

Call for Proposals

Pilot Grants for Research on Subnational Burden of Disease

The Center for Health Trends and Forecasts (CHTF) at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation is pleased to announce a call for proposals to fund one- to two-year pilot projects to conduct novel social science research that expands the evidence base and understanding related to health and aging. Applications that leverage Global Burden of Disease (GBD) data, bring an international focus to understanding the causes of health outcomes and health disparities, or examine trends at the subnational country level are particularly welcome. Individual awards are expected to range from \$15,000-\$75,000 each. Indirect costs are not allowed. Funded projects are expected to generate presentations and publications that will form the basis for further applications to the National Institute on Aging, the National Institutes of Health, or other funding bodies.

Eligibility

Pilot project awards are open to social scientists at any institution worldwide who qualify to have principal investigator status within their home institution. All pilot awards are subject to the National Institutes of Health approval and, where relevant, foreign clearance process.

Researchers who have not previously worked on the determinants of population health are prioritized, but all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply. While we do not have funding for all ideas, we welcome collaboration and are enthusiastic about engaging in conversation with researchers who are interested in working more closely with us as affiliates of the center. Researchers awarded pilots will either be or become affiliates of the Center for Health Trends and Forecasts.

Application and submission processes:

- Proposal Narrative (See [template](#))
- NIH biosketch for principal investigator ([Click here](#) to see instructions samples)
- Line item budget. (See [template](#)) Allowable costs are salary, travel, and supplies. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- Letter of support from senior investigator willing to serve as a mentor for the proposed study
- No annexes are allowed

Submit proposals to chtf@uw.edu by January 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. PST. Only completed proposals submitted via email and received by the deadline will be considered.



Review criteria

- **Significance:** Does this study address an important problem related to disparities of health and population aging? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced?
- **Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequate and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative approaches?
- **Innovation:** Does the project employ creative and novel use of the GBD results in conjunction with other social sciences to achieve work that is original and innovative?
- **Investigator(s):** Is the investigator appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work?
- **Potential to lead to additional research:** What is the potential for the work as described to lead to a new and expanded research area, or new collaborations with Center Members and others to advance our understanding of the aims pertinent to the Center? Will the project aid the investigator to apply for a larger NIH-funded study such as an R21 or R01, or lead to similar support?
- **Feasibility:** Is the study feasible given the duration and requested funding amount?

Reporting Requirements

Successful principal investigators will form a mentoring committee of three advanced stage investigators to advise the project. The principal investigator is required to submit annual progress reports on the project to CHTF and to convene with the mentoring committee at the end of the first year to review progress. For two-year projects, the results of this review will determine whether a second year will be funded. Upon completion of the project, the principal investigator is required to submit a report of the work carried out under the grant. The principal investigator is required to report to CHTF any subsequent grant applications and publications that derive from the pilot project. Publications are subject to the NIH Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research, which ensures the use of NIH funding is acknowledged and the publication is open access.

Questions or comments:

Researchers who have scientific questions are encouraged to discuss their proposals prior to submission with Haidong Wang (haidong@uw.edu).

Direct any programmatic questions or inquiries about becoming an affiliate of our center to Faye Ziegeweid (chtf@uw.edu).