**PILOT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

*Center for Advancing Sociodemographic and Economic Study of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (CeASES ADRD)*

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**Up to $30k Direct Costs**

Award period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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CeASES ADRD is an interdisciplinary research center launched in 2020 by USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, University of Texas Population Research Center and Stanford Health Policy. Our mission is to advance innovative social science research in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD), increase and diversify the number of researchers working in the field, and disseminate findings for impact. Goals are accomplished through network meetings, workshops, pilot project support, and the annual Science of ADRD for Social Scientists Program.

For the 2021/22 funding cycle, we invite innovative proposals related to our research priorities:

1. Health, social and economic costs of ADRD for individuals, families and generations
2. Physician and individual behaviors impact on dementia risk and outcomes
3. Health systems’ and payment models’ impact on care, health and economic outcomes
4. Factors driving variation in ADRD risk and outcomes across populations
5. International and national trends in and projections of ADRD

**Who Should Apply:**

We encourage applications from scholars at all stages of their research career interested in social science research related to ADRD. We anticipate awarding 4 pilots based on the following criteria:

- Quality of research and likelihood project will lead to National Institutes of Health funded study
- Credentials of investigator relative to career stages
- Relation to CeASES ADRD’s mission and themes

**Application Process:**

1. Register for virtual information session to be held January 12, 2021 at 10:30am Pacific. [Register](https://usc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XnBliPZcRvujHSdv4Jp5PA)
2. By COB Friday, February 5, 2021, applicants must submit the following using our online form
   - Face Page (PHS 398 form)
   - Cover page including: Title, Investigator(s) name(s), Abstract
   - Biographical Sketch for all investigators (format)
   - Detailed Budget and Justification for Budget Period
   - Research Plan including: (1) specific aims; (2) significance; (3) Innovation; (4) Research Design/methods (max 3 pages, excluding references)
3. By February 19, 2021 we will notify applicants regarding awards.
4. By March 31, 2021, selected applicants are required to submit IRB approval and Human Subjects (CITI)
5. On or after Thursday, July 1, 2021, or as soon as CeASES ADRD is notified by NIH of the Notice of Grant Award, all applicants will be notified of their award status.

Direct questions about suitability of projects or process to Dr. Johanna Thunell, [jthunell@usc.edu](mailto:jthunell@usc.edu)