

Sponsor/Title: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Emerging Infections Network - Research for Preventing, Detecting, and Managing Travel-associated Infectious Diseases

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360199>

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-CK-26-035

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Application Deadline: 2026-08-17

Required Letter of Intent: 2026-09-15

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-11-05

Background: Travelers move from place to place quickly and can spread pathogens across international borders. This makes them an important population to consider when monitoring new and emerging communicable diseases. This NOFO continues and expands CDC's efforts to better understand risks to international travelers. Previous work included:

- Timely and efficient monitoring and detection of sentinel infectious disease outbreaks to contain and respond to emerging infectious diseases.
- Conducting research activities and enhanced surveillance to inform guidelines and recommendations to prevent, detect, and manage infectious diseases in international travelers who become ill during or after travel.

The surveillance and research conducted previously among traveling populations has been vital to CDC's outbreak response when novel, emerging, or re-emerging pathogens were detected. It helped us gain critical knowledge on disease transmission, exposure risks, seasonality and geographic range, incubation periods and infectiousness, natural clinical history, and outcomes. Continuing this routine, sentinel, and enhanced surveillance and research work is essential to advancing the global health security of the people of the United States.

Purpose: The purpose of this NOFO is to support significant and innovative surveillance and research activities that will help prevent, detect, and manage infectious diseases in international travelers who become ill during or after travel. The project aims to:

- Detect sentinel events, syndromic clusters, and infectious disease outbreaks.
- Systematically collect data that will contribute to the understanding of the risks to travelers.

As set out in the terms of this award, CDC has determined that data identified by the funding program during the period of performance must be shared with CDC. CDC intends to use data for public health purposes, that may include, but are not limited to, informing situational awareness and predictive modeling; strategic, tactical, and policy decision making; tracking the presence, and intensity of certain conditions; determining where federal resources for public health data (e.g., technical, financial, or in-kind assistance) may be needed; understanding the spectrum of illness, disease burden, and risk factors for disease and severe outcomes; understanding the impact of diseases, healthcare systems, and communities; reporting on or publishing findings related to analyses done with these data; and other purposes as specified in the award. As needed or as directed, CDC may share data with HHS agencies and other federal partners, as authorized by law, for public health purposes. Such sharing is limited to what is appropriate and consistent with applicable privacy, security, and confidentiality laws.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/utHvAGKKEBuUGLK38> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the scored criteria outlined on pages 40-41 of the NOFO:
 - Significance
 - Innovation
 - Approach

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.