2023 Center for Equity in Aging: CALL FOR PROPOSALS
PILOT RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The Center for Equity in Aging, Johns Hopkins University invites applications for its 2023 Pilot Research Initiative. The research opportunity will provide funding for up to **two junior faculty grants** up to $10,000 each and up to **two post-doctoral fellow or PhD student grants** up to $5,000 each. This pilot research initiative is designed to provide seed funding for the development or advancement of research on aging and/or palliative care research.

The Center will award funds to research projects consistent with the goals and activities of the Center to enhance equity by improving the well-being of older adults and those living with serious illness. Studies may include primary data collection or secondary data analysis.

Priority will be given to proposals focusing on advancing health equity and the following Center priority areas: Dementia; Home-based care delivery; Hospice and palliative care; Behavioral Interventions; and Lifecourse approaches to aging.

These small research funding amounts are designed to contribute to the overall advancement of an existing study and/or to obtain pilot data for an NIH (R34, R03, R21, R01 etc.) or foundation grant application.

Examples of fundable research projects include but are not limited to:
- Secondary data analysis
- Development of a particular phase of an intervention study such as:
    - Developing and evaluating a training program for interventionists;
    - Pilot testing a new instrument or measurement approach for fidelity, acceptability of the intervention, or as an outcome measure;
    - Translations and evaluations of a protocol, instrument or education materials for an intervention.
- Conducting a new pilot study (any design)

Funds cannot support effort of the Principal Investigator but may be used to support a research assistant, analyst, interventionist, or other research personnel, and/or honorarium for study participation.

Funding decisions will be based on:
- Scientific merit
- Relevance to Center goals to promote aging-related and/or palliative care research that enhances equity and well-being across the life-course
- Feasibility of completing the project within one year
- Appropriateness of proposed project for journal publication
- Potential for securing subsequent extramural support

ELIGIBILTY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All interested applicants should submit a proposal of up to three pages (formatted using ½" margins and 11-point Arial font, not including budget and budget justification) that includes the following:

- Project Title
- Research Team (Role on project, first name, last name, credentials, academic rank, and department) including co-Investigators or mentors (must include principal faculty from the Center for Equity in Aging)
  For a full list of principal faculty, click here
- Statement of relevance to the Center for Equity in Aging's goals
- Brief descriptions of the project including:
  - Background and significance
  - Proposed activities to be accomplished with funding
  - Description of partnerships with academic, community agencies or members, and/or key stakeholders (if applicable)
  - Analytic plan (support from CEA analyst available as needed)
  - Protection of human subjects (if applicable)
  - How proposed activities will help advance aging and/or palliative care research
- Project timeline
- Identification of next steps or how funding for the proposed project will lead to a larger grant submission

Other required documentation
- Current CV or biosketch
- Documentation of IRB approval or status of IRB submission, if appropriate
- Proposed budget and brief budget justification (budget justification not to exceed 1 page; not included in page limit)
  - (For PhD Students) Briefly describe how proposed project fits with dissertation research plans

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Johns Hopkins University junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and PhD students. Students must be in good academic standing with the university at the time of application submission.

AWARDEES WILL BE EXPECTED TO:
- Submit a mid-year and end-of year progress report

- Attend a luncheon for pilot awardees
- Participate in Center-related activities
- Acknowledge the Center for Equity in Aging in publications or presentations as a result of this award.

HOW TO APPLY?

Please upload the application proposal (2-3 pages) and other required documentation as PDF documents [HERE](#).

Please direct questions regarding the call for proposals to AgingCenter@jhu.edu

For information about past grantees, visit our [website](#).

TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: April 15, 2023
AWARDEES ANNOUNCED: May 30, 2023
START DATE: July 1, 2023 (funding upon receipt of IRB approval)