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Request for Pilot Project Proposals, Fall 2016 (Deadline: December 1, 2016)

HPC invites Faculty Associates to submit pilot proposals for the development of population and health research. HPC will fund **three** proposals in the fall of 2016. Award requests of up to \$10,000 for a single-PI proposal and an additional amount of funding for a collaborative proposal (two co-PIs or a PI and a co-investigator) for one year period may be submitted. (Pilot project PIs, co-PIs, and co-investigators must be HPC Faculty Associates.) We will start to review and fund applications beginning September 10, 2016 until the deadline on December 1, 2016.

Research on Population and Health Sciences

The HPC supports pilot research that will lead to a larger project in one of HPC's primary research areas:

- Poverty and Inequality
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Family, Maternal and Child Health
- Computational Population and Health Sciences

Application Priority

- Projects leading to an NICHD application, especially in substantive areas under the purview of the Population Dynamics Branch (PDB) ([click here](#))
- Interdisciplinary
- Early- or mid-career PIs; especially in collaboration with senior researchers

Pilot Grant Activities

Pilot project funds cannot be used for faculty salary support or travel to professional meetings. Funds must be spent in the United States, although the research could have an international focus.

Some examples of what funds could be used:

- To hire graduate student research assistants
- To conduct interviews or to assay biological samples
- To develop and field test a questionnaire
- To purchase access to a proprietary dataset
- To acquire necessary skills by participating in a short training program

Pilot-to-NICHD Workshop and Final Report

In order to assist recipients in developing grant applications, they will be expected to participate in a pilot-to-NICHD Workshop during or after pilot award period. [Click here](#) for the workshop plan. A final report is due within 30 days of the project's end, with a focus on how the pilot funds have aided in the development of research proposals.

Contact Us

We encourage Associates who are interested in applying to contact Lingxin Hao, Director (hao@jhu.edu), Emily Agree, Associate Director (Emily.Agree@jhu.edu), or Andy Cherlin, Development Core Director (Cherlin@jhu.edu) to discuss their ideas for projects.

Application Guidelines

All proposals should include the following sections:

1. Title and abstract (<=1 page)
2. Specific Aims (<=1 page)
3. Proposal narrative (2-3 pages)
 - a) brief background and significance
 - b) research design and methods
 - c) key personnel
 - d) timeline
4. Budget and budget justification
5. Appendix: current NIH biosketch or CV for key personnel

Review

All proposals will be evaluated on their scientific merit by the review panel consisting of members of the HPC Coordinating Committee.

Human Subjects

After an applicant is selected for a pilot grant, she or he will need to submit a human-subject plan similar to the human subjects section of an NIH application and to receive approval from a JHU IRB. It will then be submitted to NICHD for human subjects approval. Awarded projects can begin as soon as human subjects approval is obtained from NICHD.