Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging

Application Cycle for 2023-2024 Pilot Research Proposals

The UC Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA)
https://www.populationsciences.berkeley.edu/ceda
is pleased to announce a new call for pilot research proposals for AY 2023-2024, with a submission deadline of **February 1, 2023.**

CEDA continues its long-standing NIA-funded pilot grant program to support promising new research. We seek proposals in areas related to demography and economics of aging, especially those aligned with CEDA's signature themes:

- Mortality measurement
- Policy and behavioral determinants of adult health
- Biodemography of aging
- Macro consequences of global aging.

Note that in order to receive NIA approval, the proposed research should focus primarily on health outcomes, health-related behaviors, and other health and demographic determinants. There is some nuance to this NIH rule, therefore, please contact us if you are unsure whether or not your research would fit.

We also seek innovative aging-related behavioral and social research proposals regarding timely topics such as COVID-19, racial and gender equity, dementia, etc. We encourage you to review the research topics prioritized by CEDA's funder, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Division of Behavioral and Social Research, as per the report at:

https://www.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/2019-BSR-Review-Committee-Report-508.pdf

Please also note this clarification of NIH's priorities for health economics research:

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-16-025.html

Please reach out if you would like to discuss the appropriateness of a potential topic.

We prioritize applications that will likely lead to competitive extramural research proposals to NIA and other funders, but other highly innovative or high impact projects will be considered.

For this call for pilots:

- Submit by **February 1, 2023** for fullest consideration.
- Funded proposals are generally in the range of $15,000-$30,000 direct costs (over one year), but larger and longer-term proposals will be considered if well justified.

Eligibility: Must have or be eligible for PI status at UC Berkeley, or if at another institution, be a CEDA member.

Timeline: Proposals are due February 1, 2023 internal decisions are made by March, and final NIA approval is late summer. The project funding year begins upon receipt of the award letter from NIA (late summer 2023) and continues until June 30, 2024 (with no-cost extensions considered, if justified).

Application Format and Process : Submit a 2-page proposal per the instructions below, including a budget. E-mail the completed proposal to CEDA Manager Maria Teresa Hernandez (mt_hernandez@berkeley.edu). For preliminary feedback on your proposal idea please contact CEDA Director Will Dow (wdow@berkeley.edu).

Pilot Grant Proposal Instructions

Proposals should be about 2 pages single-spaced (not including references, budget, and human subjects details).

Please include all of the following information in your proposal due February 1, 2023:

1. Identifying Information

Identify the lead investigator, collaborating investigators, and the departments or units they represent. Contact information must be included for all investigators.

2. Title of Proposal

3. Brief Aims and Background

List specific aims, and provide a brief background or rationale for the proposal and purpose of the project including its significance, innovation, and relevance to aging.

4. Description of Activities

Provide a description of the specific activities.

5. Prospects for Extramural Funding

Detail how the proposed activities will contribute to the development of a research proposal to outside sponsors, ideally an NIA grant such as R01/R21/R03 funding, but it is allowable to target other funders. Be sure to identify prospective funders and how the proposed research topic fits with their priorities.

6. Timeline

Describe the anticipated timeline to accomplish the goals of the proposal. Also, please indicate the timeline for the development and submission of grant proposals for external funding. Pilots are generally designed to be completed within one year, but a two-year timeline may be requested.

7. Budget

The requested budget for the pilot is typically $15,000-$30,000 for direct costs, but a larger pilot budget may be requested with strong justification. Provide a brief explanation of how the requested funds will be spent, based on the activities to be conducted:

- Data acquisition or collection

- Investigator salary (if state-funded faculty, generally limited to only assistant professors)
- GSRs (including tuition benefits if applicable).

If the proposal is selected, a detailed budget will be required with the help from campus research administration staff.

8. Human Subjects

Please indicate if your research involves human subjects. If you already have human subjects approval please attach the approval letter (or exemption letter if applicable). If not yet approved, please indicate the timing and status of IRB submission and review. It is the obligation of the PI to comply with all campus and government regulations on human subjects research. See https://cphs.berkeley.edu/review.html and https://cphs.berkeley.edu/reviewtypes.html for more information.