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## **CALL for PILOT GRANT PROPOSALS**

Population Studies, up \$20,000

**Due Dates are March 15 and November 1**

This is a call for proposals for pilot grants to be funded by the **Berkeley Population Center** ([www.popcenter.berkeley.edu](http://www.popcenter.berkeley.edu)). The BPC is a 5-year center grant funded by the NICHD, a portion of which is to fund pilot grants for faculty and affiliates.

We consider pilot project proposals in any area of population studies, broadly defined, as per the missions of each center and the NIH's Population Dynamics Branch. Our goal in considering pilot proposals jointly across these initiatives is to allocate funds efficiently to the most meritorious proposals.

The deadline for this open and general call for proposals is May 1 and November 1, but applications may also be accepted at any time. The BPC generally issues two of these general calls per year. In addition, there may be calls for proposals in special areas throughout the year. Proposals may request up to \$20,000, to be spent within 12 months of the actual award, after which remaining funds revert to the center budgets. A one paragraph report on the project is also due after this 12-month period. An important goal of the pilot program is to generate regular research proposals to NICHD, and proposals successful proposals are those viewed as likely to lead to an R01 or R03 submission [an R01 is a typical research grant; an R03 supports small research projects of short duration that usually involve exploratory or feasibility studies or secondary analysis of existing data].

### **Eligibility**

Must have principal investigator status at UC Berkeley or UCSF. Priority for BPC pilot grants will be given to BPC faculty affiliates, new investigators in population research (particularly junior faculty), and projects likely to lead to new NICHD proposals. Signature themes (including data science and demography, family policy, population health) are listed on the [BPC website](#), but pilot grant support may extend beyond research on these themes.

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## **Application Format**

The application procedure requires up to a four-page proposal describing your project, including the giving motivation, theory, data, method, and expected significance of the project. What contributions will your pilot potentially make to the goals of the [Population Dynamics Branch \(PDB\)](#) within the NICHD? See the [Pilot Grants Guideline](#) document for details. Be sure to indicate whether the project involves human subjects. The proposal should also say whether it is expected that the research will lead to a regular NIH (NICHD or NIA) proposal. You also need to include a budget and budget justification. Note that for the NICHD-funded pilot grants, no foreign components are allowed.

Funds can be used for paying a GSR, purchasing data, Xlab experiments, and other reasonable purposes (but typically not for equipment or summer salary, but there are exceptions). Funds must be spent within 12 months of the award and other requirements apply. Proposals are due by COB on March 15 and November 1, annually.

If you are thinking of submitting a proposal, you may send an initial draft for review to Michelle Poulin, ([mpoulin@berkeley.edu](mailto:mpoulin@berkeley.edu)), or Will Dow ([wdow@berkeley.edu](mailto:wdow@berkeley.edu)), or Josh Goldstein ([Josh@demog.berkeley.edu](mailto:Josh@demog.berkeley.edu)) The final proposal should be submitted to Michelle Poulin, [mpoulin@berkeley.edu](mailto:mpoulin@berkeley.edu) . Proposals may be evaluated by separate committees for each of the initiatives, and we will endeavor to respond promptly.