Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center

USC's Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)
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Request for Research Proposal Letters of Intent
Funding will support 3 grants up to $25,000 each for academic year 07/01/15 to 06/30/16

Who Should Apply:

We encourage applications from scholars (tenure and research track faculty) in the early stages of their research career from academic and research institutions and who are interested in conducting research on the health and economic well being of minority elder populations. Three early career investigators called ‘RCMAR Scholars’ will be selected based on:

- Quality of proposed research
- Credentials of investigator
- Relatedness of proposed research to the USC-RCMAR mission (see information below on the mission of the USC-RCMAR)
- Likelihood that proposed research would lead to subsequent National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded projects.

Priority will be given to applicants from racial/ethnic minority groups.

Application Process:

(1) By COB Monday March 30th, 2015, applicants should submit a 1-page Letter of Intent (LoI) and current CV that includes:

- Name, email address, home address, faculty reference(s), and telephone number
- Descriptive title of proposed pilot study
- Overall goal of pilot
- Specific aims
- Study design
- Data collection or source (indicate if primary or secondary data collection)
- Name(s), title(s), contact information of potential mentor(s)
- Statement indicating (1) Availability to participate in monthly Tuesday afternoon 1-hour Scholar meetings and tri-annual all-day retreats located in the Greater Los Angeles area (2) Availability to communicate regularly with appointed mentors

(2) By COB Monday March 30th, 2015, submit this 1-page LoI and your CV:
Julie Zissimopoulos, PhD., Co-Director, USC-RCMAR
Attn: Briana White, USC-RCMAR
brianawh@usc.edu
Subject: 2015/2016 USC-RCMAR Scholar Application
(3) On or after **Monday April 13th, 2015**, selected applicants will be notified to submit a brief proposal on NIH PHS-398 forms to brianawh@usc.edu (see [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm)). Proposal submission date is **COB Monday April 27th, 2015** and will include:

1. Face Page
2. Description, Project/Performance Sites, Senior/key Personnel, etc.
3. Detailed Budget and Justification for Budget Period
4. Biographical Sketch (new format)
   a. [Helpful Guide](#)
5. Resources
6. Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table
7. Research Plan (maximum five pages) and
8. Checklist

(4) On or after **Wednesday, July 15, 2015** or as soon as USC-RCMAR is notified by NIH of the Notice of Grant Award, all applicants will be notified of their award status.

**About USC-RCMAR:**
The mission of the USC-RCMAR, Minority Aging Health Economic Research Center, is to provide infrastructure and resources to increase the number, diversity, and academic success of researchers focusing on the health and economic well being of minority elderly populations. The center will offer talented junior investigators, multidisciplinary mentoring and training. This will include incorporating relevant theories and tools from computer science, medicine, gerontology and social work to conduct research on the health and economic challenges of minority elderly. Dr. Dana Goldman and Dr. Julie Zissimopoulos direct the Center.

The Executive Committee includes: **Eileen Crimmins**, AARP Chair in Gerontology; **Dana Goldman**, Schaeffer Chair and Director, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics; **Arie Kapteyn**, Director, USC Dornsife Center for Economic and Social Research; **Daniel McFadden**, Nobel Laureate in Economics and Presidential Professor in Health Economics; **Milind Tambe**, Professor, Engineering and Computer Science; **William Vega**, Provost Professor and Executive Director, USC Roybal Institute on Aging; **Julie Zissimopoulos**, Assistant Professor and Associate Director, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics;

For questions contact Briana White, brianawh@usc.edu, or call 213-821-7968

For further information about USC’s RCMAR, access [http://healthpolicy.usc.edu/Minority-Aging-Health-Economics.aspx](http://healthpolicy.usc.edu/Minority-Aging-Health-Economics.aspx)

For information about the national RCMARs, access [http://www.rcmar.ucla.edu](http://www.rcmar.ucla.edu)

Each awarded Pilot PI must ensure compliance with NIH Financial Conflict Of Interest requirement.

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