# 2024 2<sup>ND</sup> CALL FOR LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSIONS – MP3 INITIATIVE SEED GRANTS

The goal of the MP3 Initiative is to facilitate and grow basic and applied infectious disease research across scales at Emory University, from molecules and pathogens within hosts to populations and pandemics. The main way in which the initiative will accomplish this is to provide sizable seed grants to interdisciplinary teams of researchers, to provide proof-of-concept and preliminary results for subsequent applications for research grants, program grants, center grants and training grants. An explicit requirement of funding through this program is therefore the subsequent submission of extramural grants. Importantly, to fully establish interdisciplinary research programs, seed grants are only awarded to teams of researchers from different schools at Emory University. Furthermore, partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Carter Center are strongly encouraged. *For this cycle, special priority will be given to proposals with large team of researchers aiming submit subsequent program and center grants.* 

### Due Dates (update upon approval)

Letter of Intent Due: August 1, 2024
Invitation for Full Application: August 16, 2024
Full Application Due: October 9, 2024
Award Notification: October 30, 2024
Funding Begins: November 1, 2024

#### **Project Eligibility**

- Proposals must specifically address cross-scale infectious disease dynamics; grants will not be awarded for research within one scale of biological organization.
- Proposal must build on new collaborations or research directions.

# **Applicant Eligibility**

- Consist of two faculty members from at least two different units (e.g. SOM and ECAS, SOM and RSPH, ECAS and CDC)
- Hold a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) or equivalent degree.
- Faculty teams must include at least one junior faculty member.
- Lead PI can only have 1 active MP3 award as a Lead PI/Co-PI WAIVED FOR 2024.2 SEED GRANT CYCLE
- Be qualified to conduct and mentor a program of original research within their own laboratory.

#### **Funding: Budget Maximums**

- \$200k for teams of 2 faculty
- \$250k for teams of 3 plus faculty

## **Funding: Duration**

• 11/1/2024 – 8/31/2026.

# Requirements: The principal investigator(s) must:

- Awardees will commit to submitting subsequent NIH grants. Special priority will be given to proposals with large team of researchers aiming submit subsequent program and center grants.
- Submit progress reports and respond to subsequent requests for updates on any outcomes.
- Present the progress and results of the project as requested.

All applicants must apply through our online grant portal.

#### **LOI Portal LINK**

For more information please contact Todd Swink at <u>tswink@emory.edu</u>. You can also visit our <u>website</u> for more information including active awards and their abstracts.