



Seed Grant Announcement (FY 2018-2019)

Deadline: Oct 19, 2018 (5:00 pm local time)

As part of our NICHD Population Dynamic Branch (PDB) P2C Population Center Infrastructure Grant, we have funds to support CCPR faculty-initiated population research. The goal is to help develop nascent research ideas into larger-scale projects that will eventually obtain extramural funding from the NIH or other extramural funding sources. Depending on the number, size and quality of applications, the amount of each Seed Grant award will vary. Requested funds should be between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (direct costs) for a project. We expect to have one call for seed grants per year.

The ideal use of these funds is to help develop new ideas and conduct preliminary research that is likely to result in successful applications for extramural funding. Funds may be used for graduate student research assistant, PI's half summer month salary or other research-related expenses. **Funds may not be used for staff support, postdoc support, consultant, course buyout, and foreign payments. Please note that any research project involving a foreign site may not be considered due to NIH policy regarding clearance of foreign countries.**

To apply for the seed grant, please submit: 1) a three page proposal (single-space, 12 pt. font, 1" margins) which provides a description of the project; 2) a timeline including plans for submission of an application for extramural funding; 3) a detailed budget and budget justification; and 4) the curriculum vitae of the PI and all co-investigators using the format of a NIH Biosketch. Please submit the application as an email attachment to Lucy Shao (Lucy@ccpr.ucla.edu) no later than **Oct 19, 2018**.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The PI must be a CCPR faculty affiliate and interested in participating and attending the CCPR weekly seminars.
- The work should be innovative, technically sound, address scientifically important questions, and have a clear relationship to population studies and/or demography. The NICHD PDB supports research in demography, reproductive health, and population health (see <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb>).
- Applications should make a convincing case that the activities supported by the seed grant funding are likely to lead to successful applications for extramural funding.

Ceteris paribus, preference will be given to:

- Active participants in CCPR activities (eg: weekly seminar attendance) will be given greater consideration.
- Applications from scholars who have recently completed their doctoral degree or are recent additions to the UCLA faculty.
- Applications from PIs who have not recently received funding from this program.
- Multi-investigator teams that bring together complementary skills or approaches that have the potential to become productive, long-run collaborations.

Please note the following conditions:

- A progress report (1-3 pages) and a list of proposals, grants, publications and presentations arising from the seed grant are required at the end of the project period.
- Projects involving human subjects must receive NIH approval before any funds may be spent. It may take over a month for the approval process to be completed. CCPR will work with awardees regarding obtaining this approval. Projects that do not require additional NIH approval (see above) will have funds be made available immediately upon award announcement.
- Funds must be spent within the award period. Any balance remaining after the award expiration date will be returned to CCPR.
- Each publication, press release or other document that cites results from NIH grant-supported research, including research carried out while supported by CCPR seed grant, should include any acknowledgment of NIH grant support and disclaimer such as **“The project described was supported by the California Center for Population Research at UCLA, which receives core support from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (Grant Number P2C HD041022). The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development or the National Institutes of Health”**.
- Award recipients are required to comply with the NIH Public Access Policy. This includes submission to PubMed Central (PMC), upon acceptance for publication, an electronic version of a final peer-reviewed, manuscript resulting from research supported in whole or in part, with direct costs from National Institutes of Health. The author's final peer-reviewed manuscript is defined as the final version accepted for journal publication, and includes all modifications from the publishing peer review process. For additional information, please visit <http://www.ccpr.ucla.edu/services/complying-with-nih-public-access-policy>.

Applications will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Faculty Seed Grant Review Committee. Awards will be announced in Nov 2018. Please direct any questions to Lucy Shao (lucy@ccpr.ucla.edu) or Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez (beltrans@ucla.edu).