**Global Health Bioethics Network Bursaries Scheme**

**Call for Proposals - 2017**

The Global Health Bioethics Network is a collaboration between the Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programmes (MOPs) in Viet Nam, Malawi, Thailand, South Africa, and Kenya and the Ethox Centre at the University of Oxford, as well as the Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research (WTBSCGHR). The Network, which is funded by a Wellcome Trust Strategic Award aims to (i) carry out ethics research across the MOPs, and, (ii) improve the capacity of the MOPs and other partners to identify and address the ethical issues in their own research. As a part of the activities funded by this award, an **annual ethics bursary scheme** has been established.

The Ethics Bursary Scheme

Annual ethics bursaries will be available at each of the five MOPs, and at the WTBSCGHR, to support proposals from staff who wish to carry out short pieces of either (a) locally-driven research or (b) cross-MOP, collaborative projects on issues that affect more than one site. In this situation, two or more sites can apply for a larger, joint bursary together.

These bursaries are intended to support embryonic research ideas or small-scale projects with clearly defined deliverables, which must include the production of an article submitted to a peer reviewed journal. Up to £10,000 in bursaries will be available at each MOP every year. This is likely to be used to fund more than one project at each MOP each year. The bursaries will fund research activities related to **ethics and community engagement**. A key criterion for the assessment of applications will be the extent to which they have the potential to build research capacity in ethics and/or community engagement at the MOPs.

Support and mentorship before application

Support will be available from the project team and from post-doctoral researchers at the Ethox Centre to help people who have expressed an interest in applying for a bursary with the development of proposals.

Support and mentorship after application

Bursary recipients will be provided with research support and mentoring throughout the life of the bursary by members of the Ethox Centre team, by local mentors, or by mentors from other MOPs. Bursary recipients will also be expected to attend a one-week **annual ethics summer school** during the year of the award. The summer schools bring together bursary recipients from different MOPs and the WTBSCGHR. The activities of the bursary recipients are complemented by on-line resources at [www.bioethicsresearchreview.tghn.org](http://www.bioethicsresearchreview.tghn.org), and [www.e-mops.ning.com](http://www.e-mops.ning.com), which provide a range of training materials and spaces for discussion with others interested in ethics from across the MOPs.

How to apply

Initial expressions of interest should be discussed locally with the MOP Director or other nominated person. Following this, a short email outlining the research idea in broad terms should be sent to the Ethox Centre for advice and comment before a full application is developed and submitted.

Applications should be no longer than 1500 words. They should follow the outline in the application form below and should set out: (i) a clear research question, (ii) an explanation of why this is important, (iii) a plan of how the research will be carried out, (iv) a list of deliverables, (v) a statement about how this project will build the capacity in ethics research of the applicants and/or help their career, as well as how it will more broadly impact on ethics capacity and practice at the MOP site, (vi) a budget, and (vii) a commitment to producing regular annual reports, as well as a final report that summarises the results of the project (templates for such reports will be sent to applicants in advance).

Applications should be made jointly by the principal applicant and a senior mentor based at the MOP.

**Peer review and Decision-making**

Applications will be sent out for peer review. Prior to making a funding decision, a list of questions from the reviewers - as well as all their comments - will be sent to applicants. Applicants will be asked to answer the questions set by the peer reviewers. Upon receiving answers from the applicant, the reviewers will make a final decision about whether to award the bursary.

Deadlines

**The deadline for full applications is 30th November 2017.**

**You may submit applications well before this deadline, but *please ensure that projects begin on 1st October, 2017 or later.***

**If your project must start prior to 1st October 2017, please email Dina Rippon (address below) and Mike Parker (****Michael.parker@ethox.ox.ac.uk****)**

**Please send completed application to:** **dinnah.rippon@ethox.ox.ac.uk****.**

**Application form is below.**

**Global Health Bioethics Network Ethics Bursary Application Form**

***Closing date: 30th November 2017***

***Please email completed applications to:*** ***dinnah.rippon@ethox.ox.ac.uk*** ***and cc:*** ***Michael.parker@ethox.ox.ac.uk*** ***and*** ***mary.foulkes@ethox.ox.ac.uk***

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| **Co -Applicant/ Senior Mentor:** |

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| **Other Co-Applicant(s) if applicable** |

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Please add co-applicants if necessary.

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| **B. Description of the proposed project (maximum 1500 words)** |

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| **Start date *(dd/mm/yy) Please choose a date on or after 1st Oct. 2017:*** |  | **Duration (mths):** |  |

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| **1. Project Title** |
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| **2. Proposal** Include the following: (1) Research question, (2) why it is important and (3) a plan of how the project will be carried out |
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| **3. Deliverables (*must include a paper ready for submission to a peer reviewed journal*)** |
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| **4. Description of how the project will build your capacity in ethics and/or community engagement, as well as how it will more broadly impact on ethics capacity and practice at your MOP site. Please also include a sentence or two about how this Bursary fits into your career goals, and what impact you think it will have on your career.**  |
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| **5. Description of what your current needs are (and what your future needs might be) in terms of help, support, training and mentorship with regards to this project. (E.g., do you have specific training needs in ethics, qualitative research skills and methods, academic writing, or other areas that will help you achieve your project objectives? Do you require mentorship from the Ethox Centre, or a different MOP to your own? Do you foresee a need for specific help with certain aspects of your project either now or in the future?) It would be good if you could give us an idea of not just what your training needs might be, but at what stage of your project you would like to receive this training.** |
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| **C. Budget** |

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| **D. Commitment to regular reporting** |

I will submit a regular annual report on the progress of my project, and will produce a final report upon completion of my project that summarises my results and lessons learned. This final report will be in addition to any papers that come out of my project. Please put an X in the box below.

Agree Do not agree

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| **E. Signatures (faxed or e-signature)** |

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Signature of Principal Applicant Date

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Signature of Co-Applicant/ Senior Mentor at MOP Date