UM Graduate Programs in Public Health Sciences  
MPH, MSPH, and MD/MPH Programs  
Funding Application Instructions for  
SPRINGBOARD GRANT AWARD 2015-2016

**WHY** is this funding available?
- To foster innovative thinking in public health research and practice.
- To support MPH, MSPH and MD/MPH students in their efforts to address community or global public health issues through their capstone projects or thesis projects.
- To serve as a springboard for projects that have the potential for further growth and dissemination.

**WHO** is eligible?
- Applicant must:
  - Be enrolled in the MPH, MSPH, MD/MPH program.
  - Have completed at least 12 credits of coursework.
- Preference given to students who demonstrate that the project is taking them beyond the requirements of the program and towards a significant accomplishment in the field.

**WHAT** is the application criteria?
- Mentoring by a Capstone Faculty Advisor is required prior to submitting application.  
  [ONLINE Application Link](https://umiami.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_do0uwPhz2Kce1A9)
- You must adhere to application instructions and word limit. You may save/continue or submit when final. Only applications submitted by the deadline will be accepted.
- Submit an electronic version of a letter of support from the partner organization to the Capstone Manager [f.casanova@med.miami.edu](mailto:f.casanova@med.miami.edu) by the final application deadline.

**HOW** much financial support is available?
- The funding level for a given project will be in the $1,000 to $7,000 range and will be determined by the review board for each applicant.

**WHAT** is required as a final deliverable?
- Submit photos documenting experience.
- Submit 2 progress reports on the project expenses and activities – [See due dates](#)
- Complete all required documentation for Capstone Project EPH681 or EPH699 Thesis.
- Create poster & abstract of Capstone Project or Thesis – [Poster workshops mandatory](#)
- Present at the Annual Graduate Student Showcase in Spring 2016:
  Audience may include Medical School and Department of Public Health Sciences students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

**TIPS** to a successful application:
- To encourage continuum, projects should include the support of other students and/or contribute to a previous Capstone Project or Thesis.
- Projects should have an attainable scope and be focused on achieving results.

**DATES:**
- Feb 4, 2016 ...................... 2016 Student Showcase—5:00-7:00 pm CRB 9th Floor
- Sept. 17, 2015 ................... Info-session—2015 Application Q&A—CRB 989, 12:00 noon
- Oct. 2, 2015 ..................... Application draft [DUE](#) to Advisor—copy Capstone Manager
- Oct. 12, 2015 .................... [FINAL APPLICATION DUE](#)—11:45 pm ONLINE submissions only.
- Oct. 27, 2015 .................... Awards Announcements
- Nov. 5, 2015 ...................... Awards Luncheon—[Mandatory](#)
- Nov. 5, 2015 ...................... Funds Distributed
- Jan. 18, 2015 .................... 1st Springboard Progress Report [DUE](#) to Advisor & Manager
- Spring 2016 semester *(TBA)* Poster workshop sessions—[Mandatory](#)
- Spring 2016 semester *(TBA)* Poster and Abstract final versions [DUE](#)
- Spring 2017 semester .......... 2017 Student Showcase (Poster Presentation)—[Mandatory](#)
- April 4, 2016 ..................... 2nd Springboard Progress Report [DUE](#) to Advisor
- End of Spring 2016 ............. Capstone Final Report [DUE](#) to Advisor—at minimum, 2 weeks prior to end of semester