SEED GRANT INFORMATION
The Johns Hopkins Structural Racial Discrimination and Resilience Collaborative (SRDRC) are announcing the Structural Racism and Resilience pilot grant opportunity.

Description
Racial discrimination comes in different forms. Individuals interact with structures and institutions across the life course (education, civic, environment, neighborhood, income/credit/wealth, media, health care, policy, and employment) that disadvantage or exclude some more than others. The resilience to compensate is not just an individual characteristic (i.e. religiosity or optimism) but has many domains including coping skills, family support, and multiple community and policy factors. It is crucial to understand how the structural and environmental factors of racial discrimination affect health outcomes.

The SRDRC brings together researchers to measure the impact of racial discrimination and structural resilience on health across the life course, and to develop interventions to combat discriminatory structures while reinforcing community resilience.

Program Goal
The SRDRC will provide seed funding to researchers who seek to reduce/eliminate health disparities due to structural racism or increase structural resilience that could help individuals, families, and communities compensate.

Examples of fundable research projects include but are not limited to:

- Developing and evaluating any phase of a multi-level intervention study to equalize health disparities related to structural discrimination
- Secondary data analysis of examining structural factors (e.g., greenspace, community support, residential segregation, redlining) in relation to health outcomes
- Qualitative study to understand or reveal mechanisms that structural discrimination or resilience influence health outcomes
- Systematic review of structural and environmental factors that can be a foundation for developing a multilevel intervention
- Creative and innovative research ideas related to structural discrimination and structural resilience

Award
The total budget request may not exceed $50,000. Budgets less than $50,000 are welcome. The project period is up to one year.

Obligations of Award Recipients
Award recipients will be expected to:

- Complete research within one year.
- Acknowledge the NIA grant (DP1AG069874) in publications or presentations as a result of this award.
Submit a paper or proposal for sponsored research based on the work done on the seed grant (Should include at least one member of the SRDRC)

Eligibility

Johns Hopkins University junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and PhD students. Applicants from historically underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Due Date: The proposal deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Decisions and notification regarding selection will be made by December 15, 2023.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

☐ Proposal.
  - All interested applicants should submit a proposal of up to two pages, single-spaced (formatted using ½" margins and 11-point, not including budget and budget justification) that includes the following:
  - Project Title
  - Research Team (investigators, their departments, e-mail addresses, role on project)
  - Statement of the Problem or Area of Investigation
  - Project Goals and Objectives – Include the research objectives and activities that will be accomplished during the Seed Grant project phase
  - Analytic plan
  - Impact – Describe how this will help reduce/eliminate health disparities related to structural discrimination or increase structural resilience.

☐ Budget and Budget Justification, 1 page – (Budget not to exceed $50,000 for a period up to 12 months). Facilities and Administrative costs cannot be charged to this grant.

☐ Curriculum Vitae or Biosketch (one or two pages, standard NSF or NIH formats).

Please email the proposal, budget justification, and Curriculum Vitae as a single PDF document with a separate budget in Excel to acooke8@jhu.edu and SON-SDSRproject@jh.edu. Please contact Alicia Cooke if you experience technical difficulties completing your submission or need further help in preparing your proposal.

The Seed Grant Program Review Committee may seek budget adjustments before making final decisions around the beginning of December 2023 with a proposed start date of January 2024.