


Spring 2019



# **Request for Applications (RFA) for Duke Institute for Healthcare (IHI) Improvement Open School Quality Improvement Projects**



# Overview



**The Duke Chapter of The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School** is excited to announce its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual RFA for innovative Quality Improvement (QI) projects in collaboration with **Healthy Durham 20/20**.

Applications are open to faculty, staff and students of Duke University and Duke University Health System, and projects may apply for up to \$5000 in funding. Applications are **due by 10:00 PM on Sunday, March 31, 2019** and should be sent to [DukeIHI@gmail.com](mailto:DukeIHI@gmail.com).



The mission of the Duke IHI open school is to **promote community-based improvements to health and healthcare**, and to cultivate a culture of safety, inquiry, and continuous improvement across Duke University Health System (DUHS).

Proposed projects should address important problems encountered by care providers, patients and their loved ones across DUHS. Last year's awardees included "Levelling the Field: Engaging Community Persons in Duke Health Quality Improvement Initiatives" and "A Severe Hypertension Outreach Quality Improvement Initiative". For this funding opportunity, priority will be given to problems and solutions that are aligned with the following **thematic areas**:



# Changing Dynamics in Care Delivery



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**Access to Care:** Projects that develop community-engaged strategies to make measurable improvements in access to medical care for uninsured and underinsured Durham residents

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**Communications:** Projects that improve either internal communication between providers, or external communication with the community at large

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**Obesity and Chronic Illness:** Projects that provide a community-based approach to address obesity, and associated chronic illnesses including diabetes

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**Novel patient interactions (engagement, education & experience):** Projects that amplify the voices of patients, families and caregivers in extending care, education and engagement including digital technologies, mobile apps and novel EHR applications

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**Substance use and mental health:** Projects that increase access to substance abuse and mental health services, especially those that address the opioid epidemic

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**HIV and STIs:** Projects that increase access to HIV and other STI screening and treatment

# RFA Timeline

**March 1, 2019**

**RFA open for  
Submission**

**March 31, 2019**

**Application due date at  
10:00 PM**

**May 1, 2019**

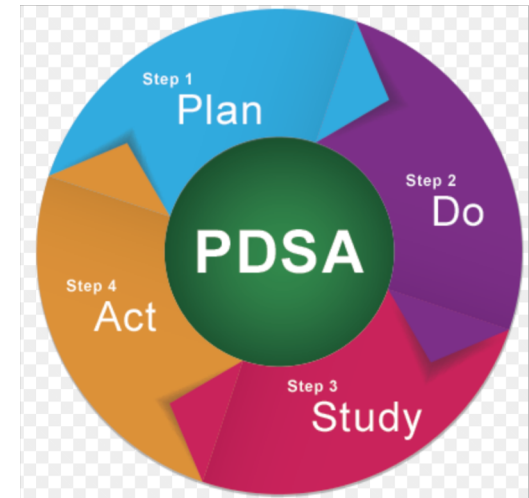
**Awardees Announced**

**June 1, 2019**

**Funding Start**

**November 20, 2019**

**Midpoint Reporting**





# RFA Proposal



Proposals should use section headings provided in the following template

There is a strict three (3) page limit, excluding references.

Margins should be a minimum of 1" all around and font size no smaller than Arial 11 pt (excluding tables and figures).

# Proposal Template



**Problem:** What problem(s) does your proposal solve? Who is affected? How is the problem being dealt with currently? How is this aligned with the RFA themes and the Healthy Durham 20/20 initiative?

**QI Process Description:** Describe the QI process you propose to use. Assume the reader is not an expert.

**Relevant Background and Prior Work:** Describe your experience as it relates to your proposed project.

**Proposed Project:** What are you proposing to do? How does the quality improvement project work to solve the target problem? How would this be implemented in the proposed setting? Who is the sponsor and operational lead? How will you ensure community and other stakeholder engagement and benefit?

**Timeline and Hurdles:** What are the milestones and timeline during the one year grant period? Include target dates, and use measurable milestones. Identify quantifiable success metrics. What outcomes will you be assessing?

**Request and Use of Funds:** How much funding are you requesting? (max \$5,000). What is the intended use of the funds? What health questions are you answering and how will this funding help to answer these questions?

**References:** No more than 20 (does not count against page limit).



# Thank you



Please forward this announcement to your collaborators and others who might be interested in applying. Please send completed applications to [DukeHI@gmail.com](mailto:DukeHI@gmail.com).

Please direct your questions to Anthony Lin ([anthony.lin@duke.edu](mailto:anthony.lin@duke.edu)) or Brooke Evans ([brooke.evans@duke.edu](mailto:brooke.evans@duke.edu)).