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**Global Rural Nursing Virtual Collaboration Learning Grant (GRNVCLG)  
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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

APPLICATION LINK: [WEB FORM](#)

GRANT RELEASE DATE: May 1, 2021

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: July 15, 2021

### POINT OF CONTACT

Send any questions about this document by email to Corey Kilgore, Executive Director of the MHCH Foundation, [corey@mhch.org](mailto:corey@mhch.org)

### PURPOSE

The MHCH Foundation Global Rural Nursing Virtual Collaboration Learning Grant (GRNVCLG) provides funding that promotes collaboration, learning and connections among two International Universities (or organizations involved in Nurse Education) so that nursing students and nurse educators can create virtual learning environments to collaborate on assignments and projects that focus on furthering their knowledge of rural population health, broadening their perspective of different cultures and the status of rural health around the globe while using virtual networking tools, fostering on-going relationships and sharing the results of their learning journey in creative and innovative ways.

## PROGRAM FUNDING INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

### FUNDING INFORMATION

#### *Total Award Amount*

Total Funding Amount: \$20,000

#### *Number of Awards*

Four (4) \$5,000 awards to be split between partnered international groups.

#### *Cost Share Requirement*

Recipients awarded for the grant must split the funding 50/50. Each partnered institution will receive separate awards of \$2,500, directly from the MHCH Foundation, for a total program award of \$5,000. A maximum of 30% or \$750 for each university/institution may be used for indirect expenses. Awarded grant funding must be used between August 2021-May 2022.

### *Expected Award Funding and Anticipated Dates*

MHCH anticipates that funding will be available for projects starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Funding will be allocated a week before the program start date indicated in the grant application. Each institution will be paid \$2,500 directly by the MHCH Foundation.

### GRANT ACCEPTANCE

Upon receiving grant approval, successful applicants will be asked to complete and return a Grant Acceptance Agreement, a Media Release Consent form (indicating media preferences), and a W-9 form or similar tax identification document to receive funds directly.

## SUBMISSION & PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

### SUBMITTING DEADLINE

The grant must be submitted by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time, July 15, 2021, via MHCH's online [web form](#). See "Application Instructions," below, for more information on documents and information to be submitted for review. Only one application needs to be submitted per each partnered university/institution.

### GRANT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

University Nursing Programs/Nursing Education Institutions partnered with another University Nursing Program/Nursing Education Institution from a separate country are eligible to apply. The collaboration must be led by a designated University/Institution Nurse Educator who will oversee students and program outcomes. Each partnered international group should involve 3rd or 4th year BSN nursing students. Other program requirements include:

- Provide a letter of support for the program by each applying partner's dean, department chair for the school of nursing, or the institution's executive/supervisor point of contact
- The program must take place between September 1, 2021-May 31, 2022.
- Applicants must be willing to share program information, program outcomes, and submit the final presentation after the project completion.
- Partnering universities must show proof of a plan designed to create cohesion between the universities and foster ongoing virtual relationships among students and educators.
- The application must demonstrate evidence that students will be required to directly engage with an identified rural/remote community. Projects designed to address an identified urgent need will be given priority. Please note that direct patient care is not required, and projects in urban environment will not be eligible despite need.
- The application should demonstrate a plan for sharing the students' learning journey along the way with the Global Rural Nursing Exchange Network (GRNEN). This

requirement may be satisfied through the use of videos, photography, art, or any other creative mediums. Innovation and creativity are highly encouraged.

- Applicants must be willing to pilot GRNEN approved virtual networking & collaboration tools throughout the program. These tools will support classroom connections via videoconferencing, collaboration tools for co-creating and updating documents and classroom assignments, and tools that support social networking and creating online communities.

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Global with a focus on rural/remote communities, where local population is experiencing a shortage of health care providers and services. Despite identified need, urban centers will not be eligible for this grant. Statement of need in rural or remote communities identified for each partnered international group is requested with program narrative as part of the grant application.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## APPLICATION & SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

Applications will require the following documents and information to be considered:

- Program Summary
- Program Narrative
- Proposed Project Budget
- Letter of commitment

The partnered international groups only need to complete and submit a single joint-application via the online form. **Page limit:** All information including letters of support must be included in a 10-page limit document. If possible, upload the application in one PDF document upon submission.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Please provide a summary of your project 500 words or less. The application project summary should include identification of partnering universities/institutions, as well as the overall objective of the collaborative program that the partnered international groups will be undertaking.

## PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Program Narrative should describe in detail how partnered international groups will meet the program-specific and eligibility requirements within project narrative statements. The narrative should indicate any restrictions on length, as applicable. The program narrative should include:

- Program title
- Description of partnering universities/institutions
- Statement of need, including research or supporting documentation, of the rural or remote communities identified for each partnered international group
- Program's overarching goals and objectives
- Activities and methods planned for each partnered international group as part of each project within their respective rural/remote community
- Estimated timetable or milestones for each project
- Description of rural/remote stakeholder coordination or involvement
- Description of project monitoring and evaluation plan
- Information on key project personnel identified to participate in the program
- Summary abstract or paragraph to be used for media release

## PROJECT BUDGET

Provide a budget justification for each project that the university/institute will be implementing. Include an explanation of how each partnered international group intends to use the \$2,500 for their specific rural/remote healthcare project. Applicants can submit two separate budgets for each project, or a single program budget that identifies the project expenses split evenly between both partnered international groups.

## LETTER OF COMMITMENT

A signed letter from the applying partner's dean, department chair for school of nursing, or the institution's executive/supervisor point of contact from each partnering institution is required upon submission.