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## 2017 Request for Proposals (RFP)

### China and Global Health Building Capacity for Overseas Work

#### Invitation for Proposals

CMB invites abstracts of project proposals from partner institutions twinning a Chinese medical university or public health institution with a distinguished foreign counterpart for working together to build capacity of young Chinese faculties/scholars, students, and health workers to gain overseas work experience thereby strengthening China's capacity for global health work. A total of \$600,000 has been allocated for this RFP; three projects funded at \$200,000 each would be provided to selected projects. This note describes the background, application process, and management of this CMB-RFP.

#### Background

The CMB has supported China's medical universities in global health work for nearly a decade. China is accelerating its engagement in global health, but the pool of Chinese talent with overseas work experience in developing countries is limited. This lack of overseas experience was underscored by the recent China Ebola intervention in West Africa, and the gap is likely to emerge even further as China tackles global health in response to the Belt and Road Initiative. This RFP seeks to enhance the pool of talented and committed young Chinese in medical and public health institutions with experience and capacity to pursue global health work especially in developing countries of Africa and Asia. The RFP especially seeks for projects focusing on health security, maternal and child health, health policy, hospital management, human resources, traditional Chinese medicine, health system, and vaccine and pharmaceutical industry, which are priorities of China's global health strategy indicated in the "Beijing Communique" of Belt and Road High-Level Meeting, August 2017.

To strengthen China's youth capacity for overseas work, CMB has allocated \$600,000 for three grants at \$200,000 each to twinned Chinese-foreign institutions for placement of young Chinese abroad during 2018-2021.

#### Proposal Submissions

This open competition will be a two-step process. **Each institution can submit up to three abstracts. Brief (1-2 page) abstracts** are requested from interested groups. A short-list of priority partnerships will be selected for **invitation to submit final proposals**. The following guideline is for abstract and final proposal submission:

- Abstracts 1-2 pages in length should describe the two partner institutions, the preliminary plans for placement of young Chinese overseas, countries of collaboration, supervision, types of activities, and approximate budget allocation. Those abstracts that prioritizes spending on young Chinese rather than administration of faculty salaries will be accorded higher ranking.
- In the final proposal, the partnership between the Chinese institutions and overseas partners should be formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding or exchange of written letters. The partnership can be by Chinese institutions directly with those in low-income countries or tripartite between China-foreign-low-income countries.
- The goal is to provide supervised overseas work opportunities for young Chinese faculties/scholars, students, and health workers in developing countries. Selected young Chinese would be designated *CMB global health fellows*.

- The overseas work opportunity could cover a range of activities such as research, education, health care service delivery, health policies, health interventions, and foreign aid. Duration of overseas experience may be 3-12 months.
- Multi-sectorial and multi-lateral collaborations are encouraged.
- Total grant amount for each project is scheduled as \$200,000 over three calendar years. The actual approved amounts may be varied according to the budgets in projects' final proposals. Grant funds may be used for travel, living costs, health insurance, research and working experiences. The level of spending would be set by the collaborating universities. Overhead, administrative and faculty costs should be kept to a minimum.
- Applicants may agree which institution (Chinese or foreign) should be the designated as the CMB grantee. It is recognized that ongoing relationships, legal aspects, foreign currency exchange capability, faculty supervision, and many factors can influence the primary grantee operating on behalf of the two partners. In each case, however, the project decision-making should include paired leaders from both Chinese and foreign institutions.
- Final proposal should contain sections on: *General information*: Institution, project title, PI(s) and their leadership and/or academic titles, amount of funding requested, and duration of the project. *Project justification*: Explanation of the project's rationale and plans. *Project content*: Clear statement of goals and objectives, specific activities that will be undertaken to achieve the goals, analytic methods if relevant, collaborating countries, collaborative activity type, timetable, and estimated budget. The budget may be flexibly structured to offer optimal agility.

## Eligibility to Apply

CMB welcome its current Chinese grantees and a few designated new partners (**listed in Addendum I**) apply for the grant. A formal letter should be included from the partner foreign institution, including specifying which institution would manage the grant (since foreign exchange management may be easier in some countries). The young faculties/scholars, students, and health workers who funded by the grant should be Chinese only and affiliated to the applicant Chinese institutions. Merit-based selection will be exercised.

## Timeline in 2017-2018

Dec 31, 2017	Submission of project abstract 1-2 pages
Jan 15, 2018	CMB invite short-listed abstracts for final proposal submission
Mar 15, 2018	Submission of final proposals
Apr 15, 2018	CMB communications of decision
Jun 1, 2018	Earliest grant starting date

## CMB Review

CMB staff will review the abstracts and final proposals in terms of clarity, the strategy proposed, budgetary prudence investing in young people, and the likelihood that the proposed arrangements will be successfully conducted.

The CMB liaison officer of interested universities should send abstracts and proposals to **Minhui Yang**, CMB's Program and Grant Manager (myang@cmbfound.org). Technical inquiries should be directed to **Wenkai Li**, CMB Beijing Chief Representative (wli@cmbfound.org).

### Addendum I- Eligible Institutions and Liaison Information

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