon Casapulla at casapull@ohio.edu.