



Resource Centers for  
Minority Aging Research

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## Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center

USC's Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)  
Supported by Grant Number P30AG043073 from the  
National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Aging

### Request for Letters of Intent and Research Proposal Funding will support 3 grants

**\$45,000+ total costs (direct and indirect costs) each for academic year 07/01/21 to 06/30/22**

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#### **Who Should Apply:**

We encourage USC and non-USC 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 wellbeing of minority elder populations. This cycle we are looking for pilots with a special interest in cognitive decline and/or Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Three early career investigators called 'RCMAR Scientist' 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.
- NIH FCOI ([USC applicants](#)) and diSClose ([USC applicants](#)) certified
- USC applicants must also complete their [Grants Management Training](#)

#### **Application Process:**

- (1) By **COB Friday, February 26, 2021**, 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 lunch 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

(a) By **COB Friday, February 26, 2021**, submit this 1-page LoI and your CV to:

Julie Zissimopoulos, PhD., Co-Director, USC-RCMAR  
Attn: Briana Taylor, USC-RCMAR

[brianawh@usc.edu](mailto:brianawh@usc.edu)

Subject: 2021/2022 USC-RCMAR Pilot Application *Full Name*

(2) On or after **Monday, March 8**, selected applicants will be notified to submit a brief proposal on **NIH PHS-398** forms to [brianawh@usc.edu](mailto:brianawh@usc.edu) (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> – PHS 398 forms). Proposal submission date is **COB Friday, April 9, 2021**, 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 ([format](#))
  - a. [Helpful Guide](#)
5. Resources
6. Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table
7. Research Plan (maximum five pages) and
8. Checklist
9. Human Subjects(CITI) & IRB approval or pending approval

(3) On or after **Thursday, July 1, 2021** 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 Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center at USC was established through funding from the National Institutes of Health and aims to increase the number, diversity and academic success of junior faculty focusing their research on the health and economic wellbeing of minority elderly populations. It is part of a network of NIH-funded Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR). The mission of the USC RCMAR, the Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center, is to provide infrastructure and resources to increase the number and diversity of early stage investigators conducting research in aging and cognitive health and to support their academic success.

The Executive Committee includes: **Jennifer Ailshire**, Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Sociology; **Maria Aranda**, Associate Professor of Social Work; **Helena Chui**, Chair and Professor of Neurology; **Eileen Crimmins**, AARP Chair in Gerontology; **Dana Goldman**, Director, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics and Co-Director of RCMAR; **Julie Zissimopoulos**, Associate Professor and Co-Director of RCMAR

For questions contact Briana Taylor, [brianawh@usc.edu](mailto:brianawh@usc.edu), or call 213-821-7968

For further information about USC's RCMAR, access <https://healthpolicy.usc.edu/project/minority-aging-and-health-economics-research-center/>