



Announcement of the Impact Award for Global Health Science

"With rare exceptions, all of your most important achievements on this planet will come from working with others—or, in a word, partnership."

— **Paul Farmer (2012)**

One of Paul Farmer's greatest legacies is the recognition that global health challenges are best understood and addressed when considering their social, economic, and political contexts. Too often, geographic distances, mismatched priorities, and institutional incentives create a chasm between the research being conducted and the answers implementers actually need on the ground.

The **Impact Award for Global Health Science** funds scientists whose research is conducted in direct partnership with—and in close physical proximity to—highly vulnerable healthcare systems and their communities.

Contrary to traditional funding mechanisms that prioritize interpretability over complexity and publication rates over innovation, the Impact Award for Global Health Science rewards curiosity and experimentation. Unrestricted funding from the Herrnstein Family Foundation allows the researcher to adapt to the ever-changing political, economic, and environmental circumstances that impact health systems. Furthermore, it promotes innovative and exploratory research that has the potential to transform global health

science methods. The ultimate goal is a research program designed to have a direct and lasting impact on the communities it studies.

It is our sincere hope that this award encourages the collaborative research Paul envisioned and catalyzes novel, impactful solutions in global health.

Award Structure and Selection

The Impact Award for Global Health Science is awarded directly by the Herrnstein Family Foundation ("HFF") to the scholar's institution. Funds are unrestricted and fully transferable to another institution if the scholar's affiliation changes during the award period.

Scholar selection will be made by the Chair of HFF with an advisory committee of scientists and implementers. Close collaboration with on-the-ground implementers is critical and must be maintained for the duration of the award.

Application Guidelines

Applications are currently **by invitation only**. Invited applicants should submit the following materials:

1. NIH Biosketch or CV
2. Project proposal (no more than 4 pages, including citations) summarizing the relevant background for the challenges to be addressed and outlining the and key objectives and priorities
3. Letter of support from at least one partner healthcare delivery organization.

Note: Because the money is flexible and unrestricted, a specific budget is not required.

Financial Structure

- **Total Award: \$1,000,000** (\$200,000/year over 5 years)
- **Institutional Overhead:** Capped at a maximum of **10%**

Allowable Expenses

Scholar funding can be applied flexibly toward objectives, including (but not limited to):

- Scholar salary support
- Support for trainees (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows)
- Direct research costs (including sub-allocations to global health delivery partners)
- Travel expenses for scholars or trainees to research/clinical sites
- Relevant conference fees and publishing costs

Publications, Reports & Renewal

Research should be rigorous and follow accepted methodologies of global health research or develop new ones. Publication of the results, either by the awardee or collaborators, is expected, but there is no emphasis on publication number or rate, only quality and potential impact of the research.

Awardees must submit a brief annual progress report (2–4 pages) outlining the past year's activities and progress toward key objectives.

The recipient may apply for a renewal of the award 1-yr before the end of the current award term.