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Pilot Funding Available for Health Disparities Research in Women's Health: The Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center Executive Advisory Board

May 3rd, 2021 Announcement

Pilot funding is available for UCLA researchers, including researchers at the Westwood/Santa Monica Campus, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, LA BioMed at Harbor-UCLA and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, who perform research on health disparities.

The Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center/UCLA National Center of Excellence in Women's Health seeks to promote women's health equity by targeting this pilot funding to address health disparities in traditionally underserved populations of women (e.g. racial/ethnic minorities, low socioeconomic status, rural residence, disabled etc.).

- We are open to research that elucidates mechanisms driving health disparities as well as research that evaluates interventions to address health disparities.
- We welcome research that focuses on medical issues and diseases unique to women; however, projects need not be restricted to these health issues/diseases.
- Additionally, projects may address a wide range of factors including but not limited to health care, health policy and the social determinants of health (racism, income, employment, culture etc.).

Funding Amount Available: \$30,000 one-year pilot awards for all types of research

Pilot Submission Timeline and Selection Process

Submit the application contact information and checklist document, your one-page letter of intent, and biosketch(es) as **one PDF file** by e-mail for review. **All submissions from interested UCLA faculty must be received by noon, Tuesday, June 1st, 2021** (see contact information below). The letter of intent should indicate/include:

1. Applicant name/rank, and affiliation

2. Proposal title
3. Hypothesis of the project
4. Brief summary of planned project
5. Relationship of planned project to health disparities
6. Long range research goals for this pilot work for future research
7. Whether the research is a new or augmented pilot research project
8. For applications that are attempting to collect additional preliminary data in response to recent grant application reviews: include a complete copy of the grant application review (attachment) and specifically identify the critique that will be addressed by the proposed work (in the letter of intent).
9. For any augmentation requests, how additional funds will strengthen current pilot and specify how increased budget amount would be used in your pilot work
10. Budget amount requested
11. NIH biosketch(s) of investigators (attachments)

Investigators may request up to \$30,000 for a one-year period.

The Review Committee will review letters of intent and contact investigators whom they wish to submit full pilot proposals by Thursday, **July 1, 2021**. Funded projects will begin **October 1, 2021** for the period **October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022**.

Criteria for selection include: (a) quality of the proposed research; (b) credentials of PI and Co-investigators (if included); (c) potential of the research to address health disparities. Funding may be requested for any purpose which meets the needs of the investigator (s) and complies with UCLA policies for expenditure of funds. Please note that highest priority for the pilots will be given to pilots that would likely lead to R01s (or equivalent level funding from extramural sources) consistent with the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center/UCLA National Center of Excellence in Women's Health mission within 2-3 years.

Submission of Letter of Intent

The letter of intent, biosketch(es), and other attachments should be e-mailed as one PDF file to the attention of Jules Grassian (JGrassian@mednet.ucla.edu); (310-794-8063). **All application materials must be received by noon, Tuesday, June 1st, 2021. Any materials received after noon, Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 will not be considered.**