CEDA Call for 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 for AY 2021-2022, with a submission deadline of February 1, 2021.

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

- Mortality measurement
- Policy and behavioral determinants of adult 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 though, so 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 timely topics such as COVID-19, racial equity, the Census, political demography related to elections, 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, and reach out if you would like to discuss the appropriateness of a potential topic.

We prioritize applications that will likely lead to competitive extramural research proposals to NIA and other funders, but other highly innovative or high impact projects will be considered.

For this call for pilots:

- Submit by February 1, 2021 for fullest consideration.
- Funded proposals are generally in the range of $15,000-$30,000 direct costs (over one year), but larger and longer-term proposals will be considered if well justified.

Eligibility: Must have or be eligible for PI status at UC Berkeley, or if at another institution, be a CEDA member.

Application Format and Process: Submit a 2-page proposal and a budget per the attached guidelines. Email the completed proposal to CEDA Manager Maria Teresa Hernandez (mt_hernandez@berkeley.edu). For preliminary feedback on your proposal idea please contact CEDA Director Will Dow (wdow@berkeley.edu) or Berkeley Population Center Executive Director Leora Lawton (llawton@berkeley.edu).