Call for BOLD Ideas Round 2

The Office of Academic Clinical Affairs is continuing its focus on improving health through bold, innovative collaborations in pursuit of solutions to the wicked problems facing our communal and individual health. The work we undertake is to train, discover, serve, learn, and research so that we can fulfill our land-grant mission to the state of Minnesota. We are committed to reaching all corners of our state with the health improvement activities that we work on every day.

The “wicked” problems that are particularly challenging to the health and wellbeing of the state of Minnesota include:

- Health disparities and influencing social and environmental determinants of health
- Lack of access to needed health care and health promotion resources in rural Minnesota (closed hospitals/lack of providers/missing programs/needed expertise) and some urban settings
- Health care provider burnout at all levels of training and career
- Technology that hinders health and healthcare
- Opioid and addiction crises
- Societal and social issues of aging
- Bioethical challenges resulting from the above

Solutions to these wicked problems will require new ways of thinking about health. For the second series of funding, OACA is seeking very early stage BOLD ideas that begin to develop the foundation to challenge these problems and require development of concept. Broad categories include, but are not limited to:

- Advancing new theories or practices to improve health status
- Developing approaches that advance team-based health activities, including disciplines outside the traditional health sciences
- Engagement with the community that ameliorates health related issues.

OACA will fund selected proposals with up to $30,000 for a 6 month development. The funds can be used to further the development of a team, engage the community, preliminary data analysis, etc. Funds should be applied to internal or community resources but cannot be used for outside consultants. There will be no no-cost extensions for use of the funds.

Requirements

Selected projects will include:

1. Novel ideas that require additional development to demonstrate “proof of concept” to solve difficult, vexing health related problems
2. Involvement of individuals across several disciplines and demonstrate community engagement. Proposals ideally will demonstrate reach across the University (including regional campuses and/or extension, if possible) and involve faculty and staff from more
than 1 school/college with whom there are not pre-existing collaborations or relationships.

3. If appropriate, proposals should leverage and/or demonstrate collaboration with existing clinical affairs programs or institutes and/or existing University programs to utilize available resources and minimize the development of “silos”

A brief description of the project, including how it fulfils the goals and criteria above, as well as the proposed use of resources should be submitted on-line via REDcap by January 10th, 2020. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Bobbi Daniels (danie003@umn.edu). Selection will be made by a committee of faculty that broadly reflects health related activities in the University. Recipients will be notified by February 1.