Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging

Application Cycle for 2025-2026 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. We are especially prioritizing pilots by Early Stage or New Investigators, but invite investigators at all stages to send us proposals. The submission deadline is **August 30, 2024.**

Note: These pilot proposals will be submitted to NIH in Fall 2024 as part of CEDA's application to NIA for the next 6 years of funding, which would be expected to begin in July 2025.

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

- Mortality measurement
- Policy and behavioral determinants of adult population 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 high priority aging topics beyond our signature themes, including those focused on 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 to discuss the appropriateness of a potential topic.

For this call for pilots:
- Submit by **August 30, 2024**.
- Funded proposals are generally in the range of $15,000-$30,000 direct costs (over one year), but larger proposals will be considered if well justified.

Eligibility: Must be at UC Berkeley, or if at another institution, be a CEDA member

Timeline: Proposals are due August 30, 2024. Internal decisions for inclusion in the grant application will be made in September. If funded, the project funding year begins upon receipt of the award letter from NIA (approximately July 1, 2025) and continues until June 30, 2026 (with no-cost extensions considered, if justified).

Application Format and Process: Submit a two to four-page proposal per the instructions below, including a budget. E-mail the completed proposal to ceda@berkeley.edu. For preliminary feedback on your proposal idea please contact CEDA Director Will Dow (wdow@berkeley.edu), or for administrative questions contact CEDA Manager Elie Draper (edraper@berkeley.edu).

Pilot Grant Proposal Instructions

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

Please include all of the following information in your proposal due <u>August 30, 2024</u>:

1. *Identifying Information*
    Identify the lead investigator, collaborating investigators, and the departments or units they represent. Contact information must be included for all investigators. The lead investigator should indicate if they are an Early Stage Investigator or a New Investigator.

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. Be sure to identify prospective funders and how the proposed research topic fits with their priorities. Proposals from Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators should ideally be designed to lead to submission of an R-series or K-series application to NIA by the end of 2-years (Summer 2027).

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).

Additionally, if it applies to your proposal include the following:

- If your budget includes a subaward (Note: the total direct costs limit is inclusive of any subawardee indirect costs)
- Whether any funding will be spent in a foreign country
- The indirect rate expected (for proposals outside of UC Berkeley)

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.