



## **Call for Pilot Proposals**

### *Center for Demography of Health and Aging*

The Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison invites investigators with an interest in aging to submit proposals for pilot research projects. Proposals are due by March 1, 2024, and awards will be supported from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

CDHA is funded by the National Institute on Aging (P30 AG017266). It supports the development of new research on health and aging with a focus on signature themes including:

- (1) Aging trajectories and disparities across the life course;
- (2) Biodemography
- (3) Demography of dementia and cognition;
- (4) Health economics and health services research; and
- (5) Impacts of place on aging processes.

### **Eligibility**

The program is open to faculty and academic research staff (e.g. Research Scientists) with an interest in aging. We welcome proposals from UW-Madison affiliates as well as scholars who work in institutions without an NIH-funded population center. Priority will be given to early career investigators.

### **Selection Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated for (a) connection to a research focus identified above; (b) likelihood that proposed work will result in the submission of an NIH (e.g. R03, R01, etc.) or other external funding proposal; and (c) likelihood the research will result in important publications with insights into the demography of health and aging. Please note that pilots are not designed to support work that is close to completion or to continue research on already funded projects.

### **Budget**

One-year budgets are typically between \$30,000-\$50,000 for direct costs. Subawards should be for no more than \$50,000 for direct and indirect costs. Expenses can include support for a graduate research assistant (with associated tuition and fringe costs), faculty salary support, data collection costs, travel costs, and materials and supplies necessary for the proposed research. Please include a justification explaining how the funds will be used to advance the research and generate a future grant proposal.

## **Applications**

Please submit (1) [PHS 2590 Face page](#); (2) 2-3 page brief proposal including Specific Aims, Significance and Innovation, and Approach/Research Design; (3) abstract that describes the value of the research and the proposed project's relationship to CDHA signature themes; (4) NIH Biosketch; and (5) [PHS 2590 budget page](#) and budget justification. Compile these into a single PDF and submit via email to Michal Engelman (CDHA director) [mengelman@wisc.edu](mailto:mengelman@wisc.edu) and Aaron Crandall (SSRS Director) [aaron.crandall@wisc.edu](mailto:aaron.crandall@wisc.edu). For subaward proposals (non-UW), please also attach a PHS 2590 checklist (page 6).

## **Other Requirements**

Recipients are expected to report on the outcome of the pilot in summer 2025 and in subsequent years, and cite CDHA (P30 AG017266) as a source of funding support for any publications or presentations that emerge from this funding.

## **Timeline**

Applications are due by March 1, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by CDHA's Steering Committee and a decision made quickly, contingent on NIA review and approval with CDHA's annual progress report. IRB approvals for proposals using human subjects must be requested prior to funding being released. Awards are anticipated to be supported from July 2024 – June 2025.

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