



2015 Request for Proposals (RFP)

CMB Open Competition Research Program

Health Policy and Systems Sciences (HPS)

Invitation for Proposals

The China Medical Board (美国中华医学基金会) for a fifth annual round invites investigators from Chinese universities to submit proposals for the **CMB Open Competition (CMB-OC)** research program in the field of **Health Policy and Systems Sciences (HPS)**.

Background

Over the 20th century, health in China has advanced significantly. Nevertheless, China like all countries faces many challenges in providing universal, high quality, affordable healthcare to its people. The CMB is dedicated to supporting solutions to these challenges as part of its broader mission of promoting health in China and other Asian countries. In strengthening Chinese capacities in HPS research and education, the CMB supports evidence-based policy-making for China's ongoing health reforms.

The CMB-OC program began in 2011 with an emphasis on broadening opportunities in HPS for junior researchers. The program's strenuous merit-based peer review process seeks to identify researchers with high potential, regardless of seniority. CMB-OC awardees receive research funding and, may join an active CMB research community that provides mutual support for collaborative learning, training, and mentorship.

Over the course of four cycles, CMB has awarded 41 CMB-OC grants with funding support ranging from 26,000 USD to 150,000 USD. The program is highly competitive. In the 2014 cycle, CMB received 122 project applications, of which 26 abstracts were invited for full proposal development. Ultimately, 10 projects were approved for funding.

Open Competition.

The CMB-OC offers grant opportunities of **25,000 USD - 150,000 USD per research project for 2-5 years**. This year's OC will prioritize two themes, **quality of care** and **environmental health**.

Quality of care in health refers to the value of health care resource and delivery. Quality measurements should be developed and studied to better provide China's growing healthcare demand. Environmental health refers to the natural and build environment that affect health, including the physical, chemical, and biological factors. Addressing pollution is essential to

sustaining the well-being of China's population. This OC will give special attention in the proposal selection to the research that illuminates the measurement, causes, conditions, strategies and interventions of these two priority areas.

Eligibility to Apply

The CMB welcomes all its current Chinese grantees and a few designated new partners to apply for OC applications this year. We especially encourage **junior faculty** or post-doctoral fellows to apply. We encourage applicants to pair with **international scholars**. We encourage **multidisciplinary** research and educational projects. Please note: researchers working on active CMB-OC projects are NOT eligible to apply this grant cycle.

Proposal Submission

This RFP process will be implemented in **two steps**. First, applicants submit a 1-2 page abstract of the proposal for initial review. Next, the Principal Investigators (PIs) of projects considered suitable will be invited to develop complete proposals for final review. The full proposal will again go through peer review, with promising proposals invited for revision. The revised proposals will be reviewed again to determine final selection. Abstracts and proposals should be submitted in English through the respective university's CMB liaison office (Addendum I), who will screen the content and submit the proposals to the CMB.

Each institution can submit up to **five** abstracts. In addition, faculty members who have participated in one of the following CMB programs and do not have an active OC project may submit one project abstract which will not count towards each school's five-abstract quota:

- Awardees of CMB Faculty Development and Next Generation Fellowships; and
- Trainees of CMB 991 in-China training in HPS; trainees of CMB HPS Residency training; and trainees of CMB Rural PhD training in Thailand
- Awardees of Westlake Seed Grants.

Timeline

April 15th	Submission of abstract
May 31st	CMB decision on abstracts for consideration
July 31st	Submission of full proposal
December 31st	CMB announcement of funding decisions

Proposal Abstract

An abstract of 1-2 pages must include the following:

- *General information:* University; project title; PI(s) and their leadership and/or academic titles; contact information, including email and a reliable phone number; amount of funding required; and duration of the project.
- *Project justification:* Explanation of the project's importance to China, to your locality, to your university, and/or to yourself. Where appropriate, you may integrate this with the project content description.

- *Project content:* Clear statement of the main problem addressed by the project, goals and objectives, specific activities that will be undertaken to achieve the goals, analytic methods, expected results and products, timetable, and estimated budget.

Abstracts should be accompanied by the current CV of the Principal Investigator (PI). This CV should be no more than 3 pages and include the PI's date of birth; contact information; major educational and professional experiences; up to 5 selected publications; previous participation in CMB activities; and a list of all HPS-related research funding received from funding agencies, including CMB.

CMB Review

The process is highly competitive and merit-based. PIs of selected abstracts may be sent comments on their abstracts to assist them in focusing their full-length proposals. Most provisionally accepted full proposals will require considerable revisions based on comments generated by CMB review prior to final acceptance. CMB's decisions about which projects to support will be based on the quality, relevance, and topical significance of the revised proposal. In particular, the following aspects will be examined during review:

- Value of the project, as explained in its "justification;"
- Soundness of the research design and appropriate methods used;
- Feasibility of the project;
- Potential of the PI to achieve academic excellence;
- Demonstration of multidisciplinary work;
- Cost-effectiveness in producing key knowledge and educational products given the requested budget;

It is CMB policy that all research and education products, including original datasets generated by its grant support, must be widely shared and accessible to the public.

Grants Management

In naming project abstracts or proposals, please follow the standard format: "**Year + OC+SchoolAbbreviation + PI's Name.**" An example is

15OCCMBFamilyNameGivenName.

Each participating university has designated "**CMB liaison officer(s)**" (Addendum I) who will serve as the point(s)-of-contact between the university and CMB in grant management issues. The CMB liaison officer at each university should send all abstracts, proposals and inquiries to **John Ji**, CMB's Program Manager (jji@cmbfound.org, 010-59695071-802). All technical questions shall be sent to John Ji as well.

Addendum I
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